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Re: Tockwith Youth Club Temporary Closure

To all parents and young people 11-19yrs in the Tockwith Area

It has been brought to my attention that there have been several rumours circulating the village regarding the North Yorkshire County Council 4Youth provision that has historically been provided on Tuesday and Friday evening from the Tockwith Village Hall. I can positively confirm that the 4Youth Service Youth Club has not been asked to leave the village hall premises.

The temporary closure has been necessary in order for the 4Youth Service, in co-operation with the Village Hall Committee, to redevelop the provision for the young people of the village and for us to provide up to date, quality resources for them to use. In order to refurbish the area and start this development we had to clear out the damaged and outdated equipment that had been in use. It is intended to re start the provision in the very near future, once the new equipment and a new programme of opportunities is in place.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be asking the young people to give us their ideas, interests and potential positive activities that they would like to participate in on Youth Club nights. We are also asking for other times that young people would like to see activity projects run *e.g. weekends and school holidays*. We in turn will provide the appropriate equipment; qualified and energetic youth work staff and funding opportunities for these programmes to be put in to place.

As a service we are very aware of the lack of opportunities for young people's positive activities in rural communities. We are therefore, as a temporary measure, using the 4Youth Mobile on one evening per week to carry out this preparation work. If you have any questions or activity ideas, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Harrogate East 4Youth office (*details above*)

Yours sincerely
John Collins – Area Youth Work Team leader



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