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Foreword

Space 2022 celebrates it's eight year of positive activities achieving 21,768 attendances equalling 47,391 hours of engagement by 10,994 participants. Along with great attendance there has also been very positive feedback from parents, guardians and carers about how Space made a difference to their summer holidays keeping young people occupied, stimulated and healthy with a range of different types of activities.

It is pleasing that Space 2022 has been able to return to normal delivery after the pandemic with over 2500 activities available on the website, with young people and families across Staffordshire making the most of the offer with terrific attendance and engagement. Young people's mental health after the pandemic is an ongoing concern, along with the the cost of living crisis these pressures can be compounded during the school summer holidays for some families.

Space 2022 is proud to have delivered this programme and provide free and subsidised activities to families at a time when support is really needed. The feedback Space receives from parents is very pleasing, many saying that Space is helping young people and families by giving their children activities that motivate them to get out of the house, enjoy and learn in an environment where parents feel young people are safe and supported.

Staffordshire Space has successfully delivered another programme of activities aimed at supporting as many young people and families as possible and remained true to its aims and objectives of reducing low level Crime and ASB, giving young people opportunities to learn new skills and build confidence, develop new interests and make new friends. The feedback Space receives from the many organisations that deliver Space is that it is helping them to develop, sustain and grow provision for young people who go on to attend regular activities at other times of the year.

Space was also thrilled to receive and would like to say a huge thank you for generous donations from three housing repairs and maintenance businesses in Stoke-on-Trent. Unitas, Gun Point and Lewis Bros's contributions were appreciated greatly by organisers and families enjoying the additional activities that these donations provided.

Ben Adams
Staffordshire Commissioner

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Note: All references to “Staffordshire” incorporate the geographical areas of Staffordshire County and City of Stoke-on-Trent



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1. Executive Summary

This year saw the lifting of all Covid measures including the need for young people to be registered. So with the restrictions gone, providers getting back to full capacity, Commonwealth Games in Birmingham inspiring young people to get active and coupled with some lovely weather, the scene was set for Space to thrive again!

Space has gone from strength to strength with a new cohort of young people starting their Space journey, and with opportunities available for the next two years with the Staffordshire Commissioner pledging to support the programme for his next two years in office.

Space has become a household name with local young people, families, carers and our partners; synonymous with positive engagement with young people and all appreciating the positive investment by the Commissioner into the lives of our future citizens.

There is still evidence nationally that young people are struggling with unprecedented pressures highlighted in a recent 'Commission on Young Lives' report, which makes recommendations to the government, police, schools and others to tackle problems in areas such as family support, mental health and criminal justice. Included in the wide range of recommendations is to raise an army of youth practitioners to inspire, support and guide young people in their community. The Commission believes an additional 10,000 youth practitioners are required and recommends opening all school buildings before and after school, at weekends and during holidays, to provide safe and appealing places for teenagers, staffed by community groups, youth practitioners and volunteers and financed by funds from dormant bank accounts and National Lottery community funding.

Space outcomes align with many of aspirations of the 'Commission on Young Lives' Report and provides activity that is recommended within it. This Space report, like others from all of the previous years, evidences engagement with young people who are targeted due to the challenges presenting in their lives. The feedback from young people, parents, carers and referrers is incredibly moving to hear, describing the positive effects the engagement in the programme brings to all.

Space success is achieved through effective partnership working between local professionals including the Police, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service (FARS), local Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs), Social Care teams, the Youth Offending Service (YOS) and the Staffordshire Commissioner's Office (SCO). Another key part of Space achievements is the fantastic work of the local providers, generous donations from local businesses and buy-in from local communities, young people, parents and carers, all of whom maximise the programme each year. This partnership approach in 2022 has provided a hugely engaging programme of support delivered by 36 organisations from 210 venues across Staffordshire



Deputy Commissioner Helen Fisher and Councillor Jeremy Pert visiting Young people attending the Right Stuff Boxing Sessions in Stafford.

Taking place over five weeks between 25 July and 26 August, Space 2022 was funded by a £162,000 investment by the SCO, with a contribution of £10,000 from Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service. Generous donations were gratefully received also from local businesses in Stoke-on-Trent equalling £1,900.

Adopting the principles and processes laid down in previous years, Space 2022 focussed on areas defined by CPSs as being hotspots for youth related low level crime and ASB. Partnership working identified priority cohorts and individuals, in line with the target set of 30% minimum attendance from targeted cohorts across the geography.

The bespoke website (www.staffordshirespace.uk) was used primarily to promote the activities with 2,535 individual activities marketed.

2022 saw 2,365 SCO funded activities attended by 10,994 individuals made up of young people between 8-17 years along with many parents, siblings and carers that attending the Space Launch and Fun day events. There were an additional 170 activities which were SCO non-funded but marketed on the Space website.

With all of the Covid pandemic restrictions removed, Space 2022 could deliver activities without the constraints of previous year which included limited group sizes, transport challenges, venue restrictions and pre-registration. This year's programme achieved significant increases on the 2021 programme with nearly 22,000 attendances, equalling over 47,000 hours of engagement by just under 11,000 participants.

Space Programme outcomes in relation to youth ASB would not be comparable due to the pandemic and associated restrictions such as lockdowns. The pre-pandemic data from 2019 when compared with 2022 shows a reduction of 278 youth related ASB incidents.

This report contains outcome evidence secured from many sources including Commissioners, service providers, partners and participants, parents/guardians/carers, and via data gathered through additional analysis and audit processes.

The Staffordshire Commissioner extends thanks to all those who have contributed to Space 2022 and all of the associated successful outcomes for everyone involved in the programme.



Young people landing huge Carp during the Canal and River Trust activity at Blake Hall Fisheries

2. ASB - National Context

National data on ASB is limited. That which is available shows a general decrease from 2007 through to April 2018, correlating with activity by government and local organisations through use of ASB tools and powers, together with the 'RESPECT' Campaign and learnings from high profile cases of ASB where agencies had not identified or responded to ASB adequately, leading to tragic outcomes for the victims (Fiona Pilkington and Gary Newlove).

Nationally, ASB increased by 20% between March 2019 - March 2020 and at the peak of the pandemic, was at more than double 2019 levels. Not including COVID-related incidents, residual ASB was 12% higher than in 2019.

The 'Association of Police and Crime Commissioner's' In Focus Report published in October 2021 [anti-social-behaviour-in-focus-v4.pdf \(apccs.police.uk\)](https://apccs.police.uk/anti-social-behaviour-in-focus-v4.pdf) still resonates strongly in regards to the challenges around tackling ASB and that it is not just a task for the police. The report showcases some of the initiatives and projects that PCCs have been leading on. Some of these projects are preventative in particular youth activities similar to the Staffordshire Space Programme.

3. ASB Local Context

Staffordshire Baseline Statistical Analysis and Hotspot Identification.

Compared to England & Wales, rates of ASB are higher in Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent. 55% of local ASB is characterised as community nuisance, the vast majority of which is alcohol or drug-related and takes place in town and city centres and other public spaces.

Police and partner datasets highlight that deprived and disadvantaged communities, particularly those in high housing density areas and with high proportions of social housing, are disproportionately affected by neighbour disputes and that repeat victims of ASB tend to experience the same levels of psychological harm as victims of less-serious violent crime.

ASB is a priority for the Staffordshire Commissioner and the Staffordshire-wide CSPs. The ASB focus headed up by the Staffordshire Commissioner through the creation of the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Community Safety Board, and the ASB Community Safety Sub-Group. The purpose of the Board is to bring together responsible authorities and other relevant organisations, to deliver collaboratively on community safety outcomes for local people and local communities. Under the direction of the Community Safety Board, the ASB Sub-Group is focussing attention on providing a consistent and supportive response to ASB through partnership working, across the geography.

Most Similar Groups (MSGs) are groups of local areas that have been found to be the most similar to each other using statistical methods, based on demographic, economic and social characteristics which relate to crime. The following graphs show Staffordshire incidents and incidents per 1000 population compared to their MSGs.

