

SSU Shelford & Stapleford Youth Initiative

Dear Supporters and Friends,

These are exciting times for SSYI as we gradually become more unlocked, and our plans for growing our work and impact amongst the young people of our villages can be realised.

The support of the local churches, councils, community groups and you all is crucial, and we couldn't do this valuable work without you.

2020 HEADLINES

- Refurbishing the Youth Centre
- Starting "Copse 2" project
- New youth Worker Charlie Trueblood
- Zac taking on full time lead worker role
- Impacts of COVID-19
- Coming soon...

...and how You can get involved

The Youth Centre

Since taking on the clubroom in Woollards Lane, Great Shelford full time we have been redecorating, adding an office where Zac works part of the week, and now, with the support of The Cambs County Council Community Capital Fund we can make the essential improvements to the kitchen, flooring, and furnishings to make it an attractive venue throughout the week. Chris Cooper is overseeing the project with help from SSYI members and local tradesman

Copse 2



Our young people have had many ideas of how to further develop this area of the Great Shelford recreation ground. And we have now started to bring them alive. Soon the Copse will be an even better place for relaxing and playing in a place full of interesting trees, woodland structures, and flowers.

Come and have a look!

Our Team

Our three professional youth workers Zac Britton, Tina Mogg, and Charlie Trueblood









This year Zac has taken on the Lead Youth Worker role, and is leading on our expanding work in Sawston, in conjunction with the Romsey Mill team. He is now full time with SSYI, having previously been split 50/50 with St Andrews Stapleford as their youth worker. We continue to collaborate with St. Andrews, and with Romsey Mill, who provide management, policy, and training support. Tina is celebrating 7 years with SSYI, and Charlie joined us in March 2020 to help grow our work amongst the girls.

COVID-19

The lockdown from end-March 2020 onwards has meant much of SSYI's work has gone "virtual". Our team have continued to support and meet individually with young people via the wonders of technology, and Zac has now posted a DAILY video message to the young people for over 140 days since lockdown. Click on this link for evidence . Zac's video Day 141 .

Face-to-face and detached work in the villages has now also restarted.

Our usual "Big Breakfast" (March) and Summer Garden Party (June) had to be cancelled, along with appearances at the summer village feasts and weekends

A message from the staff and volunteers of SSUI

We were able hold a "Virtual" big breakfast and take part in the national 2.6Challenge – for which Zac made 26 separate lego sets in 12 hours, at 6.7 seconds per piece. Thank you to the many people who donated through these events.

Coming soon...

We anticipate that normal SSYI activities will resume from the beginning of the autumn term, with social distancing, and other government guidelines strictly observed. Please support the SSYI team in the Sawston Fun Run (Oct 4th). Other ways you can help us could be....

- Choose SSYI as your own BIRTHDAY CHARITY for people to give to
- Arrange a lunch, or evening dinner for your friends
- Support the planned Breakfast Event on 3rd October in Little Shelford. Details to follow
- Volunteer to help on our activities. Contact Zac via <u>zac.britton@ssyi.club</u>

...and of course champion SSYI and our work with people you know and encourage them to become friends and supporters too

Many thanks from all the team at the Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative

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