

Tendring District Youth Council **ANNUAL REPORT**

Your Voice • Your Council • Your Future





Message from:
Douglas Carswell MP
 Member of Parliament for Harwich & Clacton

I admire much of what Tendring District Youth Council stands for, and as both your Honorary President and as your Member of Parliament, I am happy to support what you represent.

It is vitally important that decision-makers within Tendring are in tune with the needs of younger people, and your efforts help to ensure that younger people have a voice.

As Honorary President, I am especially looking forward to welcoming members of the Youth Council on your visit to the Houses of Parliament.

My best wishes to you and the Youth Council.

Douglas Carswell

Douglas Carswell MP
 House of Commons

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Our Aims

- Provide a voice for young people.
- Promote equality for young people.
- Help young people be more involved in decisions that affect their lives.
- Advance young people's participation in society and civic life.
- Create a Positive image for young people.

Our Objectives

- Consult with other young people on issues affecting them.
- Take issues up with local authorities on behalf and for young people.
- Make sure young people are being treated equally and fairly.
- Get young people more involved in local decision making.
- Attend events to promote the voice of young people.
- Help young people participate, enjoy and achieve in positive activities.

Our Vision

To provide a voice for young people to influence, direct and change issues that affect them locally.

Enabling a two-way dialogue and engagement with decision-makers and service providers.



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our first Annual Report. It has been a very exciting two years for Tendring's District Youth Council.

Since our launch in 2004, your council has been working hard within your local community giving young people a real opportunity to have their voices heard locally and providing a balanced platform to support the voice of young people.

We have achieved this from charity fundraising to adventure camps, and police meetings to the first ever, highly successful Tendring Youth Awards. We have also endeavoured to provide a unique voice within our community, having highlighted and promoted young people in Tendring.

We have certainly proved it with our hard work and commitment that we have put in for young people, since our launch, in making a voice for these young people; ensuring that it is heard across the whole community.

We hope that you continue to support the Youth Councils fine success in remaining Tendring's most successful Local Youth Council. With a local councillor saying that; "This Youth Council is one of the most successful Youth Councils in the country, and certainly the best within Essex". Of course, we totally agree and hope that you do too....

Have fun, take care and enjoy our annual report!

Warm Regards,

Stephen Mayzes
Leader of the Council

Danny Mayzes
Deputy Leader of the Council



OUR MEMBERS



Stephen Mayzes, 21

Leader of the Council

- Qualified Outdoor Education Leader
- First Aid Trainer
- Big Lottery 'Fair Share' Panel Member

Enjoys outdoor pursuits, politics and photographic arts.

"The grass is always green on both sides of the fence if watered"



Danny Mayzes, 18

Deputy Leader of the Council

- Member of Youth Parliament for Young Essex Assembly
- Cabinet Member for Primary Schools
- Qualified First Aider

Enjoys various sports, current affairs and historic architecture.

"If you want to hear the views of young people, you must first let them be heard"

Nikki Sayadi, 16

Cabinet Member for High Schools

Colne Community College

"Having my voice heard is so important"



Emma Pape, 15

Youth Councillor

Member of the Older Children's Group

"Listen to us today and not tomorrow"



Dana Sayadi, 14

Junior Cabinet Member

Colne Community School

"Creating a safer stronger community for all"



William Harragan, 11

Youth Councillor

Brightlingsea Junior School
Chair of School Council

"I want young people to be heard in the community"



Ben Chandler, 13

Youth Councillor

Clacton County High School

"I Like Sailing and I am a Member of Sea Cadets"

Teagan Mead, 12

Youth Councillor

Clacton County High School

"I like to aim high in everything I do"



Ashley Atkinson, 16

Youth Council Member

Colchester Institute



Poppy Clover, 12

Youth Councillor

Colbayns High School

"Lets create a strong voice for young people"



Jodie Ellis, 11

Youth Councillor

Frobisher Primary School

"We will go out there and make things happen"

Megan Knighton, 14

Youth Council Member

Colbayns High School



Luke Dart, 11

Youth Councillor

Brightlingsea Junior School
Vice Chair of School Council

"I like camping with my scout group"

