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Dear all, I hope you will be able to submit the attached to your Parish Council for their consideration to support Guildford Young Carers. Within your catchment you can expect 10% of young people to be caring for a family member or members. This is about the percent we know about. I believe we can probably double the number to include those we don't know about.!

We are delivering a family fun day at Stoke Park, Guildford on Sunday 22nd. September.

10 am until 4.00 pm. I have attached more information and would ask you to consider supporting the day, with us, delivering some fun into these young people's lives.

We are looking for a donation of £50 only from each Parish Council. Most of the funding is in place from partners to the event but we are still falling short. Your donation will make a huge difference.

Thank you for your consideration, look forward to hearing from you.

Very best

Tony

(Ash Parish Councillor)

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## GUILDFORD YOUNG CARERS

The plight of young carers is well known, thanks to the work of many agencies and organisations supporting these young people. Sometimes it is easy to throw money at something but more often it is time and being valued these young people want and need. Within Guildford we know of one school where 30% of their pupils are young carers and we believe overall around 1,000 young people within Guildford are young carers. We think we can double this number taking into account those families who feel disadvantaged if they make others aware of their situation, as it is well known that young carers attract bullying!!!!. There are other young people who are just not aware their life is different to their peers. It is normal to spend your social time caring for a family member.

The young carer's lifestyle is seen by many to preclude them from the normal opportunities afforded to other young people. Social groups, scouts, guides, air cadets etc. etc. Many feel disenfranchised from their own local community and what it has to offer.

One element many miss in their lives is having a relaxed, fun time. In order to give them something to look forward to we are delivering a "Festival of Fun" day at Stoke Park on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>.September. Interactive activities, with Surrey University partnering us to provide volunteers and activities for all ages. Sports workshops including Harlequins rugby, football, basketball, boxing, netball, and many more. Many organisations have signed up to deliver fun things, from mask painting to fun games. Guildford Bike Project, Halow, Challengers, Artventure , Royal Surrey County Hospital, Matrix Trust, Headway, Turnfit Gym, British Hearty Foundation, Surrey Hills Trust and many more. We are delivering a full entertainment programme and our wonderful WI are delivering afternoon teas. The Scouts are barbecuing and the usual ice cream etc. etc. This day is about giving our young people, and the families they support, a free day out. We want to make sure everyone can attend.

In addition, and hopefully the legacy of the day, after the chance to "have a go", will be the opportunity to link with the activity provider/sports club. We are hoping this day will help some to change their lives for the better.

Of course there is a price to pay for all this. Tentage, tables, chairs, loos to hire, power to provide, food to be available etc etc. We are still short of our target. We are applying to other funding providers and sponsors but we look as though we will still be around £3,000 to make up.

Any help towards this would be so appreciated by us but more so by those young people we want to have a great time on the day.

Very best

Tony Gorham

For "Festival of Fun" day team.