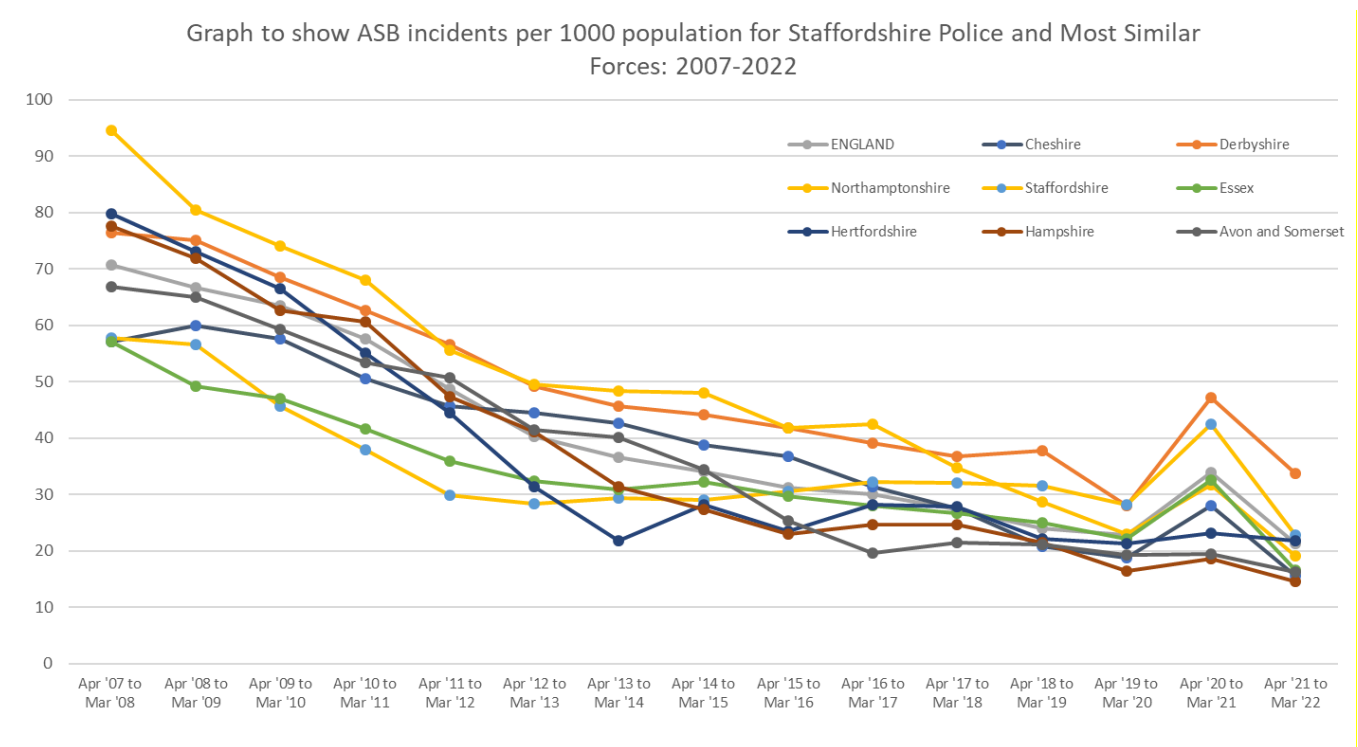
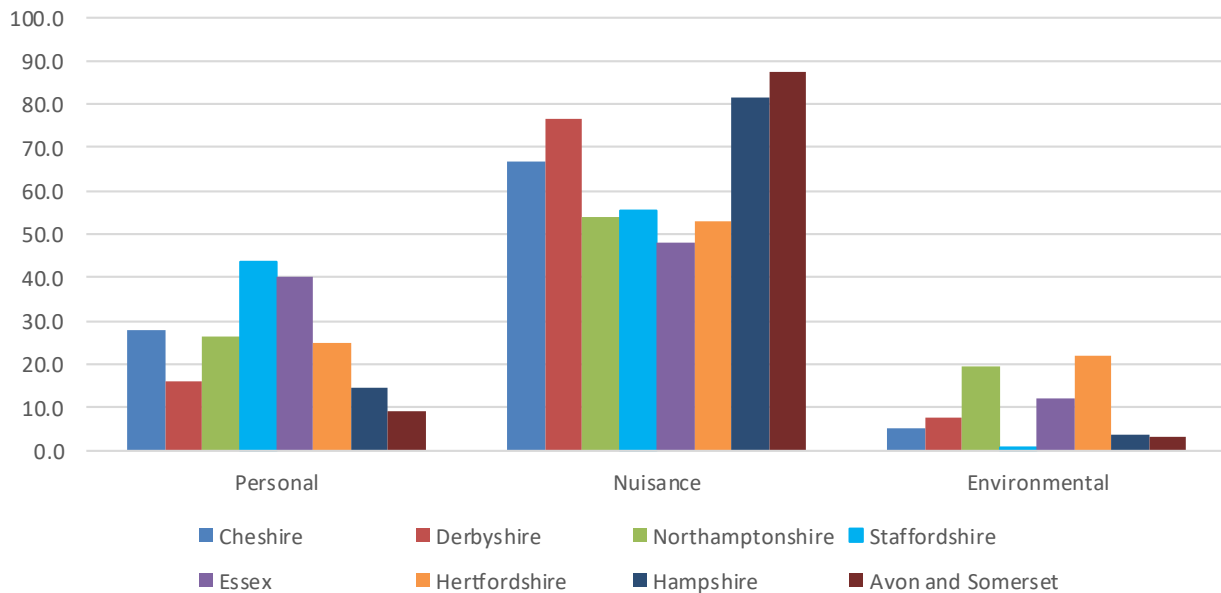


Chart to show percentage of Most Similar Force ASB by category
2021/2022



In 2016, Staffordshire introduced a 'Police recorded youth related ASB qualifier' to calls for support and which has continued to be collected and monitored. This 'ASB youth marker' has been a very effective tool to help ensure activities are provided within areas of highest levels of reported youth ASB. The ASB youth marker data has provided valuable data on hotspots and patterns in relation to time and days of the week which informs planned activities with providers and where possible delivered to maximise the greatest impact.

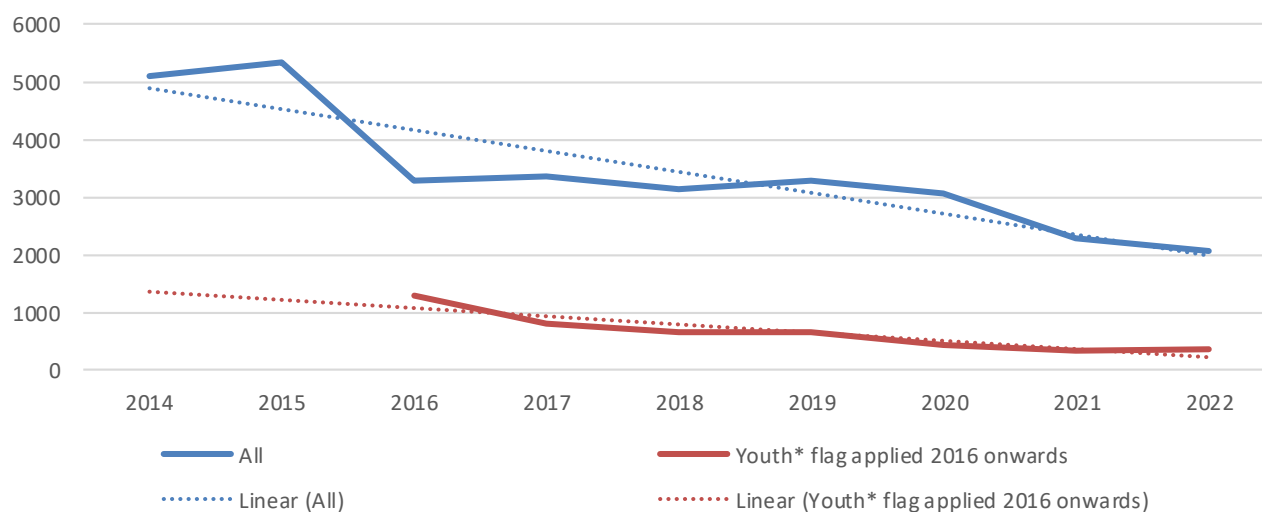
The data is also key to evaluating the effectiveness of outputs and considering reductions of reports to the police of youth related ASB. Previous Space reports have compared volumes of ASB during the school summer holidays against the same period in previous years. Although levels of youth related ASB in summer 2022 were slightly higher than those seen in 2021 there has been an overall 73% reduction in youth related ASB since 2016. Over the same period all ASB has reduced by 37%.

Whilst it is recognised youth ASB has increased this summer by 9.4% (increase of 37 incidents) compared to 2021, when compared to 2019 pre pandemic levels ASB in 2022 has decreased by 278 incidents.