Jasmine Hodgkins, 12

Youth Councillor

Clacton County High School

"I would like to see more activities for young people"

Macaulay Smout, 10

Youth Councillor

Coppins Green Primary School

"I feel the youth council is a good local voice"



Leanne Barber, 15

Junior Cabinet Member

Manningtree High School

"Lets make a zero tolerance pledge to stop bullying"



William Whitelaw, 16

Youth Council Member

Colbayns Sixth Form



Holly Barrett, 11

Pupil Governor

Coppins Green Primary School

"I set a successful standard throughout the community so you can be heard"

How We Elect Members

Currently there are eighteen Elected Members who are elected to serve a three year office by their peers. All elections take place in local schools which allow the pupils to experience a democratic election process. Eleven schools have had active members who sit on the Council.

One member of the council was elected by several thousand young people in Tendring to sit on the Young Essex Assembly. All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and as a member of the council will be deemed to accept these regulations and code of conduct that the council has adopted.



YOUNG PEOPLES INVOLVEMENT

How TDYC Involves Local Young People

There are a growing number of young people who are pushing their ideas forward and want to get involved in what is going on in Tendring.

"Young people have got a right to be involved in decisions that affect their lives"

Young people are involved with the youth council in many ways from attending one of many activities days put on by the youth council to participating in a first aid course or even by signing a petition calling for change locally.

Engaging young peoples ideas is so important as it shows the community that no one should be excluded because of there age and that sometimes young people have very good ideas on how we should work together in local communities.

"Not every idea is a good idea, but every idea should be listened to."

5 Strands From Every Child Matters

1 Be healthy Example; first aid course, outdoor activities...

2 Stay safe Example; outdoor activities and after school clubs...

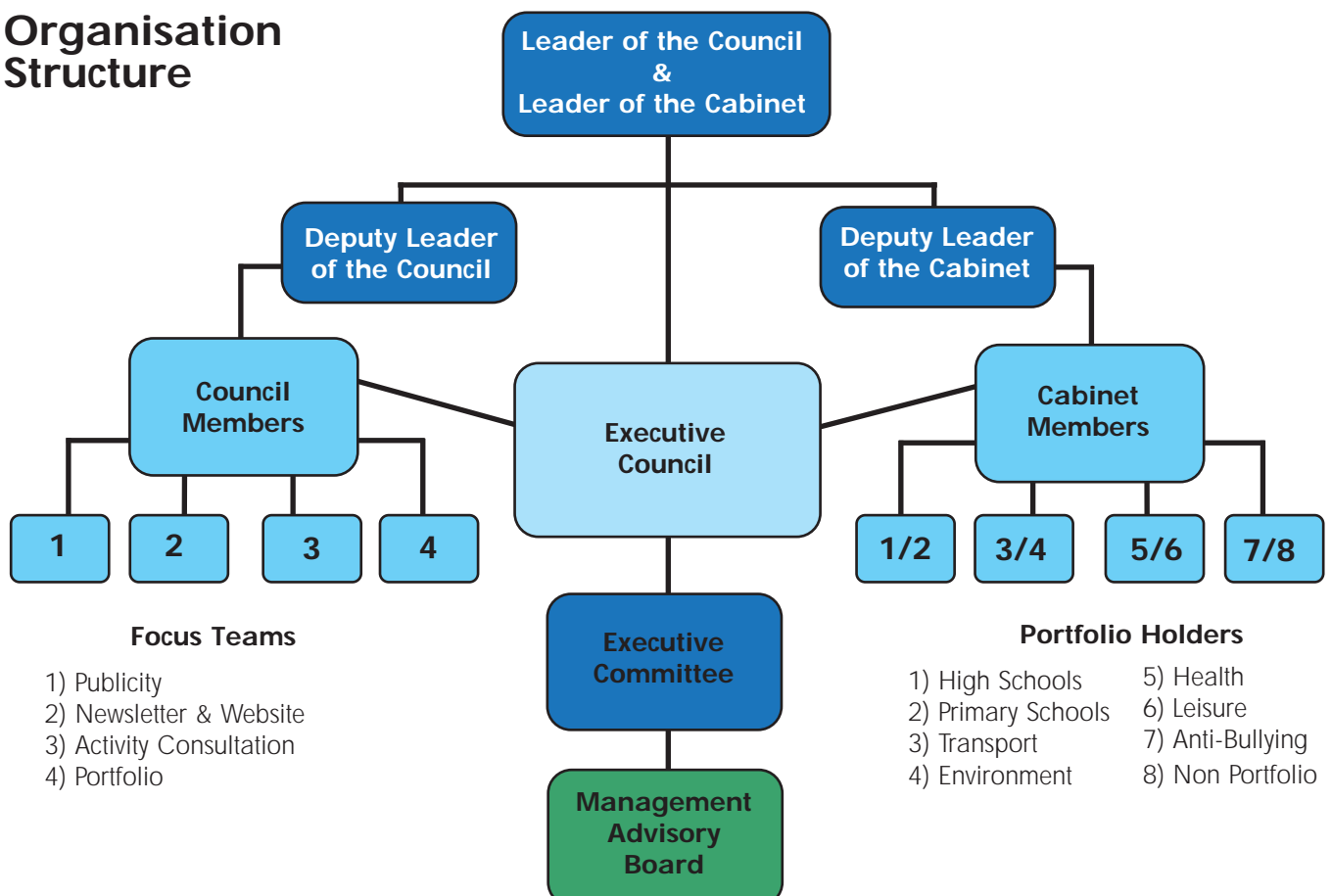
3 Enjoy and achieve Example; community events, safe spaces...

