



- STREETMATE - THE STORY SO FAR

Highlights from the first, recently-published report on the activities of Streetmate

Streetmate is a partnership founded in 2002 and supported by NCH and Churches Together in Haywards Heath and District. Responding to the needs and aspirations of young people between 13 and 25 years, it aims to encourage their potential and help them to lead a more rewarding and fulfilling life.

Here are a few of the many achievements highlighted in its report on activities between May 2002 and October 2003:

- ◆ Extensive, regular contact made with young people when and wherever they happen to gather in the community
- ◆ Hundreds offered specific support, information, guidance and advice on issues affecting them
- ◆ Games and activities organised. Art workshops led to work being displayed at the V&A London and other venues
- ◆ Volunteers recruited and trained from local churches and residents to help in delivering a quality service
- ◆ Played a leading role in researching youth shelters and providing a kiosk in Victoria Park which was used to organise activities and provide refreshments as well as to offer help and advice to young people during the Summer holidays

What the young people say

- ☺ "Helped me with lots of problems"
- ☺ "Given me helpful information"
- ☺ "Helped me to keep off the streets"
- ☺ "Given me more confidence"
- ☺ "Helped me to be kinder to people"
- ☺ "Helped me with school"
- ☺ "Keeping me out of trouble"
- ☺ "Helped me to get a job"



For further information on the work of Streetmate, to offer funding, or obtain a copy of the full 2002-2003 Review please speak to the Streetmate representative in your church or organisation or contact the Streetmate Project Co-ordinator, Jenni Addison on 01444 440242. The Review is also available on the Methodist Church web site at www.haywardsheathmethodistchurch.co.uk



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