

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

You will be pleased to know that the cost of DBS applications for paid staff is going down from £44 to £40 from October 2019. Nice to know something is cheaper!

Do you know that you can save even more money and time if you sign up to the Update Service? You need to do this online, either with your initial application or within a month of receiving your certificate. The cost is £13 per year for paid staff but is free for volunteers.

Just think, you won't have to worry about your DBS expiring and if you work with more than one group in the same sector (adults or children or both) your subscription will cover you for all.

SYA sends out information about the Update Service with application forms and don't forget that voluntary clubs that are affiliated to SYA can have up to 10 free checks per year.



Facebook: Shropshire Youth Association where you will find all the latest news, views and updates.

Twitter: @SYAclubs

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Write: SYA, The New Lodge, Upton Lane, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury,
SY2 5RR

CHATTERBOX
Autumn 2019



Message from Richard

Hello and welcome.

I hope you have all enjoyed a good summer. Here at SYA we have been having a big sort out and gearing up for the new term. Our new shed is now much tidier and our equipment for loan to clubs is accessible and ready to go!

High on our agenda for this term is our Annual Celebration Event which takes place on Friday 18 October. This is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the achievements of your club members and voluntary leaders so please put the date in your diary and see inside for how your club can take part. This year we are looking forward to welcoming our new Patron, Mrs Anna Turner, the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire and the Mayors of Shrewsbury and Telford and Wrekin.

You may be aware that Shropshire Council is currently consulting on the future of youth provision in the County. This will affect all of us so please read the articles enclosed and attached paperwork which helps to explain what is happening. Your views are important.

I hope to see you and your young people at the Celebration Event in October. Best wishes, have a good term and if we can be of assistance - just let us know.

Richard
CEO



SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON YOUTH PROVISION

You may recall that in the Spring 'Chatterbox', we carried an article about the link between the current problems facing young people (safeguarding, knife crime, county lines etc) and the demise of youth provision nationally.

Shropshire Council is also aware of this link and has launched a consultation to seek the views of those involved in youth provision and the public to establish a "new" way forward. The consultation which began on 9 September and ends on 31 October 2019, is wide reaching and not just about youth clubs. It will however directly impact the support you get from us.

Shropshire Council currently commissions SYA to support voluntary youth clubs and with others to provide staffed youth clubs; it seems to be suggesting that Town and Parish Councils should take on this role or finance it, whilst it proposes to place more emphasis on working with the most vulnerable young people and addressing issues of concern within communities. Employing six full-time youth workers, to be based around the County, who will work within the community schools/colleges and on the streets. They will also carry out outreach and detached youth work and develop stronger links with referral networks – quite a demanding job I'm sure you will agree?

This consultation has little detail on the new proposals which makes it difficult to assess. There is no indication of how Town and Parish Councils might fund youth activities or how voluntary clubs would be supported or leaders trained. We have an in-depth knowledge of youth provision and the needs of voluntary clubs. We have supplied them with information but the Council has refused our offer to co-design a new service.

The consultation documents can be found at <https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/youth-support-consultation/>

I WOULD URGE YOU TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONAIRES AND ENCOURAGE/SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE TO DO THEIRS

(They may need some help as it isn't very young person friendly!)

TRAINING NEWS



Just to let you know that the first aid course on 16 November is now full but we are taking names on a waiting list and will arrange another course if there is sufficient demand.

There still are some places on the Raising Awareness in Safeguarding course to be held on Monday 14 October 2019 from 6.30 to 9.30pm at the New Lodge. Please phone Kerry or email her to book a place on 01743 730005 or Kerry@sya.org.uk.

FREE VISITS TO UK PARLIAMENT FOR YOUTH GROUPS

Would you like to take your young people to see the Houses of Parliament? Free trips are available for youth clubs during school holidays. School trips take up term time.

The trip lasts 1.5hrs and involves watching a 360° immersive film inside the award-winning Education Centre and a guided tour of the Palace of Westminster. There must be at least seven people in the group and clubs may be eligible for a transport subsidy to help with the costs of travelling to and from London.

For more information take a look at Parliamentary Education Centre email engage@parliament.uk or call 0207 219 4496.



SYA - What else we do

YOUNG HEALTH CHAMPIONS

The Young Health Champions' Project has been running for several years. Initially, SYA worked in partnership with the Clinical Commissioning Group to improve young people's health and wellbeing by working through the schools. This partnership worked well until financial restraints obliged the CCG to withdraw. SYA considered the work too essential to drop and has continued the work with grant funding from #iwill and the Tampon Tax.

The Schools recruit Young Health Champions (YHC's) from amongst their pupils and SYA trains them and helps to facilitate the health projects that the young people want to develop. Projects are based on encouraging and promoting healthy lifestyles and focussing on the problems faced by their peers.

Two SYA members of staff co-ordinate the YHC's and the work has been nationally recognised including projects on Antibiotic Resistance which was shown on the ITV news, Asthma research undertaken for Healthwatch and YHC's have worked with Helios on mental health problems, seeking to reduce the stigma attached to mental illness in today's society. Other issues tackled include DiabeatIt' with Public Health and Diabetes UK, highlighting the link between sugar and Type 2 Diabetes, a PSHE review with Shropshire Council and a debate on vaccinations in schools.

If you would like to know more about Young Health Champions, please contact us.



Can I please suggest you ask some questions during the process about the impact it will have on you and your clubs? Such as:

- Who will do our DBS checks in future?
- Will staff still come and deliver safeguarding courses to us?
- Will we be able to borrow equipment to supplement our club resources?
- Will we still get regular support worker visits?
- Who will help us with policies and procedures?
- Who will deliver volunteer training in Youth Work?
- Who will deliver Young Leaders' Training for our leaders of the future?
- Will the new workers help us to write funding applications?
- Who will represent us strategically on area, county, regional and national bodies?
- If we are struggling to find volunteers who will help us?

All things that SYA does for you regularly, funded through our contract with Shropshire Council that will come to an end on 31st March 2020 under this new proposal.

We are very keen to continue to support your club and hope to continue in the future but without Shropshire Council funding there will be significant changes. Please respond to the consultation before **31 October** if you value our service and help us to continue to help you.



CELEBRATION TIME!!!

Do come to our Annual Celebration Event which will be held at the Priory School, Longden Road, Shrewsbury, SY3 9EE on



FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 2019
From 7.00PM TO 9.00pm



This year Mr Simon Airey - the 'Animal Man' will be bringing some interesting animals to show us and we will have loads of activities for young people to try out including our new archery and, the ever popular, silent disco. We will end the evening with pizza and chips for everyone!

Nominations are invited to award young people and leaders for their contribution to your club or in the wider community. This can be anything from running the tuck shop to litter picking, putting equipment out/away or being friendly and welcoming to new members. You can nominate by email, letter or through your support worker by **30 September** please although we might be able to accommodate a late entry.

As usual, we will hold our short AGM in a separate room to comply with the Charity Commission rules. All leaders are welcome so come and see what SYA does and what we can offer your club.

SYA NOMINATION FORM AUTUMN 2019

Club Name	
Name of Nominee	
Reason for Nomination	
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