4 Make a positive contribution Example; Youth Council meetings...

5 Achieve economic well-being Example; access to leisure facilities...

<http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/>

Organisation Structure



EVENTS



Essex Police Youth Conference

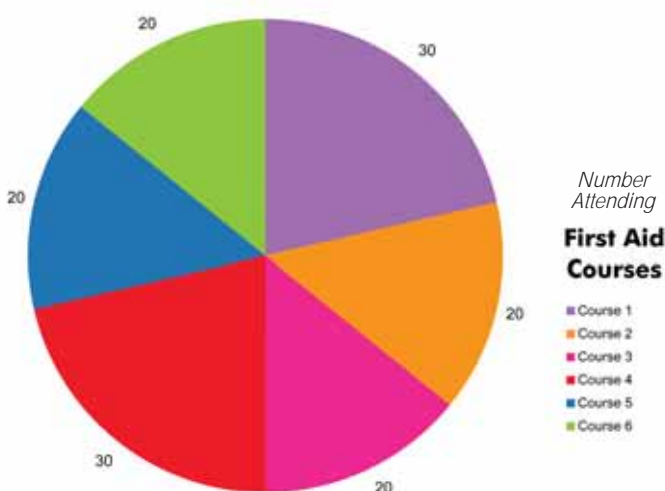
This year's conference was held at the University of Essex, Colchester. Members participated in different workshops reflecting their different skills and abilities.

The workshops were very informative and generated some good ideas amongst the members on how we as a local youth council can engage in improving local policing strategies.

Once again we were the largest local youth council with nine youth councillors in attendance, this shows just how committed we are in playing a pro-active role within Tendring.

Members also got an exclusive photo opportunity at the end of the conference. Well done to Stephen, Danny, Teagan, William, Nikki, Dana, Emma, Jodie and Poppy.

Young people from across Essex got the chance to ask questions to the county's top police officer. Y-Cllr Poppy Clover said "This event has been really interesting and lots of fun". Y-Cllr Teagan Mead Said "I have learnt lots of new things".