Table below: excerpt from analysis of Police data on Youth ASB reported in the school holidays compared with same period since 2016:

LPT	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		
	Youth Incidents	% Youth Change 2016-2015	Youth Incidents	% Youth Change 2017-2016	Youth Incidents	% Youth Change 2018-2017	Youth Incidents	% Youth Change 2019-2018	Youth Incidents	% Youth Change 2020-2019	Youth Incidents	% Youth Change 2021-2020	Youth Incidents	% Youth Change 2022-2021	% Youth Change 2022-2016
SOT North LPT	243	-28.2%	174	-28.4%	92	-47.1%	65	-29.3%	62	-4.6%	51	-17.7%	68	33.3%	-72.0%
SOT South LPT	274	-23.5%	244	-10.9%	161	-34.0%	144	-10.6%	76	-47.2%	47	-38.2%	98	108.5%	-64.2%
Newcastle District LPT	164	-26.8%	147	-10.4%	69	-53.1%	91	31.9%	51	-44.0%	31	-39.2%	29	-6.5%	-82.3%
East Staffs LPT	104	-42.9%	103	-1.0%	61	-40.8%	65	6.6%	48	-26.2%	50	4.2%	27	-46.0%	-74.0%
Stafford Borough LPT	118	-14.9%	85	-28.0%	53	-37.6%	57	7.5%	40	-29.8%	49	22.5%	37	-24.5%	-68.6%
Cannock Chase LPT	101	-48.1%	102	1.0%	49	-52.0%	70	42.9%	33	-52.9%	29	-12.1%	32	10.3%	-68.3%
Tamworth LPT	84	-48.5%	60	-28.6%	36	-40.0%	34	-5.6%	29	-14.7%	19	-34.5%	12	-36.8%	-85.7%
South Staffs LPT	97	-26.6%	61	-37.1%	34	-44.3%	39	14.7%	36	-7.7%	14	-61.1%	21	50.0%	-78.4%
Staffordshire Moorlands LPT	81	-31.9%	75	-7.4%	69	-8.0%	44	-36.2%	44	0.0%	25	-43.2%	29	16.0%	-64.2%
Lichfield District LPT	129	-23.1%	59	-54.3%	36	-39.0%	43	19.4%	33	-23.3%	27	-18.2%	21	-22.2%	-83.7%
Total	1395	-30.6%	1110	-20.4%	660	-40.5%	652	-1.2%	452	-30.7%	342	-24.3%	374	9.4%	-73.2%

Recorded ASB Incidents during Summer holidays (July and August) from 2014 to 2022



Commissioners and Police recognise there is a spike in youth related ASB during the school summer holiday periods. Additionally, through further data analysis, the SCO recognises youth related ASB spikes are consistent with other school holiday periods such as Easter and Autumn half term (noting that data analysis is dependant on the accurate use of the youth qualifier by Staffordshire Police).

4. Space 2022

Governance and Planning

The SCO continues to work with partners across Staffordshire to jointly deliver positive outcomes for young people through the Staffordshire Space Programme. Space planning is undertaken using a range of data and other information provided by partners to identify youth-related low-level crime, ASB hotspots along with areas more disadvantaged in terms of provision.

Financial and insurance checks were undertaken with all providers. Additionally, providers operated under a Service Level Agreement (SLA), ensuring all had in place Disclosure and Barring certificates for staff, first aid certification, comprehensive safeguarding measures, hygiene certificates, amongst a range of other specific safety related requirements. The SLA is available to view via the Space website www.staffordshire.space.uk

Space is supported by colleagues from Staffordshire Police Commercial Services and Financial Services, Staffordshire Commissioner's Office Governance and Assurance, Business Support and Communications Teams. Gratitude is conveyed to all for their efforts and contributions.

Working in Partnership

Clear referral pathways were defined with key partner agencies including Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent YOS, Pupil Referral Units, pre-identified schools, Local Authorities (including Early Help, Social Workers and Supporting Families Programmes, Staffordshire Police, ASB Practitioners and Housing providers. This enabled targeted young people to access activities to divert them from low level criminality and ASB.

It is recognised that for some families, the school summer holidays sadly can be a time that brings additional pressure to find childcare or holiday clubs and to keep children occupied when many are struggling with the cost of living. Referral pathways to the programme were considered as early as possible, with organisations working with young people and families that benefit from the activities provided over the school summer holidays.

Staffordshire County Council had recently commissioned two new family support services that began operation between spring and the start of the programme delivery. The Space 2022 planning was cognisant of this and were keen to ensure that the two new Family Support commissioned services were aware of the aims of the Space programme, and how to make referrals.

Additionally, efforts were made to align Space 2022 the Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) introduced by the Department of Education in 2021, specifically aimed at supporting youngsters eligible for free school meals. The Hubb Foundation were awarded the contract to co-ordinate the Stoke-on-Trent HAF provision again this year. As in previous year's the Hubb Foundation were excellent, ensuring that HAF and Space complement each other well and maximising the funding available.

Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service (FARS) once again supported Space to deliver activities in hotspots related to nuisance fires and youth ASB. The local YOS delivered a bespoke programme of activity under the Space brand, to engage with young people on their own caseloads and delivering a range of activities including water sports, climbing, team building and education around consequences and desistance.



Left to right: Andrea Beale from Unitas, Tracey Preston and Shane Amos from Staffordshire Fire and Rescue, Peter Flynn and Tegan Gough from the YMCA Commissioner Ben Adams and PCSO Charlotte Stubbs at Longton Park Space Launch

Registration and Disclaimer

National Covid restrictions had been lifted prior to Space 2022 therefore the requirement for the Registration and Disclaimer was not necessary, meaning that young people were able to attend activities more freely.

Young people were required only to attend activities within the local authority boundary in which they were resident.

Budget

This year the SCO committed £162,000 to fund Space 2022. With FARS committing £10,000 and donations from local businesses of £1,900 a total of £173,900 was available for allocation.

Delivery

Space 2022 operated for five weeks between 25 July – 26 August 2022 to young people aged between 8-17 years.

As in previous year's the programme comprised both a targeted and a universal element. ASB related data determined the levels and types of activities within geographies, with a minimum of 30% of funding being ring-fenced for targeted cohorts of more vulnerable young people, who may have a greater propensity to offend.

36 providers were commissioned after successfully meeting all of the essential health, safety and safeguarding requirements. With more providers returning to more normal delivery, this meant that there was better coverage of provision compared to 2020/21 Space programmes due to pandemic related challenges such as staff and revenue losses and other difficulties.

A diverse offer of activities is the cornerstone of the Space programme which aims to appeal to a wider audience as possible.

The Space Lead facilitated planning and launch events for a wide range of stakeholders, giving providers, referrers such as police and other partners the chance to come together to network, become familiar with programme aims and aspirations, all with a view to maximising attendance and engagement.

Many providers and partners attended Space training events delivered jointly by the SCO, Together Active and StreetGames UK. The training focussed on Mental Health, Challenging Behaviour and engaging & retaining engagement with young people. The knowledge and skills developed through the training is valued and retained within many of the providers and supporting organisations.

Space 2022 Funding spent to support local provision

Area	Funding Allocation	Activities Provided	Comments/Narrative
Stoke-On-Trent	£41,909.59	Doorstep Multi-sports. Mobile Climbing Wall. Leisure Ct Passes. Outdoor Activities. Space Launch Community Fun Days. Fishing. Boxing. Youth Activities. Indoor Climbing. Arts and Crafts. Wildplay, bushcraft, nature, Arts and crafts.	Allocation of £10k from FARS directed to City of Stoke-on-Trent to supplement SCO funding, due to high prevalence of youth related ASB. A generous donation of £1,900 was made from local businesses based in Stoke-on-Trent. Providers work well with targeted and universal cohort.
Staffordshire Moorlands	£18,900.00	Doorstep Multi-sports. Leisure Ct Passes. Outdoor Activities. Nature and Bush craft. Youth Activities. Arts and Crafts. Boxing.	Good range of providers and activities keeping ASB low year on year. Providers work well with targeted and universal cohort.
Lichfield	£18,941.50	Doorstep Multi-sports. Leisure Ct Passes. Community Fun Days. Arts and Crafts. Youth Activities. SEND Residential and Outdoor activities. Wildplay, bushcraft, nature, Arts and crafts	Good range of providers and activities keeping ASB low year on year. Providers work well with targeted and universal cohort.
South Staffordshire	£8571.84	Leisure Centre Passes. Fishing. Wildplay, bushcraft, nature, Arts and crafts	South Staffs has struggled with quality and selection of providers to engage CYP and overcome geographical challenges. Good progress made with use of leisure passes, fishing and nature and outdoor activities.
Stafford	£14,397.95	Boxing. Doorstep Multi-Sports. Sports Community Fun-day events Mobile Climbing Wall. Fishing.	Leisure centre provider closed during 2020/21 due to COVID and still unable to support Space activities within the centres. Other providers offered good quality, aiming to keeping ASB low. Providers work well with targeted and universal cohort.

Newcastle	£17,733.89	Leisure Centre Passes. Doorstep Multi-sports. Fishing. Outdoor activities.	Good range of providers and activities aimed at keeping ASB low. Providers work well with targeted and universal cohort.
Cannock	£14,745.00	Doorstep Multi-sports. Inflatable Games & Park Events. Leisure Ct Passes/Mountain Biking Fishing. Mobile Climbing Wall.	Good range of providers and activities aimed at keeping ASB low. Providers work well with targeted and universal cohort.
East Staffordshire	£14,895.49	Doorstep Multi-sports. Leisure Ct Passes. Fishing. Mobile Climbing Wall. Summer School Activities and Learning. Martial Arts. Nature and Bush craft.	Good range of providers and activities aimed at keeping ASB low. Providers work well with targeted and universal cohort.
Tamworth	£18,193.00	Youth Activities/Trips out. Arts and crafts. Urban Arts and breakdance. Mobile Climbing Wall. Trampolining. Community Fundays and inflatables.	<p>Tamworth's selection of providers was improved this year with the Trampoline Centre and Leisure Services team able to offer activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canal and River Trust unable to deliver fishing activities in Tamworth that were very popular in other areas due to infestation of predatory fish (Zander) and low fish stocks as a result. Tamworth would benefit from at least one Leisure facility where swimming and other activities could be delivered for a reasonable cost, mirroring other areas where the very successful leisure pass is offered. <p>Providers worked well with targeted and universal cohort.</p>
Staffordshire Youth Offending Service	£5,200	Climbing, team building and Water sports.	Staffordshire YOS utilised funding for their bespoke programme of diversion and positive activities for young people known to their service from across Staffordshire.
TOTAL	£173,488.26		
*Some providers weren't able to utilise all of their allocations creating an underspend of £1,411.74.			

