

- Purpose:** After hearing about the impact Littleport Town Council's youth initiatives have had on anti-social behaviour it was requested that we meet with the Youth Worker, Cllrs and Parish Clerk to see what we could learn as a Parish.
- Meeting:** 19 February 2025, Cllr Travis and Parish Clerk attended Littleport Youth and Community Centre.
- Attendees:** Cllr Travis, Abi Williams (Clerk), Dianne Lane (Parish Clerk, Littleport), Joanne Coe (Youth and Community Worker, Littleport), Clive Webber (Littleport Chair), Jo Webber (Littleport Cllr), representatives from Girton Parish Council x 4, representative from Wilburton Parish Council.
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### Littleport Youth & Community Centre

Built in 2022/2023 it now hosts a youth club and numerous events in the community such as training, drop in sessions and jumbles sales – it provides a safe space for youth and the wider community to gather when open. It is housed just off a new housing estate and is surrounded by a new play park and a soon to be built pump track as well as other open space. Parking is available next to the unit.



Funding was received from East Cambs and County Councils under the Community Infrastructure Levy among others. There has been significant housing developments in the area that contributed to the funds available through the levy. (South Cambs have not adopted CIL in the same way and rely on s106 negotiations I believe).

Littleport gained funding for a two year trial for a Youth Worker to join the team (this has now moved to precepted funds) they have also invested in a Community Link Worker (Older people) to build a Wellbeing Team. This team work to provide services across a range of activities to support the whole community.

It is reported that anti-social behaviour in the area reduced as a result of the efforts of the team to provide a safe and welcoming environment for the youth to 'own'. They have since worked on graffiti projects, designing and building a new play park and hold numerous weekly sessions to support the wider community. The Wellbeing Team work with the local schools, local Police force and NHS services to ensure a wholistic approach – creating data sharing opportunities to try and close the gap between various different agencies.

Clerk and Cllrs will continue to learn from Littleport, and other local communities, as Melbourn Parish Council look support to the wider community. Working with the MAYD Committee to build the role of a Youth Worker / Funding Administrator (depending on what would be most beneficial) and developing the role of the Community and Timebank Coordinator as required.

