

25 Years
**AND GOING
STRONG**



**The Hangleton
& Knoll Project**
Working for a better community

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Project Achievements
2007 – 2008

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Introduction

The Hangleton & Knoll Project is a Community Development project that was born out of the Community Development process. The project is FOR the community and managed BY the community.

Welcome to our achievements 2007-2008. Of course, the greatest achievement so far is that The Hangleton & Knoll Project has been a part of the Hangleton & Knoll community for 25 YEARS. It is only with the vision and involvement of local residents that the Project has continued to grow and be an integral part of the community.

So What Makes The Project So Special?

- ★ Our Trustees have many years of knowledge and experience and a passion for the local community. In fact the Chair & Vice Chair have been involved with the project since it first began and, along with the majority of the trustees, are themselves members of the community.
- ★ There is now a strong Community Infrastructure in Hangleton & Knoll that has developed with the support of the project.
- ★ There have been many, many Community Groups (too numerous to name) that have been established over the years with the support of the Project. Many of these are still going strong and benefiting the wider community today in a variety of different ways.
- ★ We employ staff members who are themselves local residents who were initially supported as community activists & volunteers within the community.
- ★ Our origins and development from within the community means we are uniquely positioned to effectively bring together a wide range of activities; including community development work, detached and project-based youth work, and the provision of IT training, to improve the quality of life for our area's residents.
- ★ We are privileged to have a high level of resident involvement in all the Project's activities.
- ★ We are innovative, flexible and always willing to try new approaches for the benefit of the wider community.
- ★ Still going strong after 25 years, the Hangleton and Knoll Project provides a model of good practice for how a community is able to effectively develop and manage its own resources.

Dateline: A Snapshot Of Our History

- 1983 Hangleton Community Project (later renamed Hangleton & Knoll Project) started with the support of PACT (People and Churches Together). One of the original aims was the development of a community association for Hangleton.
- 1984 First Community Development worker employed by the Project
- 1985 The Hangleton Community Association (HCA) was assisted by the Hangleton Community Project to achieve charitable status. The Project undertook a feasibility study for the development of a community centre for Hangleton. 'Night of 100 Drums' event took place which attracted 8,000 people to Hangleton Park.
- 1986 The feasibility study for a community centre in Hangleton was completed. 'Be There' community event took place, which attracted 12,000 people to Hangleton Park
- 1987 The Hangleton Community Project carried out a social audit in the Knoll. Findings showed a considerable need for community building space. Work was undertaken to seek funding to develop the St. Richards church buildings for this purpose
- 1988 Hangleton based Community Development Workers were employed; Hangleton Community centre opened.
- 1989 Knoll based community development workers were employed; local newsletter was launched.
- 1990 Hangleton Community Project became the Hangleton & Knoll Project. Knoll Community Association was launched and one of the aims of this group was to promote the development of a community centre for the Knoll. Public consultation took place for St. Richards.
- 1991 Employed the first youth workers after local needs were not being met by any other provision. The detached youth work was funded for three years by Comic Relief.
- 1992 Awarded a certificate from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in recognition of the completion of a project of long term benefit to the nation in The Royal Anniversary Trust Challenge
- 1993 Portslade Community Project was launched with the support of the Hangleton and Knoll Project.
- 1994 Bid for SRB2 (Single Regeneration Budget); Winner of the Times / Touche Ross 'Community Enterprise Award' for Community Services
- 1995 Project awarded funding from SRB2 and was the first community based project to receive this funding; number of staff increased; internal infrastructure altered. Public consultation with the community to write the Greening Plan; Grassroots Festival began.
- 1996 "Opportunities" Employment and Advice Centre opened at the Grenadier shopping parade.
- 1997 Hangleton Community Centre Extension opened. Tree planting and traffic calming projects start.
- 1998 St. Richards Church & Community Centre extension opened; tree planting, traffic calming and park improvements continued. Hangleton Park improvements took place.
- 1999 "Opportunities" expanded to Whitehawk and Kemptown areas of Brighton; Improvements made to Knoll Recreation ground; Improvements to Grenadier

