



shelford & stapleford
youth initiative

Spring is here!

Hello Wonderful Supporters! I know for some of us, the winter has been long but the sun is starting to arrive and daffodils are sprouting everywhere!

The start of the new year has gone very quickly but that is because we have done many things to kick off 2017. The start of the new year is normally a great opportunity for young people to make positive changes, try new things and have a new burst of life. And SSYI has taken full advantage!

The Copse Project

One of our main focuses for 2017 is The Copse Project. This was established by our Youth Action Committee in February 2016 as they wanted to do something positive for the community. After consulting with Playscape, local Garden Architect and the Parish Council, the YAC decided to develop the copse at the bottom of Great Shelford Recreational Ground and enhance what is already there. The plans have been approved, resources and finances gathered, which means the exciting bit now begins!

The young people have been busy building bird boxes will local residents at our Friday Youth club. This was very enjoyable as it created a sense of achievement and the had a lot of fun using a hammer!

One Saturday, they carefully measured and line painted the ground. These marked areas will become more plants and natural wildlife growth, creating beautiful new paths to walk through. This was very painstakingly hard work!

We had a fantastic day designing and building a willow den, which involved a lot of physical effort. Armed with living willow, a step by step plan and plenty of youtube research before hand, we completed a beautiful looking structure that we are extremely pleased has rooted and already blooming with flowers.

We also invited the community to come down and join us to help plant 1400 seedlings in the extended copse that will eventually form a beautiful meadow by the summer and time to come.

To find out more about The Copse Project, please visit our website and check out our dedicated page to this project.



The Big Breakfast

We recently had our annual famous Big Breakfast which as always, went down incredibly well. We were encouraged by the number of new local faces that attended and learning for the first time about the work of SSYI. Our thanks goes out to all those who attended, those who helped on the day and our great friends at Barker Bros Butchers and Co Op. In total, we raised a massive £1300! Thank you everybody!

Our Sparkling Website

Our wonderful new website is in full swing and is regularly updated with news, up coming events and new projects with young people. Please have a look yourself on www.ssyi.club

Do you have specialised skills?

We are looking to find people with specific skills, gifts or talents in any area that may benefit our youth work. Whether that is in English or Maths to support those with educational difficulties or whetehr that you have a skill in wood work or sewing to encourage those who want to learn a new skill. Whatever is your skill or talent, we want to hear from you! You can really help and bless our young people just from being you! Please get in contact and we can discuss how we can use your skills and talents, whether that is putting on a one time event or whether that is to offer regular one to one support. Please, get in touch!

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