



Street Stuff

Progress Report—Summer 2012





STREET STUFF HAS THE RIGHT STUFF

Street Stuff is a multi-award-winning youth diversionary project which has helped reduce youth disorder in every area of Renfrewshire in which it operates.

The activities which have been offered to young people as part of this innovative scheme include the following:

- street football delivered in portable five-a-side units, with coaching from St Mirren FC,
- youth gym sessions delivered on board a bespoke youth gym bus believed to be unique in Scotland,
- interactive electronic dance mats, DJ workshops, skateboarding and computer gaming on board the Renfrewshire Youth Bus.

Sessions were initially delivered only on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, but due to their popularity with local

young people and its positive impact in reducing youth disorder, the number of sessions every week were increased.

The activities now run six evenings a week from 6.30 until 9.30pm in five locations per night, all year round. Additional sessions are provided over the school summer holidays.

The Street Stuff coaching personnel co-ordinate the football and other activities. The coaches create a positive environment and promote 'fair play'.

The participants themselves are encouraged to lead and help organise the games and activities.

Street Stuff is committed to instilling responsibility in the young people, developing team skills and building self-respect.

The project is managed by a multi-agency joint tasking and co-ordinating group which has close links to each Local Area Committee.

Street Stuff has also branched out to offer the Kick and Collect initiative, which rewards young people who take part in community clean-up activities with tickets for fun days out.

In each of the last few years, the project has also run an end-of-season event at St Mirren Park. While this started

out as a football-only day, this year's event was run on an Olympic theme, giving young people the chance to sample different sports.

Street Stuff is a partnership between St Mirren FC, Renfrewshire Council, Strathclyde Police, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, Engage Renfrewshire, McGill's, and Reid Kerr College.

The project is part-funded through the Scottish Government's Cashback for Communities Fund.

If you would like to know more about the Street Stuff project, call 0141 889 1110 or visit www.activerenfrewshire.co.uk



THE WINNING TEAM

In just three years since its inception, Street Stuff has already been recognised with a lengthy list of awards from various bodies around Scotland, showing the high esteem in which the project and its achievements are held. The full roll of honour is as follows...

Safer Communities Award 2010

PARTNERSHIP WORKING AWARD SUPPORTED BY COSLA

Renfrewshire Quality Awards 2010

ACHIEVING BEST FOR RENFREWSHIRE, SAFER AND STRONGER

Surf Award for Best Practice in Community Regeneration

SHORTLISTED IN PARTNERSHIP CATEGORY

Scottish Transport Award Highly Commended 2010

THE BEST TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP OF THE YEAR
ARRIVA/THE YOUTH BUS AND THE GYM BUS

Housing and Property Services Employee Awards 2010

SCOTTISH COMMUNITY SAFETY AWARD 2009 COSLA

UKHA Inside Housing 2010

FINALIST OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN HOUSING SCOTLAND

2010 COSLA Excellence Awards

BRONZE AWARD FOR THE ONE TO WATCH

Clydesdale Bank Scottish Premier League

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE OF YEAR AWARD WINNER 2010/2011

Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce

GOOD CAUSE OF THE YEAR 2011

Clydesdale Bank Scottish Premier League

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE OF YEAR AWARD WINNER 2011/2012

Youthlink Scotland National Youth Worker of the Year Awards 2012

STREET STUFF CO-ORDINATOR STEPHEN GALLAGHER —
ROLE MODEL/MENTOR OF THE YEAR



STREET STUFF —THE IMPACT

Street Stuff has helped to bring about significant reduction in vandalism and youth disorder incidents in the areas in which it operates over the past three years.

The table below shows the numbers of reported vandalism and youth disorder incidents for each Local Area Committee since 2007/08, along with the percentage change year-on-year.

As you can see, the total number of reported incidents

across Renfrewshire has fallen by almost 50% in this time period.

The figures in this table were produced by local police analysts, rather than by Strathclyde Police HQ, thus should not be considered as official police statistics.

	Financial Year 2007/08	Financial Year 2008/09	Result on previous year	Financial Year 2009/10	Result on previous year	Financial Year 2010/11	Result on previous year	Financial Year 2011/12	Result on previous year
Renfrew & Gallowhill	2,668	2,381	⬇️ 10.8%	1,894	⬇️ 20.5%	1,498	⬇️ 20.9%	1,312	⬇️ 12.4%
Paisley South	2,356	2,302	⬇️ 2.3%	2,010	⬇️ 12.7%	1,246	⬇️ 38.0%	998	⬇️ 19.9%
Paisley North	3,150	3,004	⬇️ 4.6%	2,675	⬇️ 11.0%	2,187	⬇️ 18.2%	1,768	⬇️ 19.2%
Johnstone & Villages	3,066	2,867	⬇️ 6.5%	2,506	⬇️ 12.6%	1,869	⬇️ 25.4%	1,527	⬇️ 18.3%
HCLRE	2,392	2,476	⬆️ 3.5%	1,964	⬇️ 20.7%	1,573	⬇️ 19.9%	1,195	⬇️ 24.0%
Renfrewshire	13,632	13,030	⬇️ 4.4%	11,049	⬇️ 15.2%	8,373	⬇️ 24.2%	6,800	⬇️ 18.8%



LOOKING TO A HEALTHY FUTURE

The Street Stuff team hopes to adapt to new challenges as required for the community planning partnership over the next few years.

Smoking, obesity and alcohol are the three health factors which require to be addressed urgently in Scotland.

It is hoped Street Stuff can be used as a platform for increased health awareness and health benefits for local young people.