Space 2022 Funding allocation to support local provision

Area	SCO Funding	Targeted Attendees	Universal Attendees	Total Attendees
Stoke-On-Trent	£41,909.59	3812	125	3,943
Staffordshire Moorlands	£18,900.00	144	574	724
Lichfield	£18,941.50	796	780	1,589
South Staffordshire	£8571.84	112	696	814
Stafford	£14,397.95	320	104	430
Newcastle	£17,733.89	670	294	970
Cannock	£14,745.00	355	315	666

East Staffordshire	£14,895.49	494	69	569
Tamworth	£18,193.00	960	316	1,289
Staffordshire YOS	£5,200.00	58		
Totals	£173,488.26	7,721	3273	10,994



Deputy Commissioner Helen Fisher pictured with John Davey (Let's fish), Nicola Bull and Dave McHugh (SCC) and young people and coaches at Burton Albion Community Trust activities in East Staffordshire.

Of the 7,721 targeted young people recorded; below shows breakdown of the source of each cohort and a comparison with the previous year:

Targeted Cohort	Space 2020	Space 2021	Space 2022
Targeted Area	651	2205	6198
YOS	15	235	112
BRFC/LST/Early Help	11	46	137
Pupil Referral Unit	7	3	-
Looked After Children	74	28	72
Disability	90	110	121
ASB	305	876	587
CAHMS	12	14	21
Free School Meals	208	237	373
Other	20	121	299
Total	1,393	3,875	7,721

Outputs

- 54 individual activity providers engaged with Space 2022;
- 36 PFCC Commissioned providers operating from 210 venues;
- 2,535 individual events supported (2365 PFCC funded/170 PFCC non-funded) comprising 17 categories including: Sports (1995) Creative (26), Trips Out (24), Fun Days (21), Outdoors (276), Clubs (62), Football (131).

Outcomes

Reductions in youth-related ASB as defined by the 'Police Youth Marker' since 2016 when 1,395 incidents were recorded by Police compared to 354 in 2022. (Full details are provided in table 'Excerpt from analysis of Police data on Youth ASB reported in the school holidays compared with same period since 2016' found in Section 2, 'ASB Local Context'.)

The years 2020 and 2021 created challenges around year on year comparisons due to the pandemic and the unprecedented events such as lockdowns. 2019 also saw a significant investment from the Department of Education in the sum of £40k and additional smaller funding contribution from Tesco, the mainstream supermarket.

(Appendix A) provides outcome evidence in the form of CYP Case Studies.

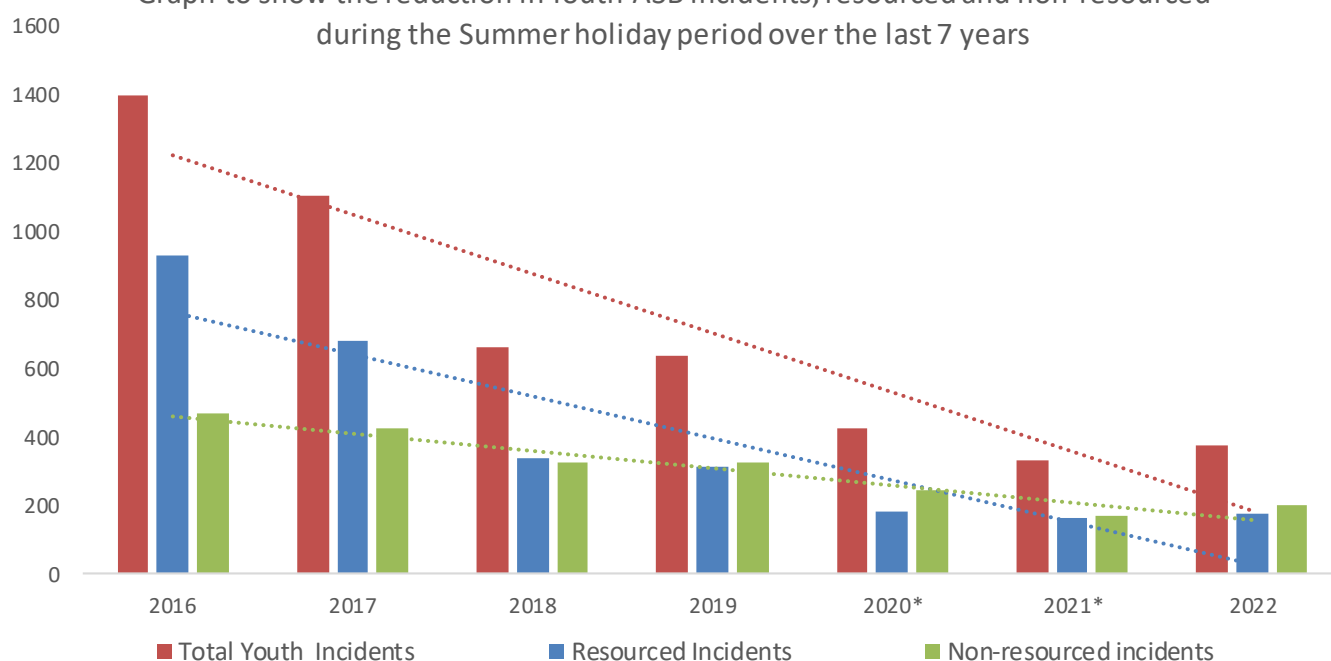
Annual Cost Comparison

The table below shows the cost of provision year on year since the start of the Space programme. After the proof of concept in 2015, per attendance costs dropped from £11.20 to £5.84 in 2019. However, in 2020/21 costs were higher and attendance numbers lower due the impact of COVID restrictions and associated impact the costs per attendance were £19.29/£9.91 respectively. Space 2022 was able to proceed without COVID restrictions and as a result costs have significantly fallen this year compared to the last 2 years, down to £7.88 per attendance.

Narrative	2015 Proof of Concept	Space 2016	Space 2017	Space 2018	Space 2019	Space 2020	Space 2021	Space 2022
Target Audience	Local Discretion but to include Targeted Cohort	30% SCO allocation of spend on Targeted Cohort Max 70% Universal Cohort	30% SCO allocation of spend on Targeted Cohort Max 70% Universal Cohort	30% SCO allocation of spend on Targeted Cohort Max 70% Universal Cohort	30% SCO allocation of spend on Targeted Cohort Max 70% Universal Cohort	30% SCO allocation of spend on Targeted Cohort Max 70% Universal Cohort	30% SCO allocation of spend on Targeted Cohort Max 70% Universal Cohort	30% SCO allocation of spend on Targeted Cohort Max 70% Universal Cohort
Recorded Attendances on SCO funded activities	13,388	12,432	18,101	30,110	38,322 (68,361)hrs (15,812 vps) (8,151 targeted vps)	4,715 (14,225)hrs (2,301 vps) (1,393 targeted vps)	17,625 (35,333)hrs (6,042 vps) (3,875 targeted vps)	21,786 (47,391)hrs (10,994 vps) (7,721 targeted vps)
SCO Funded Activities	246	1,114	657	847	1055	500	1492	2365
Non-SCO Funded Activities	340	1,968	1572	731	379		199	170
SCO Funding	£127,053.76	£139,297.41	£133,546.45	£159,465.15	£167,627.77	£83,453.93	£174,704.60	£172,488.26
FARS Funding				£6,780.00	£7,145.00	£7,500	£8,000	£10,000
DfE Funding				£10,050.00	£39,743.90			
Total Funding				£176,295.15	£223,971.43	£90,953.93	£182,704.60	£182,488.26
Average Attendance Cost	£9.49	£11.20	£7.37	£5.85	£5.84(per attendance) £3.27(per hour attendance)	£19.29(per attendance) £6.39(per hour attendance)	£9.91(per attendance) £4.94(per hour attendance)	£7.88(per attendance) £3.63(per hour attendance)

Staffordshire Police data (Knowledge Hub) showed that in 2022 Youth ASB incidents decreased 41% below 2019 (pre-Covid) levels. There has been a 14% increase in 2022 compared to 2021 Covid* ASB levels.

Graph to show the reduction in Youth ASB incidents, resourced and non-resourced during the Summer holiday period over the last 7 years



Financial Costs of police support for ASB

In 2019 a costing exercise was carried out to estimate costs of police dealing with a resourced and non-resourced ASB incidents. This data has been used with inflation changes each year to estimate the cost savings associated with the reductions seen in ASB as a result of the Space programme.

