

# positive futures >>> NEWSLETTER

Getting young people active in their own communities

## New recruit...

As part of the new government initiative Future Jobs Fund we have now recruited a new assistant sports coach to help with the development of the project. His name is Josh Brotherton. Josh is 19 years old and interested in football. He hopes to become a PE teacher in the future as he was inspired by his own PE teacher at school.



Josh recently attended a residential at Dartmouth in Devon for 5 days where he improved on his skills and qualifications. Josh won an award for the biggest improvement while being there.



Josh will be at many of the upcoming activities taking place in the community.

## Easter fun

The two weeks Easter holidays proved a big hit with children and young people from all over Warrington.

### Highlights include:

- World cup touch rugby festival
- Table tennis camp and tournament
- Volunteers training day at Warrington Sports Club
- Golf session at Drive Time



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# Positive Futures Volunteer interview with Brad Patzer

## Winner of the Warrington Sports Personality Young Volunteer of the Year Award

### What are you up to at present?

I am at college studying Public Services and A level art at Priestly College in Warrington. I attend cadets each week and volunteer with Positive Futures 3 times a week.

### What are your ambitions for the future?

I would love to get into the fire service or to become a professional sports coach.

### Would you be interested in working as a member of Positive Future staff in the future?

Yes, this would be a great opportunity for working in sports with young people.

### What are your strengths as a leader?

I am a strong leader, good communicator and I am a good listener / team player. I see myself as being firm but fair!

### What are your hobbies?

I like going to the gym, socialising playing rugby and watching Warrington Wolves.

### How long have you been involved in PF?

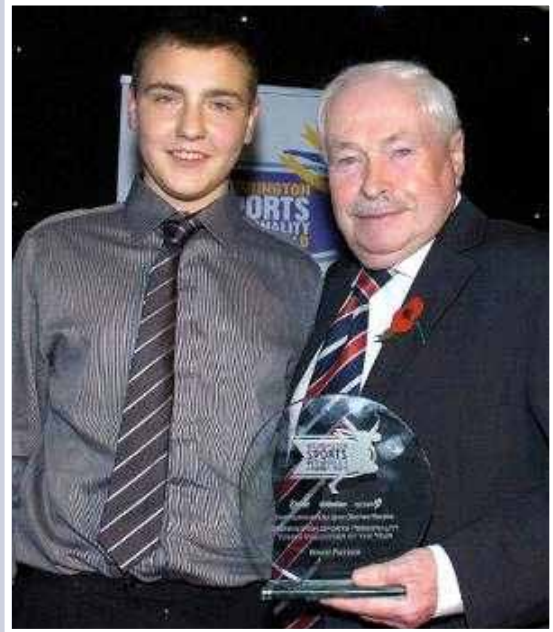
Since the age of 9 and I am now 17, so 8 years

### How did you get involved?

I was out with my friends and was asked if I wanted to join in with a football session, I have been coming ever since! I was attracted to the different activities that the project takes part in and the opportunities for development of those involved.

### Tell us about some of the highlights of your involvement with PF?

I have been to lots of activities ranging from Olympic themed events to residential and various sports festivals. Although we have had some great events out of town at venues such as the Manchester Velodrome and various ski slopes. Some of the best activities and events have been in my own community where we have had rugby festivals and fun days.



### What do you think makes Positive Futures a great project?

It's the staff and the atmosphere at sessions that make it a comfortable environment for young people to be in. It is also the fact that those who attend are given the opportunity to have an input about what activities are provided. It is important to our community because it is something positive that anyone can participate in no matter what their background.

### How did you start volunteering?

I started when I was asked to help out. I enjoyed it and staff suggested that I become a regular volunteer.

### How has this benefitted you?

I have become more rounded as a person. I have developed lots of skills and the experience has been invaluable. It has benefited my opportunities in education and future career.

### What was it like to win the Warrington Young Volunteer of the Year Award?

It was a big achievement for me as I was up against four other great candidates. My parents were very proud!

## Lads and Dads touch rugby continues at Soccer Warrington

Every Monday 5-6pm

Lads and Dads touch rugby continues

Sessions are open to anyone aged 7+.

Any children and young people that attend can bring along an adult.

