



Hailsham

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Activity Weekend for Young People a Success

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Young people from Hailsham enjoyed a range of recreational activities at the PGL Centre in Windmill Hill last weekend, an event organised by Hailsham Youth Service as part of the Friday Night Project.

A group of young people packed in as many activities as they could during their weekend stay at the centre, including climbing, trapeze, All Aboard, raft-building, rifle shooting, a photo treasure hunt and various sports, as well as problem-solving and team-building skills.

"The weekend was a tremendous success and much fun and laughter was had by all," said Helen Deane, deputy youth project coordinator at Hailsham Town Council. "All the young people who came enjoyed the activities and the opportunities to come out of their comfort zones and try new things.

"The youth leaders also enjoyed the opportunities to have a go too, plus young people got over their fear of heights and built their confidence, accomplishing many things during the activity weekend."

"As a youth worker, it was great to see new friendships develop and see the young people support and encourage one another. Their resilience was outstanding and, even though it was a chilly weekend, they engaged in all the activities with gusto."

"I would encourage them to take advantage of the outings and activities that we have scheduled for the coming months and get involved."

The Friday Night Project (FNP), which is funded by Hailsham Town Council and the Safer Wealden Partnership, works in partnership with organisations such as Hailsham Community College, Sussex Police and Knockhatch to help create alternative recreational activities for young people on Friday evenings and reduce boredom and antisocial behaviour.

Town Mayor Councillor Paul Holbrook commented: "Young people always look forward to Friday evenings and various weekend outings which make up the Friday Night Project and are always keen to take advantage of the many opportunities being offered by our youth project team."

"It is a great achievement that Hailsham Town Council, Hailsham Youth Service and project partners have come together to give young people an opportunity to engage in really exciting recreational activities."

Young people aged between 11 and 17 years are welcome to attend outings organised by the Hailsham Youth Service. For further details, including bookings and programmes, contact Andy Joyes on 01323 841702. Alternatively, visit hailshamyouthservice.org for more information.

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