

## Action Plan – Youth Issues

What needs to be done?	Why is it an issue?	What has the community achieved and what further action is being contemplated?
<p>A need was identified from the Youth survey to set up a Youth Council</p> <p>HIGH PRIORITY QUICK TIMESCALE (within 6 months)</p>	<p>A significant number of those who completed the Youth survey were interested in a Youth Council, and many said they would like to be involved with it</p>	<p>The Youth Forum was established in Plumpton in 2009.</p> <p>The Youth Forum now has a committee of 10 very committed young people from the village, ranging in ages from 11 to 15. We meet roughly once a fortnight, and have formed our Constitution, and voted in 4 officers.</p> <p>Our overall aim is to work to improve Plumpton for young people, and our objectives are to have a say in the future facilities and opportunities for young people, to fundraise for events, and to find ways of getting young peoples' voices and heard.</p> <p>Our current Chair is Charly Barr-Richardson, and Vice chair is James Honess. Our secretary is Mari Lavelle-Hill with the Treasurer - Murray Hawthorne. We are fortunate to have Sam Whittaker, an experienced Youth Worker to guide us through the early stages, and Carol Turner is keeping a weather eye out as well!</p> <p>We organised a highly successful Band Night in May 2010.</p> <p>We have looked into the possibility of a cycle lane through Plumpton, but concluded that there was insufficient demand for it at present to make such a scheme viable.</p> <p>We have already talked to young people, and issues that are important include the plans for the new Pavilion and how to maintain the skate park for use by all.</p> <p>We have also discussed ways of creating opportunities for art and music to flourish in the village. Initial ideas of the possibility of a band practice room, for example, have been raised. In addition, we intend to get involved with issues such as recycling.</p> <p>We have identified safety in the village as our priority so as a result we have put in a bid to '02 Think Big ' to help support our plans to increase awareness and knowledge of personal and property safety, including road and railway safety. The forum members will run a safety session as part of the youth service programme of detached work in Lewes District skate parks over the summer holidays.</p>