

HOUSE IN THE Basement



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

Reflecting through the 10 years

Sevenoaks Town Council and Sevenoaks Youth Council were successful in obtaining a very generous £150,000 grant from ibstock cory Environmental Trust for the conversion of the Stag Basement to a youth facility.

House in the Basement first opened its doors in 2012 and since then its has seen hundreds of Young People use the youth café either through out reach projects, school visits or events.

It has been a haven for young people aged 11-18 after school and during the holidays.

Though it has undergone a few changes over the last 10 years with new furniture and has even had a competition for young people to design and paint a mural on the wall outside.



Volunteering at HiTB

HiTB has been offering volunteering opportunities for young people since they opened for between 2 to 8 hours per week. Our volunteers engage with a wide range of activities. Sam who took part in the Volunteering programme said “The volunteer programme at HiTB has been a truly rewarding experience for me. Not only did I learn various skills but I made many good friends. This experience has given me the confidence and social skills needed for life in the work place. I cannot thank Charlotte enough for making my time volunteering at HiTB as enjoyable as it has been. I would highly recommend it to all young people looking to obtain practical experience in order to apply for a part-time job at a later stage because you need to have these skills in order to be successful in a part-time job application. It is also a great thing to put on a university application. You can also use it for DofE and ASLAN.” If you are

interested in volunteering with us please check out our website:

www.Houseinthebasement.weebly.com

or email:

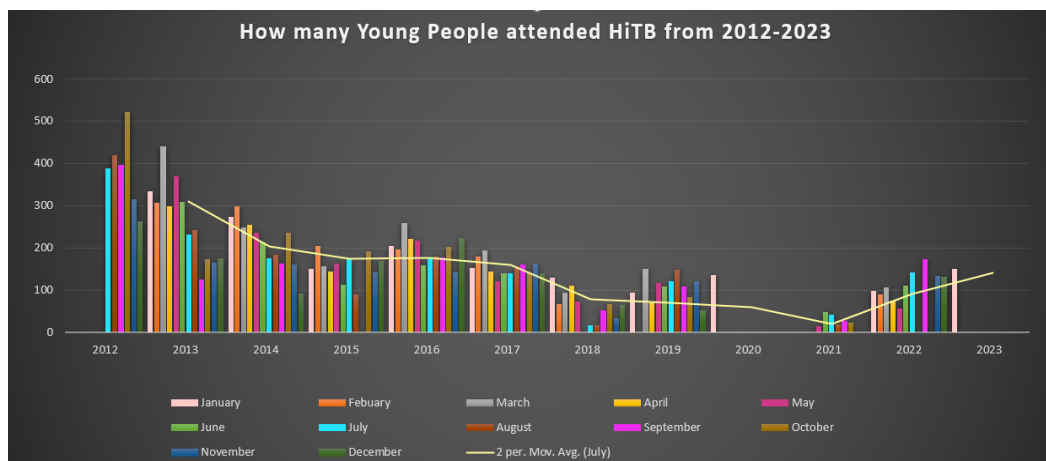
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for more information.

How many Young People have visited

During the last 10 years House in the Basement has kept monthly reports on the total number of visitors they have had since they first open their doors in July of 2012. There have been days where the house is shut for events like the Christmas lights or due to the recent pandemic but the number of young people have remained surprising high over the years. The graph below shows the total footfall for each month From 2012 till January 2023. The estimated total of young people that have visited in the last 10 years is around

17,400.



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Events

Throughout the last 10 years HiTB has hosted many different events, (the posters for some of these is shown on the right). During 2017 HiTB saw the start of the Open Mic Night events take off, these events allowed young people to display their musical talents as well as having a bit of fun.

HiTB have held many seasonal celebrations like their Halloween and Christmas parties over the years.

HiTB have also provided a series of

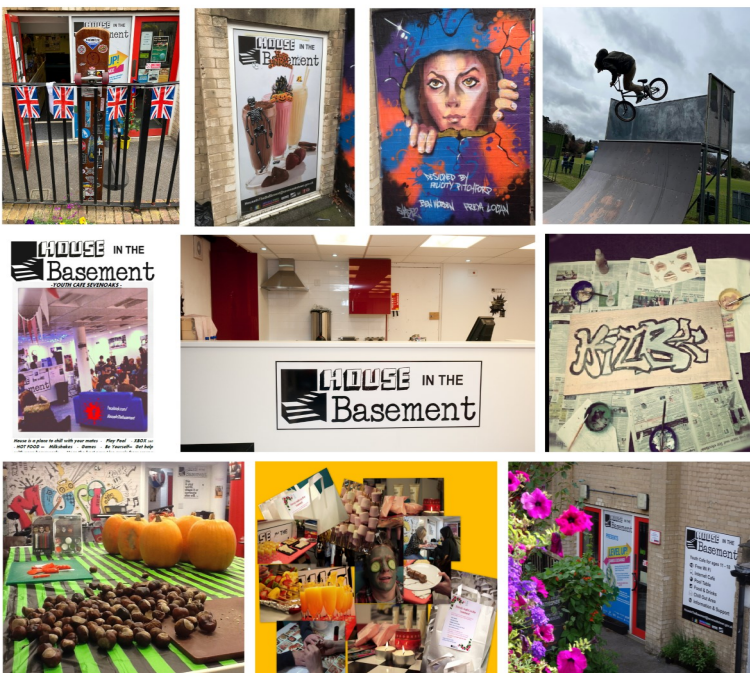
different trips over the years often with West Kent Housing. A favourite that is frequently held is a visit to Bewl Water, during this trip the young people who attend participate in a range of different activities from canoeing to archery.

In 2022 HiTB invited young people to join them on a trip to Hastings and the Source Skate Park. Despite the weather on the day there was an amazing turn out for the event.

In August House in the Basement joined Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust on a thrilling trip to Thorpe Park.

Over the last 10 years they have also done amazing detached work in the town during events like the Christmas lights switch on and fireworks nights. As a part of this they have also visited different schools across the area.

House in the Basement have also at times partnered with other youth workers from across the town e.g. Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust, West Kent Housing and Kenwood Trust for detached work.



Youth Mentoring scheme

Since the Autumn of 2021 House in the Basement has been working with Sevenoaks District Council along with many other youth organisations including: Millwall Community Trust, The Layberry Foundation and Right Mind counselling across the district to put together the youth mentoring scheme.

The Scheme aims to help mentor young people aged 11-18 who live or attend school in the Sevenoaks District area.

For more information about the scheme Visit:

www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20026/your_community/604/mentoring_scheme_for_young_people

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Feedback:

“one of the reasons I like HiTB is that it’s a safe place for all young people to hang out, chat, get advice, a cheap meal & all in a very diverse atmosphere.”– Response given from a young person.

“As a youth worker at HITB , I love working here , the staff and young people are great to work with. The Youth Club has a great manager and we all work well as a team. The young people seem to enjoy themselves and participate in activities . I feel we make a great difference to them when they attend club.”-Paula Woolhouse, Youth Worker at House in the Basement.

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YOUTH CAFE FOR AGES 11-18

GAMES
FREE WIFI
INTERNET CAFE
POOL
CHESS
FOOD & DRINK
CHILL OUT
INFO & SUPPORT

OPENING HOURS:
Tuesday: 5pm - 8pm (SEN CLUB)
Wednesday & Friday: 4pm - 8pm
Saturday: 2pm - 8pm
(School Holidays - begins at 2pm instead of 4pm)

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