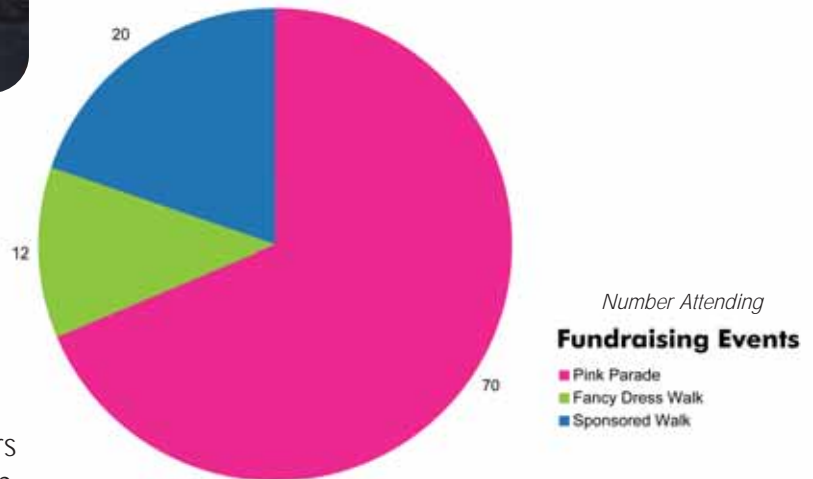


Anti-Bullying Project

April saw the launch of our anti-bullying project, with high profile media coverage.

This project aims to be one of the most successful projects in Tendring with members choosing a direct approach to tackling bullying.

With strong backing from the local MP this partnership approach seems the best way forward. A big thank you goes to Emma and Jasmine for your hard work in achieving funding.



What we can help with?

- First Aid Training
- Activity Programs
- Anti-Bullying
- Community Meetings
- Networking
- Setting up & Developing School Councils
- Funding Applications Help
- Attending Local Events

Easter Fun Day At Bishops Park

Question: What do you get with loads of kids, chocolate eggs and bouncy castles?

Answer: A big Easter Fun Day!

This hugely successful event was aimed at the whole community and it really was an egg-tastic!! day. Thank you to Emma, Jodie and Teagan for hiding all the eggs for the hunt.





Keep On Walking!

That was the message given by the Youth Council Members who completed a Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk to raise money for the Asian Earthquake Appeal & Local Community Groups.

It was a cold day but spirits were high, members of the public donated generously and the hospitality from MacDonal'd's was superb who supplied us with free drinks.

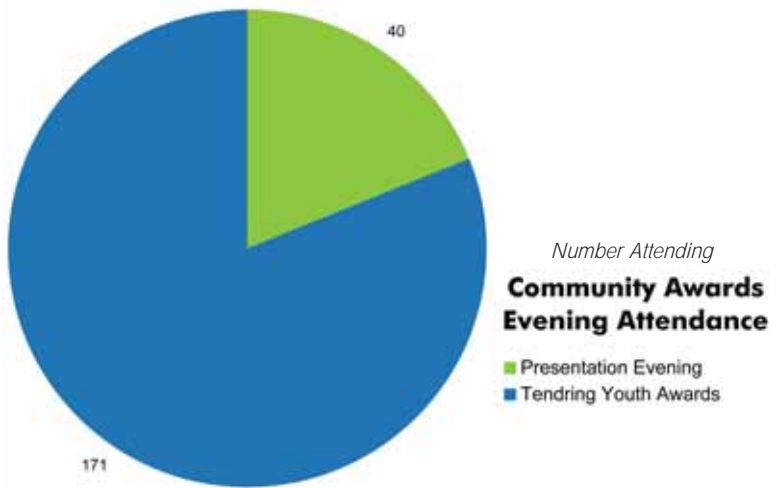
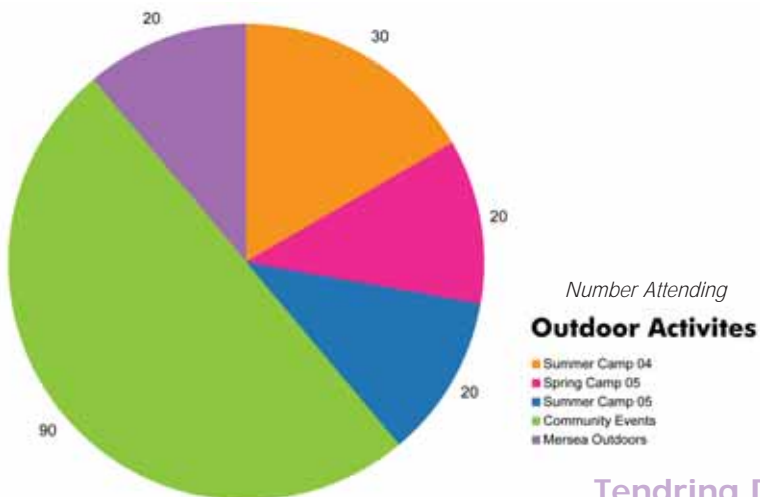
The walk was completed in three hours, by the end fingers and toes were numb but it was well worth it for two excellent causes.