- shopping area; South Portslade office opened; Managed SRB5 scheme; Audio Active Youth Music Project started at Station Road.
- 2000 IT learning access centre set up as one of five pilot projects in the country and equipped with four computers. Over time this initiative evolved into our IT delivery department known as HaKIT; Circus Project Community group set up with support from the Project.
- 2001 Staff handbook was produced; SRB5 community consultation was completed; Community Café in Hangleton opened;
- 2002 HaKIT re-opened at St. Richards Church and Community Centre; “Party in our Park” festival in Hangleton Park; “Opportunities” closed down due to lack of funding; Project offices moved; facilities for pregnancy testing set up; Sexual health leaflet produced with young women; trips with young people increased; Audio Active moved to new premises; video projects developed with young people; Audio Active performing at venues in City; Community Action became a constituted group; Traders Association began; “Portslade on the Map” Conference and Consultation.
- 2003 Neighbourhood Renewal Funding (NRF) provided resources to develop the young people’s resource room in Hangleton, to decorate the Pavilion Café, build an office at St. Helen’s and further developments to the IT training rooms.
- 2004 Hove Polyclinic Young People’s Sexual Health Drop-in was developed with young people and the Primary Care Trust.
- 2005 “Young people and alcohol” research project with Brighton University; Young people develop a self-harm information and risk reduction leaflet for young people, Community Safety Day held in Hangleton Park; Anti-bullying DVD project with young people; Start working in partnership with Hove Park School; Young people’s football project starts in partnership with B&H Albion FC.
- 2006 Hangleton Park improvements door-knocking consultation; Received 3yr Children in Need funding for a youth participation worker; Received 3yr Big Lottery funding for a Senior Youth Worker with a health remit; Young people’s alcohol peer education project and DVD production; New IT room at Hangleton Community Centre opened by the mayor; Door knocking consultation takes place with residents aged 50+; Knoll Pavilion Café community group started.
- 2007 Hangleton Park improvements including new benches and picnic tables; Youth shelter installed in Knoll Rec; developing a programme of activities for residents aged 50+ based upon consultation findings; 50+ Steering group forms; H&K Employment & Learning pilot; young people’s health initiatives; Portslade Community Project taken over by the Trust for Developing Communities; Neighbourhood Action Plan produced; young people’s homework club set up; Hangleton Park Arts Day; Hove Park School excluded unit established at Hangleton Community Centre; CLAIT (Computer Literacy and Information Technology) certificate ceremony for HaKIT learners; Hangleton Fun for Families community group started; Friends of Knoll Park group formed.
- 2008 Rapid English Pilot project; Recruited a Senior Community Development worker; BME (Black and Minority Ethnic) participatory research project; Research for Employment & Learning Pilot project; Pavilion Patio built; Knoll park consultation; HaKIT is one of 5 winners of best UK Online Centre; Celebrate 25th year!

Chair's Report

“This year is our silver anniversary celebrating 25 years as part of the community. It only seems like yesterday that I was attending the first meetings in the loft over the garage at the vicarage at Hangleton.

When we started I never dreamt of the success and the long life of the Hangleton & Knoll Project and there are many reasons why we are still going strong after 25 years. We are able to show other communities how it is possible to develop your own community buildings, like Hangleton Community Centre and St. Richards that we worked hard to get off the ground. We are able to support our community to set up their own groups and work together to make the community a great place to live and have supported hundreds of Community Groups to get going over the years. Many of these are still going today and benefiting the wider community.

We have also developed a strong Community Infrastructure in Hangleton & Knoll which means that residents can come to meetings like Community Action and work with the police and the council and tackle problems together.

We are privileged to have an incredibly high level of resident involvement at all different levels of the Project, from involvement in the numerous community groups and activities that we support, to paid community development workers, through to managing the Project and, like myself, sitting on the management committee as a trustee.

We are really fortunate to have highly skilled and committed Project staff and IT tutors, who are at the frontline every day, representing the Project, supporting the community, and who work together so well as a team. I would like to say thank you to all of the staff, and my fellow trustees, who all play a huge role in making this Project a success.

Thanks also to all of our funders who have supported us over the years and who continue to support us today. We have had another successful year of fundraising, although we can never be complacent, and already we are trying hard to secure funding for next year.

I am really proud of all of the work that we have achieved over the last 25 years and thank you all for your continuing interest and support of the Project. Lets work towards another successful 25 years!”

- Roy Taylor : October '08

Note From The Manager

“This has been an exciting year for the Project as an organisation. We have a number of new staff members and trustees who have joined and settled so well into the project, and we have introduced our Staff and Trustee development days which provided an excellent opportunity for us to come together, look forward into the future and continue to build on our strengths.

