

## Boroughbridge Youth Council – May 2011

North Yorkshire Youth Council (NYCC) has been set up with the help of the County Council's Youth Support Service and 4Youth. Members are drawn from local youth councils already operating in North Yorkshire. Boroughbridge Youth Council has 2 representatives sitting on the area council and feed back local information on issues affecting young people.

Boroughbridge youth council is now into its 3<sup>rd</sup> year and is aimed at allowing teenagers to have their voices heard in the corridors of power. As part of a wider network of 12 local councils, Boroughbridge has been successful with a variety of projects.

Over the last 3 years they have given out over £3000 to local groups including The Scout Association, Boroughbridge Junior Football Club and the Eye Took It Photography Workshop. This money enabled these groups as well as many others to buy equipment as well as pay for trips and activities for local young people.

The council have also spent 15 months fundraising and campaigning for a new youth shelter which has now been sited in back Lane Car Park.

Boroughbridge Library was assessed for its quality of services to young people and was awarded a 5 star youth Charter. The council are currently in the process of assessing Church Lane surgery and the local pharmacists.

Members of the area youth council visited The Houses of Parliament in February and met with Julian Smith – the MP for Skipton and Ripon (which includes Kirby Hill, Langthorpe and Milby). Julian has agreed to meet with Boroughbridge Youth Council later this year to discuss local issues. Andrew Jones MP has already been through to a youth council meeting and keeps up to date with the work of the young people. Other speakers at the meetings include two managers working for NYCC libraries who explained the possible closure of Boroughbridge library and how local people could have their say on the matter.

The youth council runs from October to August and will be looking for new members after the Spring Bank holiday. Anyone interested in joining the council should contact Vicki Lever on the number below.

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