Pink Parade

On Friday the 28th of October the Youth Council turned pink for the day to raise money for Breast Cancer Charities and St Helena Hospice.

A superb turn out of more than 30 people donned a pink outfit and joined in the parade in central Clacton.



The Youth Awards

The awards evening was a huge success with over 170 people in attendance at Bishops Park College.

People had the chance to nominate young people from the local community for an award, nomination forms were sent to every Library and School across Tendring.

The main aim of the evening was to get all aspects of the community to celebrate young people's outstanding achievements.

Spring Into Action!

The Spring Youth Camp 2005 brought together 20 young people from different community's including the youth councillors for a three day camping experience.

Young people developed new and existing skills including bridge building and orienteering. The camp was held at Thorrington scout camp.

Stephen Mayzes, Camp Leader said "Providing outdoor activities to young people gives a real positive approach on reducing anti-social behavior within the community."



YOUR COMMUNITY

Organisations That We Support:

- Older Children's Group
- Clacton Sea Cadets
- Bishops Park Community Sports Partnership
- Frinton and Walton St John Ambulance Cadets
- Tendring Anti-Bullying Steering Group
- Colbayns Community Centre

Organisations That Support Us:

- Essex Community Foundation
- Sports Relief Fund
- The Essex High Sheriffs Fund
- Awards for All
- Community and Voluntary Forum for the Eastern Region (COVER)
- British Youth Council



Schools We Have Worked With:

Bishops Park College	Brightlingsea Junior School
Clacton County High School	Coppins Green Primary School
Colne Community School	Holland Haven Primary School
Manningtree High School	Cann Hall Primary School
Tendring Technology College	Alton Park Junior School
Frobisher Primary School	

Honorary President

Douglas Carswell MP

Member of Parliament for Harwich & Clacton

Honorary Vice President

Cllr Chris Griffiths

Tendring District Councillor

Members of the Management Advisory Board

Maria Atkinson

Financial Advisor

Carolyn Mayzes

Child Protection & Welfare Advisor

Jo Murphy

Learning & Guidance Advisor

Maryon Pape

Activity & Funding Advisor



Our Policies

- Constitution
- Child Protection Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Structure Policy
- Senior Management Structure Policy
- Members Code of Conduct

If you require a copy of any of the above policies please contact us.

**A BIG SHOUT OUT
to all Youth Organisations, Clubs
and Parent Groups...**

**Join our Members Scheme
for only £24 a year**

**Your organisation will receive
many benefits including:**

- FREE First Aid Training for Your Volunteers.
- FREE support and Advice from TDYC.
(supporting groups in the local community.)
- FREE Regular Newsletters with a exclusive
range of budget outdoor activities for young
people and advice on Child Protection Policies.

