



## Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project

Report of work to Steventon Parish Council for the period May 2021 – April 2022

### Youth Drop-Ins

We run a weekly youth drop-in for young people aged 11+. Originally this was held under the gazebo in the park but it is now held at Steventon Sports and Social club on Thursday afternoons 4-5:30.

We use the space to engage with young people, deliver workshops on issues that impact young people, to have fun and try new things!



### Photography Project

We have been working with an artist to create some displays to go on boards down the Broadway in Didcot so keep your eyes peeled for a glimpse of Steventon on the Broadway in a few months time.



### **Street work**

Our youth workers are out on the streets in the evenings and when the school buses drop the young people off. We meet young people off the school buses to see how their days have been and use street work to build relationships with young people, to help us identify issues and to develop ways to support young people.

### **Door Step Bingo**

Back by popular demand, we have continued to do a couple of small doorstep bingo events with residents and young people. For some residents, this is the only group social time they have had due to lack of mobility.

### **DAMASCUS Youth Awards**

Back in the summer, we invited young people from Steventon to an Awards Evening at the Abbey Buildings. Young people were awarded Community Champion certificates for doorstep bingo and helping the elderly during the lockdowns.



### **Summer Sports**

Young people in Steventon LOVE sports, especially football so we help some football skills sessions in the MUGA during the summer. During this project we met new young people in the village who are now aware of the youth project and regularly access support.



### **One-to-ones**

We have weekly 1-2-1 support for young people in the village that focus on careers advice, overcoming anxiety and emotional support.

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