

Supporting Information:

The Kids of Norton Canes Activity Scheme known as 'KONCAS' is a charitable organisation which has been set up in order to provide the young people of Norton Canes with a facility where they can undertake social, recreational and educational activities after school and during school holidays in a safe environment.

The premises are leased from Norton Canes Parish Council and KONCAS are currently paying a peppercorn rent to the Parish Council, however, in May 2009 the agreement with the Parish Council is that KONCAS will take over the cost of the lease in addition to all other utility bills.

Activities carried out at the premises include a Youth Club on Monday and Thursday evenings for 11 – 18 year olds and facilities for young people to train indoors for netball, football and general fitness. In addition, there is a 'Little Koncas Club' for children aged between 8 and 11, which provides a facility for families to engage in recreational activities.

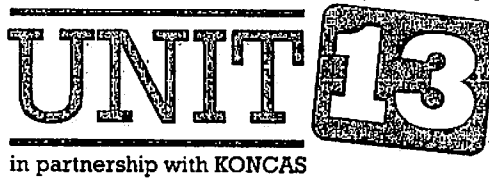
As this organisation is new, promotion of the facilities / activities carried out at the premises is still ongoing, however, it is planned to extend the services offered to the wider community which will include Keep Fit classes for a more mature age group.

There are currently 258 members of KONCAS; the membership represents both male and female, adults and under 18's.

The principle source of income for the organisation is from outside funding, donations and hire charges – hire charges for the facility are currently £12.50 per hour.

Comments.

Attached to this annex is information provided by KONCAS in support of their application.



Unit 13 Jerome Road, Norton Canes Industrial Estate, Norton Canes WS11 9TL

Press Release 5th November 2007

14 Year old Sam opens Unit 13 Community facility.

When Sam Clark a 14 year old Norton Canes school boy applied for a £37,400 grant from Staffordshire's Youth Capital Fund with the help of other members of KONCAS, to develop a new Community facility at an unused factory warehouse, many thought it was a pipe dream.

After 2 years of planning and 3 months of hard work, the dream turns in to reality, when Sam officially opens the multi- purpose facility next Monday 12th November.

Norton Canes Parish Councillor June Davies had the idea to find a base for the youth of Norton Canes and a permanent home for KONCAS (Kids of Norton Canes activity scheme) after 2 years of searching for the right building in the right location which became Unit 13 Jerome Road, Norton Canes.

June said "People around the village commented the children have nothing to do and no where to go, so when I was elected to the Parish Council in 2003 with eight other councillors we pledged to find a facility for young people, and with KONCAS onboard the Parish Council have finally succeeded.

KONCAS has held youth clubs for the 11-18 year olds and Mini KONCAS for 7-11 year olds at a rented venue for the past 2 years, but we always dreamed of having our own base, Unit 13 has now fulfilled that dream.

Unit 13 has been fitted out with a multi-purpose ball court with floor to ceiling netting and rebound boards. Indoor football, basket ball, net ball, badminton and volley ball and will be available for the whole community to use, the unit has many other activities villagers can take advantage of including a mini gym with rowing machines, exercise machines and weights. The new centre has also installed new computers, pool tables, table tennis and table football. Budding DJ's can also try there hand at being a DJ with professional DJ decks.

June also explained," although Unit 13 started out as a facility aimed at the youth of Norton Canes, The unit will be available to the whole community all ages.

Pauline Stabler a volunteer with KONCAS said "We have had so much positive feedback from everyone I can't wait until it's open and the whole community can start enjoying our hard work"

June also explained "We needed a lot of money to fund this project, and were unsuccessful with a Grant from the Big Lottery, but with Sam's Youth Capital Grant, Money from the Parish Council, Local members Initiative Scheme, Youth Opportunity Fund, Community Learning Partnership,

Staffordshire Community Fund and the John Beddows Fund through Norton Canes Community Partnership, we have a facility to be proud of" June said " I have cajoled so many people to make this project a reality, we have so many people to thank including R & N Electrical, C. Hendy Construction Ltd, 3663 Youth Services and PC Warren Saunders and PCSO Neil Griffiths who ran the Carvers half Marathon in a sponsored run to raise funds to purchase keep fit equipment

Unit 13 will be operating an early bird discount scheme where prospective users can hire the unit and play badminton, football, netball; they could even hire the unit for football parties etc. for just £12.50 an hour. Clubs, Organisations, Associations are welcome to join us at our OPEN EVENING from 7.00pm on Monday 12th November to have a look at the facility. Unit 13 will also be holding an OPEN EVENING on Thursday 15th November 7.00pm till 9.00pm so the whole community can come and have a look around.

KONCAS will move in to its new base when the first youth club opens its doors on Monday 19th November.

For more information about Unit 13 booking the facility and youth facilities or joining the volunteer team that run KONCAS contact June Davies 01543 275032 or Pauline Stabler 01543 270502

You and members of your staff are INVITED to join us at our OPEN EVENING ON Monday 12th November from 7.00pm, or we can arrange a photo opportunity at you convenience

Contact June Davies on 01543 275032 Mobile 07792 169173

Many Thanks.

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