Over the period 2016 – 2021, an estimated cost saving for Staffordshire Police of having to handle 301 non-resourced youth ASB incidents (469 in 2016 incidents to 197 to 2021) and 749 resourced youth ASB incidents (926 in 2016 down to 177 in 2021) has been calculated:

- ASB cost per incident x 272 non resourced incidents = £75,663;
- ASB cost per resourced incident x 749 incidents = £342,016;
- Total estimated cost saving = £417,679 since 2016.

Comparing 2022 summer period with the pre-Covid 2019 Summer period also demonstrates a substantial reduction of youth ASB incidents. Notably a reduction of 127 non-resourced youth ASB incidents (324 incidents to 197) and a reduction of 132 resourced youth ASB incidents (309 down to 177). The estimated cost saving of preventing these youth related ASB incidents has been calculated below:

- ASB cost per incident £320 x 127 incidents = £ 35,179;
- ASB cost per resourced incident £540 x 132 incidents = £61,644;
- Total estimated cost saving = £96,823 over the Summer 2022.

Notwithstanding the above, it should be recognised that without the Space related investment, police non-resourced and resourced youth ASB related incidents potentially would have remained at 2016 levels. Such demand would have increased pressure on police resources to respond to ASB at the cost of supporting other incident types.

Website and Marketing Analysis

The Space programme was marketed via various means including a standalone website (www.staffordshire.space.uk) and through social media; Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Participants were able to review activities within their geographical location on the website, identify the provider, any specific requirements related to the event and book a place. Viewers could also choose to receive Space website updates, including any future announcements, direct to their email address.

The website was also used to promote activities and to provide safety advice for young people including promotion of the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Safeguarding Teams 'Be Wise' campaign, the NSPCC's Childline helpline number and useful advice and the Safe and Sound [Safe+Sound \(staffordshirefire.gov.uk\)](http://staffordshirefire.gov.uk) online platform produced and funded by FARS and links to the Staffordshire County Council's 'Knowaboutcse' website, which aims to educate and prevent child sexual exploitation.

Social Media activity between 26th July and 14th September:

Facebook

- 7272 followers on the Space Facebook page, an increase of 15% since last year (6,317 followers 2021)
- Between the 26th of July and the 19th of August, 21 Space events were published on Facebook with
- The highest reach of 40,852 (Event: Fun day, football, climbing wall, multi-sports, bouncing castle, music - Longton Park (Higher than the best reaching event from last year by 64%))
- A combined reach of 441,039 which is down slightly but there were also fewer ads this year.
- 2,746 event responses up 123% on last year's event responses and 5,105 link clicks for all Facebook ads, again fewer link clicks than last year but there were 16 fewer ads in 2022.
- One generic ad was created this year to boost awareness, this ad reached 56,415 people and had 1,265 clicks costing roughly £0.29 per click.

Twitter

- 926 followers on the Space Twitter page; an increase of 3.6%
- 6 posts including Retweets were posted from 11th July to 9th August 2022;
- Top tweet with 8 retweets & 11 likes was "Another fantastic @StaffsSpace visit for @benadams4staffs, this time in #Tamworth. A brilliant surf simulator & a chance to have a go at mini athletics whilst watching the #CommonwealthGames2022 on the big screen 🚀" posted on the 3rd of August.

Instagram

- 573 followers on the Space Instagram page, up 60% from last year (375 followers) The most popular post was "Great to welcome the new Staffordshire Commissioner's Chief Executive today at the Right Stuff Boxing Club in Stafford" posted on the 2nd of August with 10 likes.

Participant and Parent/Guardian/Carer Feedback

Participant and families were encouraged to provide feedback through the Space website. There were more than double the number of responses received for 2022 compared to 2021. On the whole respondents were satisfied with their experience. 146 respondents answered 6 questions:

Question	Answer True	Answer Not Sure	Answer False
The activity was what I thought it would be	136	9	1
I felt involved in the	142	3	1
I learnt or did something new	120	24	2
I want to do this again	138	7	1
Taking part made me feel happier	142	3	2
I would do this activity again	141	3	2

Some constructive feedback was received in relation to the coverage of the activities in certain the areas, as well as a complaint about the resolution of an issue between young people. All of these matters were responded to timely by the SCO, local authorities and providers with actions and explanations provided.

Some key highlights from anecdotal feedback received included:

- Activity providers expressed how pleased they are to have been able to deliver activities. The funding, experience and networking the programme provided has enabled them to grow their provision for young people throughout the year.
- One Space provider described benefits of making new links with the local PCSO's and care providers and to be able to signpost a new cohort of young people to the SPACE activities.
- Space 2022 has had its best year for receiving case studies and feedback from providers, young people and their families/carers, all of which has been incredibly positive and pleasing for organisers. Case studies and feedback been collated and is available to read in Appendix A at the end of this report.



Commissioner Ben Adams at Tamworth Castle Grounds with Councillors, Community Safety Space Leads and New Urban Era provider representative.

5. Summary and Recommendations

Outcomes

The Space programme is recognised by parents/Carers/Guardians and stakeholders as providing a positive learning experience for young people across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. It fulfils a clear need to ensure young people are positively occupied during the summer holiday period, aiming to reduce involvement in low level crime, ASB and gang related activity which clearly affects the public purse but also sets them on a downward spiral.

Space provides opportunity for engagement with Police, Fire and other stakeholders whose positive influence has evidentially impacted for the better, the lives of local young people.

Space 2022 has achieved increases in numbers of participants, attendance and engagement with good numbers of young people from targeted cohorts supported. The significant Youth ASB reductions have also been maintained this year as well.

Strategic

Space programme supports delivery of the Commissioner's Police, Fire and Crime Plan 2022-25, the Policing Plan 2022-23 and local Community Safety Plans.

Space Programme supports partnership relations and an increased range of providers who will continue to support Space activities for the benefit of local young people.

Resourcing

Continued development of a model of working requiring a single Space programme lead located within the SCO, supported by range of CSP and other partners.

Increased development of tools which provide ability to clearly identify ASB hotspot locations pan Staffordshire for the summer holiday periods.

Programme Planning

Further development of Space positive engagement programme for young people, recognised as best practice across geography.

Increased awareness of Staffordshire Space approach shared with other geographical areas of the UK.

Funding

Increased partnership commitment to support SCO funded activities, building on Space annual activities.

Training

Enhanced training opportunities for providers and partners focussed on ASB tools and powers, mental health, first aid, behaviour management and engagement with young people.

Data and Analysis

Further developed methodology to capture and analyse range of partnership datasets to measure and track levels of ASB and impact of Space provision.

Policy and Risk Management

With detailed understanding of the implications of the Space programme in terms of risk, the Programme Lead and Partnerships and Commissioning Manager continue to utilise the specialist services of Staffordshire County Council's Legal Team and the Force Commercial Services Team to ensure legal compliance and maximum protection for the SCO, programme participants and activity providers.

Marketing and Communication

The Space brand is subject to copyright and work undertaken delivers the comprehensive Space communication strategy, supported by all stakeholders. The website operates as a stand-alone site however is clearly linked to the SCO website and contains a wide range of accessible personal safety information for service users and their parents/guardians/carers.

Space has received generous funds through sponsorship which is always welcomed and creates fantastic opportunities to be able to extend the programme.

6. Recommendations

Recommendation 1

That the Commissioner continues to financially support Space for the period 2021-24, supporting delivery of the Police, Fire and Crime Plan 2021-24 and the Staffordshire Policing Plan 2022-23.

Recommendation 2

That the SCO continue to strategically lead the Space Programme, utilising their knowledge, experience and relationships, established over the life of the programme.

This recognises internal expertise and the capacity issues of others to operate the programme.

Recommendation 3

That the Space programme is embedded as formal model of positive engagement with young people across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. To be recognised as part of a continuum of such activities, operating in conjunction with and complementary to similar schemes such as the HAF programme, ensuring a streamlined offer, maximum coverage, provision and impact for young people and families across the geography.

Recommendation 4

Maintain and develop current service model, maximising all opportunities to cultivate partnership relationships and increase the number, capacity and capability of providers within some geographies to ensure a more full and even programme in all areas.

Recommendation 6

That all opportunities to secure additional support, funding and resources be exploited.

Recommendation 7

That volunteering aspects of the Space programme be considered, in line with national disclosure and barring, and vetting requirements.

Recommendation 8

That planning for the next year's programme starts in earnest, garnering input from all stakeholders including providers, referrers and young people.

Recommendation 9

Space Lead and stakeholders continue to scope opportunities for Space to be a vehicle for learning and development experiences for young people, especially around citizenship and community safety related issues.

Recommendation 10

In previous years Space has had Space 'Champions' who have helped us promote the programme. The Space Programme would be keen to renew this and bring new Champions into next year giving individuals the opportunity to fly the flag for Space in this role.

Recommendation 11

If time and funding allows, Space would like to host a Space celebration event where it can celebrate and showcase some of the achievements and activities and promote next summer's programme. The event would also create opportunities to network and develop new ideas such as QR codes used by Newcastle-under-Lyme Leisure to promote and communicate their offer.

Ends.