**Remember this is open to EVERYONE**



## Street Dance @ Bewsey Gym

The Positives Futures Street Dance Initiative is continuing on Wednesdays 4-5pm. Open to anyone aged 7-17 years.

## New steering group

A new young people's steering group will be starting in May. This will be a great opportunity for young people to represent their area and have their say about the future of this project. We are looking for young people from all 4 neighbourhood areas to get involved

## Get hooked on fishing!

We are hoping to start a fishing club in conjunction with Lymm Anglers to be based around the Sankey Valley area. Watch this space for more news!



## New Longford session

The new Longford Community Sports Club will be starting on 17 May from 5.30-6.30pm on Poole Park for anyone aged 7-15.

## Westy Walking Bus



The Westy walking bus is proving to be a great success with lots of children utilising the service and attending the Youth Club. The bus leaves Brook Avenue Family Centre at 4.25pm Wednesday and returns at 5.35pm.

## New Rugby Leaders qualify!

During the Easter holidays we held a Rugby Leaders course at Chester University Campus Padgate. The course was a great success and saw 12 new leaders qualify then organise their own touch rugby competition held at Soccer Warrington.

The new leaders came from all over Warrington and learned lots about the process of coaching and important aspects of leadership with children and young people.

## New Volunteers sign up!

A Volunteers day at Warrington Sports Club over the Easter holidays saw new volunteers learn some skills to take back to their communities.

The day involved coaching from Cheshire Cricket manager Bob Milne and inclusive ideas from Neil Gibson from James Howes.



## Volunteers open day

We will be holding a volunteers open day at the start of June giving people the opportunity to come down and meet the team and sign up for a session.

The day will involve a practical activity as well as a presentation from existing staff and a question and answer session. If you are interested in attending or know anyone that is please email [pflannery@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:pflannery@warrington.gov.uk) and leave your details.

## mend

The new MEND Project starts on 3 May in conjunction with the School Sports Partnership. Sessions will take place at the Pyramid centre in Warrington town centre.

For more information contact James Howes or Paul Flannery.



# Latest activities...

Activity	Day & Time	Venue	Age Group	What is this?
<b>Girls Get Active</b>	Monday 5-6pm	Bewsey Gym	7-16	A female only activity session involving various activities such as basketball, football, netball and tennis
<b>Lads and Dads</b>	Mondays 5-6pm	Soccer Warrington	7-16	Touch rugby session for young people and their parents/guardians to have fun and compete against each other
<b>Vida Badminton Club</b>	Mondays 7-8pm	Soccer Warrington	10-16	A badminton session with coaching and games for anyone, no matter what their ability
<b>Arts and Crafts</b>	Tuesdays 4.30-6pm	Westy Community Centre	7-16	A session involving different forms of art including painting and making models
<b>Oakwood Community Sports Club</b>	Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm	Birchwood Primary School	Primary Age	A sports and activities session giving children the opportunity to take part in various different activities
<b>Whitecross Community Football session</b>	Tuesdays 4-5pm	Whitecross Community Centre	7-16	Football coaching and games for all abilities
<b>Fairfield Community Youth Club</b>	Tuesdays 7-9pm	Fairfield Community Hub	11-16	A club with the opportunity for young people to socialise, play games and chill out
<b>Bewsey Community Sports Club</b>	Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm	Whitecross Community Centre	8-14	A session of sports and activities aimed at getting children more active and having fun with their peers
<b>Street Dance</b>	Wednesdays	Bewsey Gym	7-16	A generic dance session involving different moves and activities for all abilities
<b>Westy Community Youth Club</b> Walking bus departs from Brook Avenue Family Centre at 4.25pm	Wednesdays 4.30-6.30pm	Westy Community Centre	4.30-5.30 5-11yrs 5.30-6.30 12-16yrs	Youth Club for young people split into different age group sessions giving young people the chance to take part in activities and socialise. Activities include tennis, football, rounders and much more!
<b>Youth Activity Zone</b>	Thursdays 4-7pm	Westy Community Centre	7-16	An activity and sports session to develop children's fitness levels and knowledge of health and fitness
<b>Orford Park Community Sports Club</b>	Fridays 4-5.30pm	Soccer Warrington Orford	8-14	A session of sports and activities aimed at getting children more active and having fun with their peers
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