As always securing funding to sustain successful projects is a challenge but the quality of the work delivered across the teams continues to be of a high standard; as demonstrated by all of the achievements over this year, and it's really a privilege to be the manager of such a brilliant and innovative community development project, and to work alongside such committed and skilled staff, trustees and volunteers

I hope you enjoy reading about a selection of our successes and achievements, none of which would have been possible without the commitment of staff, trustees and local residents, and the support of all our funders”

- Nicole Vann

Community Development Work

The community development workers support local residents to come together to take collective action, and to make positive change in response to issues identified by the community. The community development workers achieve this through supporting the development, and maintenance, of local community groups, activities and events.

The following is a selection of community groups who have received varying levels of support from the Community Development team throughout the year.

Resident Associations & Local Forums:

- ★ The Knoll Community Association (KCA)
- ★ Friends of Knoll Park (part of KCA)
- ★ North Hangleton Residents Association
- ★ Hangleton Community Association
- ★ Hangleton & Knoll Community Action
- ★ Hangleton & Knoll 50+ Steering Group
- ★ Hangleton & Knoll Parents Network

50+ Community Groups:

- ★ Knoll Lunch Club
- ★ Knoll Advice Centre
- ★ What's Your Game? (Games session)
- ★ Tai-Chi (50+)
- ★ Get Together Club
- ★ Knollites Reminiscence Group
- ★ Crafty adults

Families & Childrens Community Groups:

- ★ Fun 4 Kids
- ★ Claire's Community Drop In
- ★ Hangleton Fun 4 Families
- ★ Sunbeams
- ★ Sunbeams Too

Other Community Groups:

- ★ Hangleton & Knoll Festival
- ★ Knoll Christmas Fair
- ★ Asho Bagla Shiki - Lets learn Bengali (Bengali women and children's English and Bengali Language Learning Group)
- ★ Knoll Scroll Newsletter
- ★ Knoll Football Club
- ★ Knoll Café
- ★ Hangleton and Knoll Community Website

Resident Testimonial

“Since 2006 the Hangleton and Knoll Project has supported me and a number of parents to set up and run a group in Knoll. During this time we have received grants of over £7000 for running costs and to hold events in the community.

Members of the group have participated in various training during this time including first aid and assertiveness. With the support of the Community Development Worker I started the WICO (diploma in community work) course in November 2007. Since starting the course I have worked as a volunteer community development worker in Hangleton and my role has been fully supported by the project.

Not only have I moved upwards within my new role but members of the group are starting to take more ownership of the group and are all developing confidence and new skills. This has had a great effect on my personal development and my relationships with others including my 9 year old son. Without the project and the community development workers my life would not have been transformed in such a positive way”

- Claire Sillence : Chair of Claire's Community Drop-In

Activities And Projects

The following is a selection of activities and projects supported by the Hangleton and Knoll Project's Community Development Workers over the last year.



Neighbourhood Action Plan

A key activity for this year was the production of the Hangleton, Knoll, Laburnum & Moyne Neighbourhood Action Plan, which sets out what is needed within the community, and how these issues will be addressed, by whom and when.

Hangleton & Knoll Community Action AGM

We have continued to support the highly successful Hangleton & Knoll Community Action group which provides a forum every five weeks to bring together local residents and service providers to collectively seek solutions to community issues.



Hangleton Park

Over the year the Project received money for park improvements. During this period we undertook a consultation with residents to identify what the community wanted from their park. Some of the improvements during this year included :



- ★ New benches, bins, picnic benches and trees
- ★ Extension of the Wildlife garden,
- ★ Bulb planting
- ★ Moving the youth shelter
- ★ Getting a 'buddy' swing for older young people
- ★ Carrying out a feasibility study for a Park Café.

(Left) Residents give the new picnic benches the 'thumbs up'. In the background is the new buddy swing for older young people who felt that there was no play equipment for them.

Community Mosaic Project (part of the Park Improvements)



Residents of all ages came together to learn mosaicking skills, which culminated in a day of mosaicking in Hangleton Park quiet area.

Knoll Park

We have supported the development of a new community group, Friends of Knoll Park, who are carrying out a public consultation to identify priority improvements to Knoll Park. We have worked closely with the group to develop the Patio building and on September 20th 2008 the Knoll Patio was finally completed and launched.



Learning In The Community

The community development workers support a range of learning and training opportunities. This is one example of where we worked in partnership with the Community Skills and Learning Team in the City Council to organise DIY training for a local community group.



*DIY Course Sep'07:
Supported local residents to make improvements to the Knoll Pavilion Building where they run a weekly 'Café in the Park'.*

Hangleton & Knoll Festival

For many years we have supported the Festival group and an exciting new development this year was the introduction of a new partnership with the local primary schools.