Jon Connolly, Space Programme Lead

Appendix A

Case Studies and Feedback providing outcome evidence

Case studies are collected from participants, parents/carers/guardians, providers and other stakeholders as part of evaluation and feedback. Over half of Space participants are from targeted cohorts. It is acknowledged that a significant number of young people are facing many challenges, Space is pleased to be receive feedback that demonstrates how the programme helps support young people, their families and their communities. The Space Programme 2022 has received arguably the most and best feedback so far, most of which albeit edited down is documented below in the feedback and case studies documented below:

HSBC Bank

Earlier in the year the Space lead was contacted by HSBC bank with a view linking with the programme to use as a vehicle to reach young people and families with important information about staying safe online and financial education. HSBC said 'the partnership with the Space Scheme has been beneficial in terms of getting key messages out there for those within our local communities and it would be great to expand on this as the feedback that we have received has been really constructive and positive'.

'We have found the collaboration to be extremely fruitful and positive to date'

Key Highlights have included:

HSBC UK brought colleagues to exhibit at the Staffordshire Space Fun Day where we provided an important safety session for parents and children around "Keeping Safe" Online, including guidance on keeping sensitive and personal information safe when gaming and operating online.

We have assisted Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Safe and Sound Team by providing online content to be broadcast to children across Staffordshire schools. Content including financial education and keeping themselves and their data safe online. We are also hoping to expand this with face to face financial education sessions later in the year

We have collaborated with the Port Vale Foundation where we have spoken with parents about "real time" events and financial factors that are having a substantial impact on daily lives such as inflation, the increased cost of living, what it means for our community and how to navigate the effects of it as best as possible.

YMCA GO FEEDBACK

Feedback from Parents/Guardians:

"I think this summer has been brilliant for my sons' social skills and confidence building. I felt very reassured when my son went on the trips that he was safe and being looked after."

"Both of my children enjoyed it"

"The staff were extremely helpful and supportive"

"What a fantastic summer my boys have had. My eldest stated that he's learned more this summer from YMCA from his experiences that he does at school. Fantastic, many thanks"



Inflatable fun the YMCA Longton Park Space Launch

Feedback from Young People:

"It was very good and fun love to do again"

"Tried something new"

"It was good"

"Next Summer could we try inflatable waterparks?"

"I enjoy getting out, had a fall out with friends though but a good day all together"

"I liked swimming in the water with paddle boarding"

"I had lots of fun. It was a new experience and I would like to come back with family"

"It was fun, I learnt new things I would like to learn more"

Feedback from activity leader:

YMCA Go was able to make new links with the local PCSO's and care providers to be able to signpost a new cohort of young people to the SPACE activities.

TENCOUNT BOXING BENTILEE

Parent Feedback:

'WE NEED MORE OF THIS FOR THE KIDS'

'I WISH WE KNEW ABOUT THIS AS WE WOULD HAVE ATTENDED MORE CLASSES MY KIDS LOVED IT'

Young person Feedback:

'FANTASTIC, I WISH WE COULD DO THIS EVERY DAY'

'IT WAS HARD BUT FUN'

'WE LIKED WORKING WITH THE INSTRUCTORS'

'I LOVE BOXING NOW, I WANT TO BE A BOXER'



Staffordshire Commissioner Ben Adams pictured giving an interview at Longton Park Space Launch and with local PCSO

STOKE YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM

Officer Feedback:

At times the young people displayed some challenging behaviour. With the Cohort of young people this type of behaviour is often almost expected to happen. However, this type of behaviour is appropriately and proportionately challenged by instructors. We got through the two days without having to remove any of the attendees from the activities.

STOKE CITY COMMUNITY TRUST

Coach Feedback:

'The SPACE launch at Hanley Park saw a variety of young people of different ages and from different cultural and economic backgrounds come together in an engaging environment. It was great to see the young people participating in several events throughout the day including, sports and craft activities.

Some feedback from participants and parents emphasised the level of engagement and the variety of activities within the session.

Young person Feedback:

"I didn't expect so many activities to be here. I love football so enjoyed taking part. I liked the different activities and meeting new people."

"The sessions were really fun, and I liked the different activities, I am looking forward to the sessions in the 6-week holidays"

NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME LEISURE

Coordinator feedback:

'Feedback to staff very positive'

'The offer this time has proved more popular with the older age group which we think is a positive change. We will review of activities to see if we can make any adjustments for delivery of sessions next year'

STAFFORDSHIRE YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE

YOS Officer Feedback:

The young people enjoyed the freedom and flexibility of taking part in water sports with others in an outdoor activity environment. Communication skills, behaviour and working with others was noticeably better when out on activities.

Some of the young people wished to continue participating in water sport activities as a hobby or as a career path from participating in the program.

The climbing sessions pushed the young people outside of their comfort zones and saw other members of the group supporting each other through each activity.

During the six-week 2022 summer holidays Staffordshire Youth Offending Service arranged a fishing course which was funded by Staffordshire Commissioner SPACE scheme. The six fishing days were every Thursday at Blake Hall Fisheries Cheadle delivered by qualified angling coaches provided by the Canal and Rivers Trust and Stoke on Trent Angling Society (SOTAS).

The coaches provided all the young people who attended with one-to-one tuition as to teach them how to fish correctly and safely and improve their knowledge of fishing of some of the young people who did have some fishing experience.

Written by Youth Offending Service Officer

I spoke to 'LT's mum yesterday. Don't know if you are aware but following on from selection to compete for the Angling Society during the SPACE sessions, 'L' was then chosen to represent 'English Communities West midlands' team in the National Commonwealth Communities Celebration at the weekend and his team came fourth. Fantastic result for the fishing project mate, well done and thanks for giving 'L' the opportunity!!

Feedback from the young people who attended was very positive with numerous young people requesting to be allocated on future days if there were spaces available:

The fishing was good and I learnt how to fish. I enjoyed it enough to go back. There was nothing negative and I wouldn't change anything about the sessions. JW

It was fun, I enjoyed it because I did not know how to fish before and now, I do. If it was **running again, I would like to come along** and 'the man' who was teaching me made it enjoyable. CB



I had never fished before and was a bit scared but I really had a good time and caught a lot of fish and would definitely do it again if I could.

I had a great time at fishing and got on really well with the tutors and had a laugh. LT

I was grateful for the chance to take part in the fishing. It has now made me carry on fishing with SOTAS.

"It was mint"

STAFFORDSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

Overall the feedback from parents and the young people attending the sessions was extremely positive with people asking for more sessions in each location and asking if it will be taking place next year as well.

Case Studies:

South Staffordshire Highgate Common 27/7/2022

When child A (age 11) arrived she looked very sullen and did not want to engage or participate. She was there with her younger brother and had basically told us that she was only there as she had been told to come. We explained the activities to the rest of the group and played an introduction game that she participated in but did not really engaged with. I told her I was going to go and do some bark stripping with peelers and if she wanted to she was very welcome to come and join me. After about 5 minutes of watching me at a distance she joined me and quietly started to collect sticks to have a go. By the end of the session she had opened up and was showing the others in the group how to use the peeler safely and was sharing ideas with enthusiasm. Her creativeness was fantastic and she was thrilled with her work and the challenges she had overcome to use the tools. They both attended again on 4/8/2022 and she took great pride in showing me the work she'd made in the last session (a natural wall hanging decoration) hanging in the bathroom. During this session she spent more time peeling sticks but developing her skills using clay too and took in her environment with enthusiasm and spirit. She joined in and supported other children making dens, using the slack line and partnered up with someone to try Nordic Swinging. At the end of the session the whole family expressed the joy the children had got from the programme and said they would definitely be looking at joining again if it was ever on.

Doxey Marshes August '22

Two boys arrived for one session and after the parent had completed the consent forms she informed me that they were both being assessed for Asperger's and was quite concerned with how they would behave during the activities. They were both engaged with all activities particularly the discovery of a river mussel which they were thrilled to look at. After their observations they were keen to return it to the fishing lake on our return to the car park. Mum was delighted and relieved that they had both enjoyed the session and as they left they were retelling all the activities they had done.

One 10-year-old girl came to several sessions over the summer and really grew in confidence. She initially only wanted to do craft activities by herself but she grew much more confident and relaxed. She loved to push the trolley full of kit and as her awareness of the site grew she liked to lead the group to our chosen site. She also became more vocal about her knowledge about minibeasts as she had experience of this at home. On the final session her Mum said that she had seen a real difference in her daughter's self-confidence over the weeks she had attended Getwild and looked forward to attending again.

Park Hall August '22

One eight-year-old boy arrived on the first session at Park Hall and as his mother completed the consent forms she informed me that she was getting him assessed for Asperger's at school and was very worried about his behaviour. She was reluctant to leave initially and reminded him about his behaviour. After she had left he was unsure which activity to choose and ran around yelling loudly at everything. He calmed down and settled on some clay craft which resulted in a model he proudly took home. He joined in with some of the other children's games and activities and Mum was relived and happy as he told her how good a time he'd had. He returned for a second session and Mum was very relaxed at leaving him. He was much more settled this time and seemed able to choose an activity and mix with the other

children, some he'd met previously. His favourite activity was knife whittling when he listened very carefully to all instructions given and carved himself a stick to take home. Mum was astonished how calm he had been and that he'd been able to focus on so many activities.