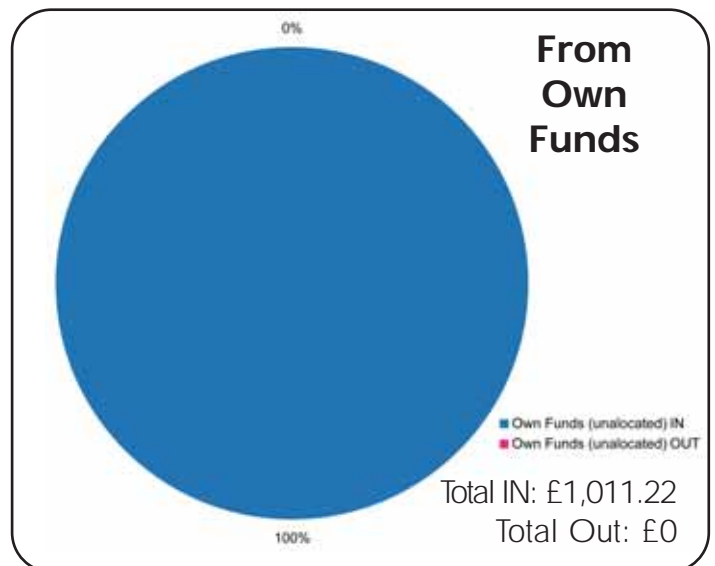
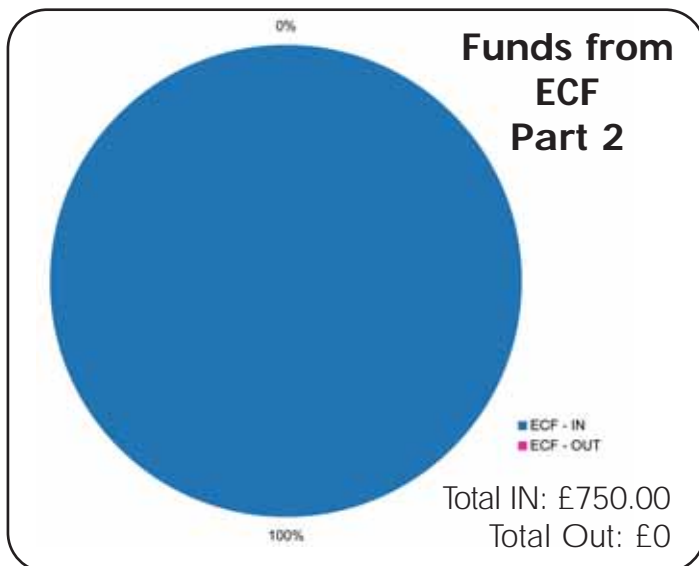
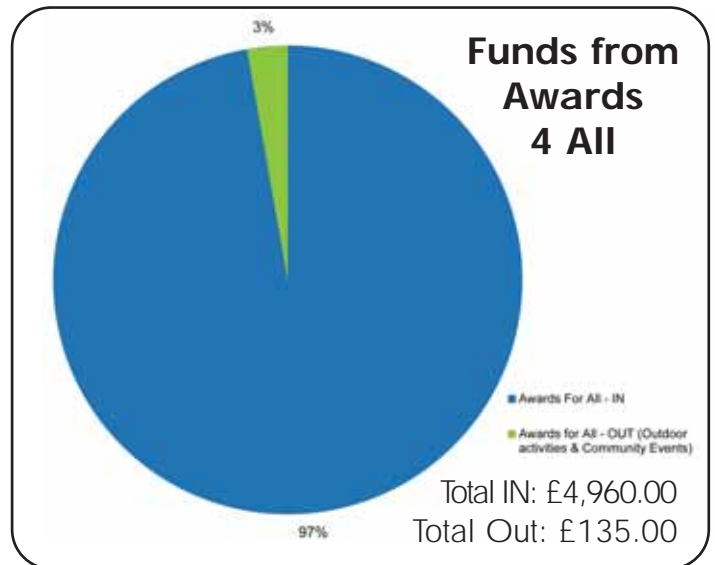
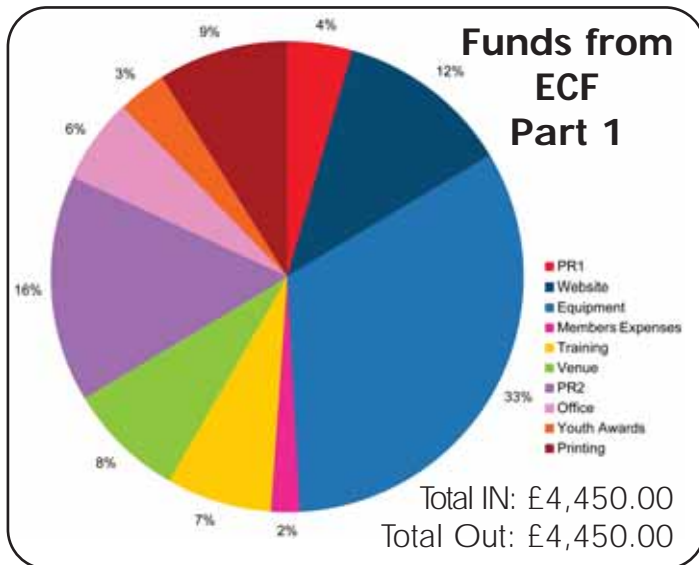
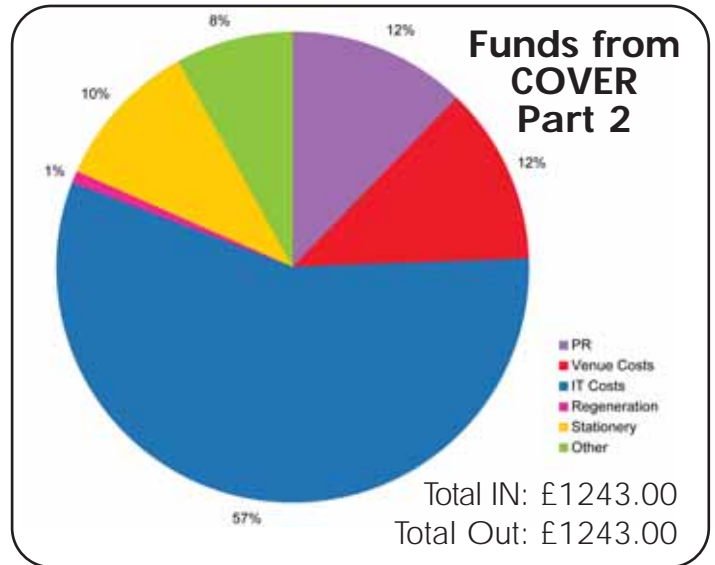
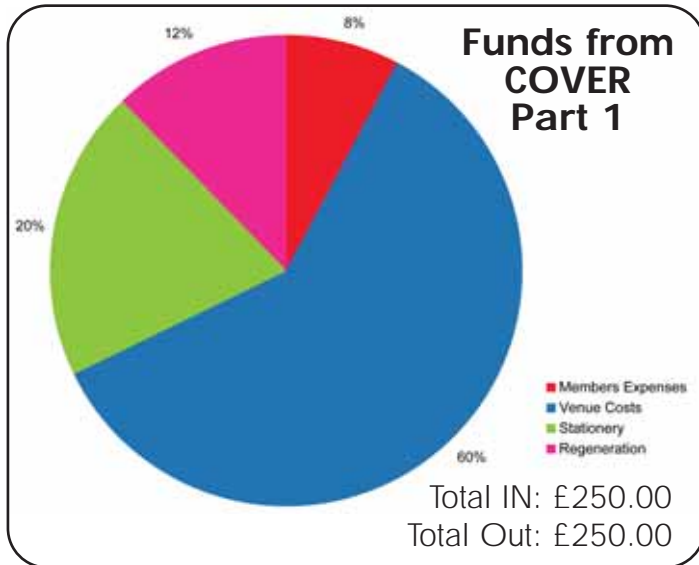
These are just some of the benefits,
to find out more or to join call:

Tendring District Youth Council

07989 564257

www.itsyourvoice.org.uk

BUDGET REPORT 2005/06



2005/06 Budget Totals

Interest Gained:	£46.79
Grand Total In:	£12,711.01
Grand Total Out:	£6,078.00
Remaining Balance:	£6,633.01

Contact Your Council

Tendring District Youth Council

Send us a letter about a fun event happening, a local issue or even to give us your views!

Stephen Mayzes
Bishops Park College,
Jaywick Lane,
Clacton-on-Sea
Essex, CO16 8BE

Log on to our website to find out about your local youth council:

www.itsyourvoice.org.uk

E-mail us, it's very easy and you will receive a quick, fast and simple reply back:

infoyouthcouncil@aol.com

Give us a phone to chat to a Youth Councillor about an issue affecting you and the community or even drop us a text, it's so easy!

07989 564257



Cut out and keep this handy bookmark for when you need to contact us!