

Young people “Get Hooked on Fishing”

On Monday 9 August young people from Glascote Heath and surrounding areas went on a fishing trip organised by Staffordshire Youth Service and Partners to the Riddings Fisheries in Grendon.

For many of the youngsters, it was their first ever experience of fishing and nearly all of them managed to make a catch on the day. The weather was perfect and it was clear that a fun and eventful time was had by all. You can also be sure that there will be many a story told of the ones that got caught and the ones that got away.

This project was made possible by support from a number of partners including the local Youth Service, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service and the Council’s Community Development team. Duncan Cole from Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service says it’s always good to support projects which involve young people, especially when they help to occupy young minds during the holiday periods, which is a time when callouts tend to increase.

In the follow up to the event, youngsters were given tuition on how to prepare and safely use the equipment at the Youth Centre below Glascote Heath Library. Mark Mathews from Glascote Heath Youth Centre says it was a great day for all involved and a credit to the partners that made this event happen.

Stuart Etheridge Community Development Officer added that Tamworth is surrounded by open waters and there is massive potential to get more young people involved in projects like this. It’s not only a great way to keep young minds occupied and learn a variety of skills but also an opportunity to encourage environmentally responsible fishing techniques right from the start.

If you are interested in finding out more or would like to help support this project, please contact Stuart on 01827 709608 or email stuart-etheridge@tamworth.gov.uk