SOCCER STARS LEEK

Coach Feedback:

Once again, a massively successful Street Soccer 22 through the Space programme. Parents again have been very supportive, as well as the local communities. Below are some of the messages of feedback I have received.

Parent 1 (Has a son who is disabled and needs a walker to get around)

"Ade, just want to say a massive thank you for enabling my son to take part in Street soccer through adapting it for my son's needs."

Parent 2

"Thanks again for providing the children with the football.. See you again next year!!!!

Parent 3

Ade thank you so much for the last 5 weeks... You and your team have been amazing. My son has attended all but 2 of your sessions and has thoroughly enjoyed it and loved both his trophies. Thank you also for pointing out the other activities that were also going on through Space.

Carer 1 (Works at a children's home)

Child has loved coming to the sessions over last few weeks, we have even used him not attending to tackle his behaviour and it has worked. Keep us informed on future activities.

STAFFORDSHIRE CLUBS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Parent Feedback:

Thank you, our kids have really enjoyed their trips out with you over the 6 weeks. 'MA', mother at Talke

My son really enjoyed the Rudyard lake trip, he's not been there before and wants to go back again. 'RC', mother at Cheadle.

Providing activities in the summer holidays to stop young people from getting bored is a great idea, my kids have had a great time and had lots of fun. 'EJ', mother at Talke

Emails received by Commissioner Ben Adams from parents:

Parent email 'A'

I would like to share with you my experience and appreciation for Ian Atherton and his team with Staffordshire clubs' for young people through Talke youth club.

My son started going to Talke youth club on a Thursday evening and he absolutely loves going there, it is a lovely safe environment for my son to socialise. Through the youth club, I was able to access the funded holiday club through the 6 weeks holiday. I cannot express enough how this has helped me, my son has been able to go on a number of trips at a subsidised cost, including the cinema, mini golf and tonight he is going to watch the England's women football team. My son has been able to go on some experiences that I would have struggled to afford. I cannot thank Ian and his team enough for this. I hope this programme can continue. Parent 'A'

Parent email 'B'

Hello I just wanted to say thank you for the summer holiday events and trips put on by Staffordshire clubs for young people run by Ian Atherton over the summer and funded through the space scheme. We are from Werrington and have previously been unable to attend any of these events. My sons went on 2 cinema trips with Ian Atherton, a bell boating and raft trip to Rudyard Lake and also a bushcraft day. They thoroughly enjoyed the activities on offer and also took other local children to the bushcraft and bell boating ones. As parents of Werrington we feel these days out were great fun, great value for money and also gave the children something to do other than hang around the streets of Werrington and local park of Werrington which sadly is gaining a negative reputation due to gangs of youths.

I also wanted to say that for my 10 year old son the trips have done wonders for his confidence, at the beginning of the holidays he was a shy and quiet child who always held back and felt he could only manage a cinema trip, the growth in his confidence has been fantastic and he became more outgoing and to see him actually get on and stand up on a bell boat and come home smiling and talking all about it was amazing, thank you.

I hope that next year similar trips will be on offer again and that the children of Werrington have an opportunity to take part again. Parent 'B'

Provider Feedback:

Linking in with the Cheadle community re-assurance worked well on providing trips for young people that were on the cusp of ASB, these young people were recognised over 6 months and targeted to improve their behaviour, by achieving this we provided the trips.

Many young people said they were really happy to be out and doing the trips as Covid had taken a big impact on what they were able to do.

Providing trips also helped us to recruit young people into our youth clubs, some young people did not know about our clubs and have started to attend.

We have found that providing trips was very popular rather than delivering sports sessions as young people want to come out of their community and see other things, we put this down to lockdown.

RIGHT STUFF BOXING STAFFORD

Provider Feedback:

This year's SPACE Box, Right Stuff delivery was probably one of the most successful summer Holiday projects the Right Stuff Project has delivered. Over the five weeks of the scheme 59 young people aged 8-17 years attended. Twenty Nine of these young people were targeted referrals or 49%, of these seven young people were looked after (12%) and thirteen were eligible for free school meals (22%) .

Nineteen of the young people (32%) were young people from the Right Stuff / Stafford Borough Council / Commissioners' Office early intervention project that runs through the school year. Many were excluded from school or had short term exclusions in the 2021/2022 academic year. SPACE meant that these young people received daily attendance a structured activity for 5 weeks out of the 6 week summer. As well as this yp's had the daily access to the same consistent adult that they see weekly in school. Enabling them to feel safe throughout the holidays, cared for have a point of contact to discuss home life , anxieties and concerns.

Maintaining a regular routine of getting up in the morning for a certain time (as they have to do in school term) . Following a structure and maintaining positive social relationships with peers and adults. Developing their academic resilience for the 2022/2023 school term. Enabling them to transition back to a school environment more easily.



Case Study 1

Female 12 years of age, immediately prior to the Summer Holidays her Foster placement broke down. She was moved residential care for the first time. She had a couple of short-term exclusions during the 2021/2022 academic year for fighting. We contacted her social worker and the staff at the new care home to ensure she attended the SPACE Scheme. Which she did most days and was allowed to stay for two sessions due to the long distance involved in transport to and from the care home. We also ensured that her best friend from school attended the sessions, speaking to her Mum to ensure the young person in care felt supported and had normal social interaction with peers. She also attended non gym activities arranged for the Coaching team as team building events these included a trip to Cliff Lakes Aqua park, a group hike and ten pin bowling . Care staff reported that this had greatly aided them in settling her into her new home. We have facilitated dialogue between the care staff and her school senior management team to ensure that her return to school in September is as supportive as possible.

Case Study 2

Male 14 years of age excluded from school prior to Summer holidays for disruptive behaviour and due to commenced managed to move to another local secondary school in September 2022. Known to Police and YOS for ASB in Stafford. We got in contact with Mum and arranged daily attendance on the SPACE scheme .He attended all but one day . Also assisted Mum when he went missing due to a family argument about having friends round to sleep over, persuading him to go home and attend boxing the next day. Liaised with mum at least twice a week she stated that his behaviour had improved massively since attending the Boxing on daily basis and she was massively grateful for all the support the Right Stuff and the SPACE scheme had provided and Right Stuff will be working with him at his new school on a weekly basis come September.



PORT VALE COMMUNITY TRUST

Provider Feedback:

We hosted the last summer football tournament at Dimensions Leisure Centre with 10 teams from different areas of Stoke on Trent coming together to play in a 5 a side tournament. Age categories from Year 7 and 8, and Year 9 & 10 showed great team work, attitude and sportsmanship.

The winning teams were awarded with a trophy and medals. A player from each category was awarded with the player of the tournament trophy.

PARKWOOD LEISURE STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS

Provider Feedback:

This year the take up has been higher than ever. Really happy parents and positive feedback all around.

Parent Feedback:

Great to have a pass that is open so the kids can use all through the holidays, fantastic opportunity to give the young ones something to do whilst also getting healthy and fit. Great initiative thanks, my kids have been nearly every day and will now keep coming.

NEW URBAN ERA-TAMWORTH

Sessions were an overwhelming success excerpts from participant feedback:

Virtual Reality

9/10 'Enjoyed, I could draw what I wanted in VR and everything looked realistic'

Spray Paint

10/10 'Best bit- that we could express ourselves. Nothing to improve'

Break Dancing

100/ 10 'I loved it'

Beat Boxing

100/10 'Enjoyed all of it. It was awesome..'

Doodle Wall

9/10 'It was so fun'



Young people fishing and catching a rare eel in South Staffordshire with Canal and River Trust's 'Lets Fish' activity.

LIBERTY LICHFIELD

Feedback from Parents/carers:

The families were blown away by the opportunity to have such a programme which enabled their children who are usually unable to attend programmes without support.

The families were extremely happy with the programme and especially the opportunity to meet new friends; as this is something young people with SEND do usually get to do outside of school, especially those who are so young.

ALL parents were so grateful for the opportunity and for the weeks respite, currently many parents are having this service reduced due to funding cuts and the criteria to access this support being harder to access, and this opportunity enabled parents the time to share time with each other and with their other children.

Feedback from Young People:

The young people all enjoyed the programme and expressed how they loved being able to meet new friends.

They were happy that they have met young people from their new schools- (Those going from year 6-7) and felt more confident about starting a new school.

They all wished the football camp could have been for longer, wanting an extra week of this.

They all said they had learnt something new in relation to looking after themselves and becoming more independent. They all said that they really enjoyed cooking and taking this responsibility and enjoyed working together.

They loved being in the middle of the Roaches and said they FELT FREE- this was expressed by a young man who has Autism and suffers with his mental ill health and self-harms. He said it was one of the best things he had ever done and loved not having the phone and being free in the outdoors.

IN2U HEALTH AND WELBEING- STOKE-ON-TRENT

The overall feedback from young people, parents and the community were really positive saying that the activities are much needed.

Young people were really appreciative of a safe space to socialise with friends and take part in a range of sports including badminton, table tennis, football, tennis and dodgeball as well as youth club type activities such as arts and crafts, pool, gaming and music.