The new partnership enabled local school children to come and learn about medieval history.



Residents gather for the Annual Festival Parade.

Healthy Neighbourhood Fund

We managed a small grants scheme under which local community groups were supported to apply for up to £200 to deliver 'healthy' activities for other local residents. Over the year the following 12 grants were agreed by a panel of local residents.

- ★ Knoll Boredom Bashers (£200:00) for an 'On yer bike' maintenance and road safety project for children and young people
- ★ Knoll Lunch Club (£198:00) towards a volunteer run Older People's weekly lunch club
- ★ Knoll Advice Centre (£200:00) towards the maintenance of the volunteer run advice centre providing free advice to residents on issues such as debt etc.
- ★ Hangleton Community Centre (£105:72) to purchase leaflet racks to display health information for the community
- ★ Friday Night Youth Café (£134:00) towards healthy cooking sessions for young people

- ★ Claire's Community Drop-In (£200:00) for the 'peer-support' parents group to deliver parents pamper days
- ★ Fun For Kids (£173:00) for the weekly, resident-led, sessions for children aged 5-11yrs for a rainy day and indoor picnic project
- ★ Friends of Knoll Park (£200:00) for the resident-led group who oversee improvements to Knoll Rec to carry out a consultation with local residents to find out what changes people would like to see happen in the park.
- ★ Hangleton & Knoll Festival (£150:00) towards delivering a community event bringing residents together
- ★ Hangleton Community Centre (£200:00) to make necessary repairs to the soft play area for children
- ★ Health & Mind (£170:00) for this young people's health group to undertake mental health awareness training and then to deliver peer support sessions to other young people.
- ★ Hangleton & Knoll Running Sisters (£200:00) towards the continuation of the women's weekly running group whose members entered the Sport Relief Challenge

'The Hangleton & Knoll Running Sisters' - weekly running group helping to promote healthy and active lifestyles for ladies of all ages

Competing in Sport Relief



50+ Community Development Work

This was quite an exiting year for the 50+ community development work, and saw the development of a steering group which now plays a significant role in shaping and directing the 50+ work in Hangleton & Knoll. Membership now includes 10 local residents who are all representatives from local community groups, working alongside representatives from local service providers including Active 4 Life, Anchor, Carers Centre, Aldrington Place & Loriners Court Sheltered Housing, Churchill House, Brighton & Hove City Council, and the Neighbourhood Care Scheme. The group has adopted Terms of Reference, with the Chair and Vice Chair positions being taken on by local residents. Activities developed and overseen by this group include:

- ★ Setting up a monthly games session at Aldrington House open to all residents in Hangleton & Knoll
- ★ Producing a website – the Vice Chair has started to design the layout for the site which provides information and web links
- ★ Worked with Knoll Scroll newsletters to increase distribution area
- ★ Produced a logo for the Steering group
- ★ Developed an activity leaflet of opportunities in Hangleton and Knoll for residents aged 50+ which have now been delivered to every household

Friday

Coffee Break
10:30 - 11:30am
Venue: Hangleton CC
Contact: Sophie 411183

Health Exercise Classes (HEC)
11:45am - 12pm
10:30 - 11:30am
Venue: Hangleton CC
Contact: Patsy 37820 451 731

Friends Club
12 - 1pm
Venue: Friends Club
Contact: Sophie 411183

Art Club
12 - 1pm
Venue: Friends Club
Contact: Sophie 411183

Neighbours Meet and Greet
1:45 - 4pm
2022
Venue: Hangleton CC
Contact: Tony 262662

Blog
1 - 1.30pm
Venue: Aldrington Place
Contact: Helen 424818

Saturday

Southdown's Arts Society
10.30am - 12.30pm
Venue: 35, Hangleton
Contact: Patsy 412403

VERANS
Aldrington Place, Aldrington, Brighton, Hove, BN1 7JG. Tel: 426968

Wine & Cheese
12.30pm - 2.30pm
Venue: Aldrington Place
Contact: Helen 424818

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Are you aged 50+?

Interested in some of these activities in the Hangleton & Knoll area.

