

Briefing Notes

Committee name : Soc & Comm (O&S)

Date : 6 September 2010

Responsible officer : Craig Mortiboys

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If Members have questions relating to matters shown, they are asked to contact the Officer indicated.

Summer Holiday Programme 2010

The **Sport Development Team** have again co-ordinated and managed a successful summer programme for children aged 6-14 across the Borough over the 5 week school holiday period during July and August.

The **Summer of Sport** programme is now into its 4th consecutive year, and was enabled as a result of a successful bid to the LAGBI fund in 2009 which provided £10,000 per year for the 3 years building up to the London 2012 Olympics. This years programme included **SportsZone** multi sport camps operating from Christ College and Leisure@, alongside a series of sport specific coaching courses in a range of traditional and non traditional sports including Archery, Basketball, Badminton, Bell Boating, Golf, Street Cheer, Tennis and Water Polo.

The summer programme also included a series of informal **Sport in the Park** sessions delivered every afternoon and evening in local parks and open spaces to engage teenagers in recreational activity within their local communities.

Total recorded attendances for the Summer of Sport 2010 = 1,469

The **Play Development Team** had an equally busy summer holiday period managing and delivering four **Playzone** Playschemes at Dunalley, Rowanfield, St Marks and Balcarras School. Each of the Playzone schemes feature a range of arts, music and sports activities, as well as computer games and special workshops delivered on site including archery, cooking, fencing and cheerleading. Each of the Playzone Schemes were match funded by the local Extended Schools clusters, which enabled us to increase provision at a reduced cost to CBC.

Total recorded attendances across the 4 Playzone sites = 2,804

A series of **Activity Trips** were also arranged this year including trips to Bristol Zoo, Cattle Country, South Cerney Water Park and a Battlesports Centre in the Forest of Dean.

Each of the trips were fully booked with total attendances of 603

The **Play Rangers** also operated a series of informal free of charge sessions in local parks across the Borough every day of the school holidays, with total recorded attendances in excess of 3,000!!

Total recorded attendances for this years Summer Holiday programme = 7,911 !!!!

National Play Day

Lastly, but by no means least, the Play Development Team also staged another highly successful **National Play Day** event on Wednesday 4th August on the lawns of Pittville Pump Rooms despite the best efforts of the British weather!!

An **estimated crowd of 2,500** attended the free family event to enjoy the entertainment throughout the day which included bouncy castles, inflatable obstacle course and demolition ball, music and dance performances, a climbing wall, donkey rides, face painting and the Star FM Roadshow.

If you include the attendance at National Play Day, then the Sport & Play Team attracted a staggering total of more than **10,000 attendances over a 5 week period!!!**

For the past 3 years, external funding for National Play Day, has been secured from the Big Lottery Fund. This funding also enables a Play Ranger project to be delivered in priority areas throughout the year by Play Gloucestershire, however this external funding is due to end in early 2011. As a result of this, the Play Development Team will be looking to review its priorities, in order to maintain a Play Ranger service in priority areas, whilst also continuing to deliver National Play Day and other high profile children's' events from within core budgets.

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