We did come across issues with young people vaping at sessions which our staff tried to address through 1:1 support and education. We did see positive engagement and a reduction throughout the summer with 2 young people asking for help to stop. This is something that we will continue to educate young people on and identify suitable services to support our work.

We also saw a big demand for food and snacks at sessions. It was clear to see that some attendees relied on the food that we were providing and asked if this is something that we could provide each week.

We are able to continue the session after being successful with funding from Together Active. This will mean that we can keep continuity with the session and also identify and support young leaders to become volunteers and even paid staff in the future.

INSPIRING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES-CANNOCK

“ I felt the pass was extremely good value for money. It was great that older children could go to the gym and then nip in for a swim. It gave him independence and got him away from the tech. I’m a member at the leisure centre too, so on occasions I would go too and he would be doing his own thing, so that was nice to spend some time actually talking in the car on our way back home.” - **Parent of participant**

“Look at this.... This girl had never even been on a bike before, now look at her. It was amazing. Ant is just brilliant. How do we get involved in SPACE next year?”-**Youth Provision VYSIONS lead. (IHL Partnered this service to engage their young people to experience cycling activities on Cannock Chase.)**

“ x loved the biking. He struggles, so it was great to see him go off on his own doing something like this.”-**Parent of mountain biking participant.**

GETIN2IT-LICHFIELD

Parent attending Glow Sports Sessions

‘The Free Space Leisure Passes are a great help and amazing for my son to give him something to do during the summer holiday. We have found ourselves unexpectedly in poverty and having this opportunity for my children really does help us, thank you!’

Parent of siblings aged between 6/7 & 9

(comment from our coach regarding feedback received)

They attended Festival of Sport and SPACE sessions and were high in praise about how accessible the sessions were, with opportunities to try different activities with support from coaches.

Young person who attended Soft Archery

'I really enjoy coming to these sessions because I feel safe, have fun and feel supported by the coaches.'

ENGAGE COMMUNITIES-STOKE-ON-TRENT**Provider Feedback:**

The Multi-Sports sessions at Century Park were well attended this year, most of the young people came back every week and really enjoyed playing football and basketball in the sports court. Two young people who attended the Century Park sessions this summer have since joined our football team Engage FC and now play competitive football.

Young people enjoyed playing football on the 11-a-side grass football pitch at Grange Park, they said that they do not usually get to make use of the pitch as they don't have enough people to play on it.

The young people who attended this session over the summer enjoyed playing football with their friends. Parents said that they were grateful their children had something to do over the summer to keep them out of trouble.

Parents were really pleased that there was a sports session for their children to attend over the summer holidays. Parents said the sessions were convenient as they are in the local area so they do not need to travel far, and they were glad the children had something to do to get them out of the house and off of their games/phones etc.

The young people who attended this session over the summer were extremely grateful for some positive activity in the area with positive role models.

In Parkhouse Street we have used SPACE sessions to get young people participating in football and cricket. We have also helped young people with ideas to raise money for charity. The local area have planned a charity event in September to help raise money for the less fortunate.

At the start of the holidays, we had complaints from the YMCA that too many young people were messing around in the building and littering around the venue. The workers used the weekly sessions to discuss how behaviour good or bad can impact, not only the YMCA but in other situations like in school or in our local community. The young people were very reflective and have changed how they behave and act around the YMCA. If they do need to use the venue to go to the toilet or get a drink, they do so in groups no bigger than two and they use their manners. As the weather was very hot during the summer, we shared information on the importance of keeping hydrated. This was very successful as many of the young people were not aware of how much water they should be drinking. We don't have young people bringing fizzy drinks anymore either. We also discussed the importance of tidying up, using the bins and recycling. One of the young people 'M', brings a bag to collect the empty bottles at the end of the session to put in the recycle bin at home.

8 young people who attended YMCA over the summer decided to form a team and enter some of our Summer football tournaments. They had been training for this throughout the Summer at YMCA. They entered our tournament held at St Thomas More on 19th August but unfortunately did not make it out of the group stages. They persevered and entered the next tournament on 26th August at Dimensions and won the tournament in their age group. They were very proud of themselves for this.

BURTON ALBION COMMUNITY TRUST

Though our participation wasn't as high as expected during Summer 2022 we were able to provide consistent diversionary activity across 2 wards where anti-social behavior has been highlighted as an issue by Staffs Police and East Staffordshire Borough Council.

Our Stapenhill Session was successful with participants attending the turn up and play style provision. Cllr Alison Legg, who supported our project said -

'I am so grateful for the work that Burton Albion Community Trust has done in targeting anti-social behavior at Heath Road Park in Stapenhill. Being able the support of the provision that has had such an incredible impact has been amazing. Hopefully, this work will continue to impact on the lives of our community.' Cllr Alison Legg – East Staffordshire Borough Council – Stapenhill

Our Anglesey session was better attended following Burton Albion Community Trusts HAF programme at Queen Street Community Centre. Participants enjoyed the session 'It was great to learn new sports', 'It was fun', 'it was good to have something to do during the summer holidays'.

ASM Sports

Young People | Children felt that the programme allowed them to practice new sports/activities that they wouldn't usually have access to. They also commented on how the club allowed them to regularly see their friends during the holiday period - ensuring that relationships were secured beyond the school year. Additional benefits included being able to take part in organised sport and competitive game play.

Parents | Adults commented on the programme giving their children a routine that they can often lack during the 6-week holiday period. They were also happy with the physical, mental and social benefits.



Commissioner Ben Adams with police officer and Fire Fighter with vehicles, engaging with young people and families at Longton Park Space Launch.

ACHIEVING GOALZ AND DREAMZ-CANNOCK

Provider Feedback:

Parents, guardians and carers were very pleased with the running of our programme and commented on their children's enjoyment of sessions throughout. The variety of activities were received very well, and parents would sometimes even join in with their children.

Having such a varied participant age range allowed some of our older volunteers to mentor the younger participants, this was something parents supported as it gave their children a more tailored experience. Feedback on Achieving Goalz and Dreams staff was also highly positive as parents felt their children were well looked after and enjoyed the sessions led by Bal and his team of Sports Coaches.

Feedback from parents:

'H' enjoyed the days she attended and said it was quite good, fun and being given an ice cream was very nice. As a parent I can say Bal was a very friendly person who is kind enough to do good for the community and especially not charge fees for his time. I hope he achieves his goals and helps the many kids that rely on him for guidance also.'

'Hi just wanted to leave a review. My son has been attending the scheme with Bal. 'A' has absolutely thoroughly enjoyed himself in the sessions also attended paintballing on a Sunday afternoon. Bal is doing a fantastic job.'

'I have 4 children and my eldest child having ADHD, this often comes with numerous challenges. Bal and his team have been amazing, providing activities for them all, as well as working closely with my eldest with fantastic, positive outcomes, I really can't thank everyone enough !!'

'I wanted to say a big thank you for allowing 'B' to come along to Achieving Goalz Monday to Friday during the school holidays, along with the extra activities e.g. Ninja Warriors, go karting... this gets him up early in the mornings, he gets washed dressed and eats his breakfast and out of the house eagerly looking forward to days full of activities and seeing all of the friends that he has made there. It has helped tremendously to help him to stay on track, as otherwise he would of sat at home bored sitting around the house and he does have a history of self-harming which he has not done at all throughout the summer holidays.

He benefits from the rules, boundaries and regulations that you set for all of the children as this teaches him right from wrong so as he understands what kind of behaviour is acceptable within society. Achieving Goalz has kept him happy and eager to get up each day so I truly thank you for all of the hard work that you put into helping all of the children as they are our future.'

'I just wanted to let you know, 'J' has absolutely loved this summer with you guys, all your staff have been so kind and helpful, and the activities have been so good to keep him entertained all summer. He loved the inflatables, rock wall, ninja warrior, going to the commonwealth games and your day-to-day football and golf!!

Without you guys wouldn't have been able to keep him going all summer.

We look forward to October half term, Bal you are amazing thank you for all you do.'

FUN CLUB HUB LICHFIELD

Provider Feedback

OUTCOMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE A SAFE PLACE TO COME AND MEET WITH THEIR PEERS, ENJOY ACTIVITIES , TRYING NEW SKILLS, GRAFITTI ACTIVITES, WELLBEING SPORTS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS SUPPORTED AND RAN BY YOUNG LEADERS. LEARNING AND PRACTICING LEADERSHIP SKILLS. PLANNING AND PARTICIPATING IN FAMILY DAYS AND SCOOTER COMPETITIONS IN BURNTWOOD AND LICHFIELD .

Feedback from young people

'LOVE THE CRAFTS, TATTOS AND GLITTER'

'WOULDNT GET OUT OF BED IF FUN CLUB WASN'T ON'

Feedback from parents/carers

'THANKYOU FOR YOUR AMAZING CONTRIBUTION TO THIS YEARS PLAY IN THE PARKS(FAMILY DAYS)'

'GREAT FREE EVENT, GREAT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OVER THE SUMMER'