Monday

Orchard Coffee Group
10:30 - 11:30am
Venue: 17, Hangleton
Contact: Patsy 412403

Health Advice Centre
11:30am - 12:30pm
Venue: St. Richard's
Contact: Patsy 412403

Friends Club
12 - 1pm
Venue: Friends Club
Contact: Sophie 411183

Great Escapes
1:30 - 2:30pm
Venue: Aldrington Place
Contact: Helen 424818

Market Sessions
2 - 3pm
Venue: Aldrington Place
Contact: Helen 424818

Shrimming World
2 - 3pm
Venue: Aldrington Place
Contact: Helen 424818

Blog
1 - 1.30pm
Venue: Aldrington Place
Contact: Helen 424818

Tuesday

Step Walking Service
10:30 - 11:30am
Venue: Hangleton CC
Contact: Patsy 412403

Friends Club
12 - 1pm
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A particular success was the Knoll Lunch Club Christmas lunch. The event was well promoted and an additional 32 residents attended alongside the original 10 members. The event provided a great inter-generational relationship building opportunity – the choir from Goldstone school came and entertained the residents. The lunch was cooked by two local residents (one of whom is 50+) and also by a young man aged 15yrs who is studying catering one day a week. The Healthy Schools co-ordinator from Hove Park school attended with four pupils who were waiters for the event.

A further area of success was the partnership work between Knoll Lunch Club and Hove Park School whereby young people studying for their food tech GCSE now work to a rota of cooking for the Lunch club every Thursday.



Inclusive Communities Project

There is a strong community infrastructure within Hangleton and Knoll which does not currently reflect the changing cultural make up of the area. The long-term aim of this participatory research project is to engage with BME (Black and Minority Ethnic) residents and support their participation in wider community activities and decision-making structures in Hangleton & Knoll. In addition, it aims to ensure that we have intercultural awareness and understanding at all levels within the community.

We set up an 11-strong advisory group made up of ourselves, four BME residents, a local Councillor and representatives from community skills and learning, the community safety team, BMECP, B&HCC equalities team, and Seal.

So far we have produced a BME demographic profile for the area using existing available data, and produced a survey to find out what activities BME residents in Hangleton and Knoll are currently involved in or might be interested in attending in the future. This survey also seeks to identify key barriers to participation. We have consulted with 50 BME residents in Hangleton & Knoll, and will be holding public discussion groups to enable further discussions to take place. The findings will influence how community groups in Hangleton and Knoll meet the needs of all residents and ensure that activities reflect the diverse community. The Project has started well and we're particularly grateful to the local residents who are volunteering as part of this project.



Participants of one of the Inclusive Communities discussion groups.

Youth work

Our youth team supports young people aged 8 to 19 using a variety of different methodologies. One key activity is 'Detached' work, in which teams of two youth workers walk around the neighbourhood engaging with young people out on the street and in the local parks. We work with them around any issues, thoughts, ideas they may need support with. A part of this work also involves signposting young people onto other services. The benefits of engaging with these young people on their 'own territory' are that we are able to make contact and build relationships with individuals who do not always access more 'mainstream' youth provision. This kind of regular contact in the long term allows us to empower and support them to have their voices heard within the wider community setting.

Over the last year, the Youth Workers engaged with 287 individual young people on an ongoing basis of which 120 young people received recorded outcomes.

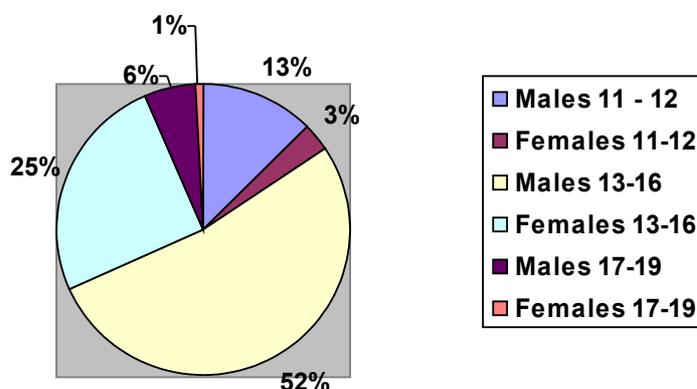
NB. The youth workers often engage with young people that are not willing to give their names so HKP are unable to monitor these contacts so although we state 287, the actual figure is higher than this.

Another method in which the Youth Team supports young people is by empowering them to plan and establish their own groups and projects, with the longer term aim of these groups becoming self supporting. The Youth Team also supports young people to plan and deliver Holiday Activities and annual residential trips.

The following is a selection of some of the projects and activities undertaken by the youth work team during 2007-2008:

Hangleton Wildlife Garden Project

A bulb planting afternoon in November was organised with the aim of encouraging children and young people to take part in the development and maintenance of the wildlife garden. This was organised in partnership with the city council and global action for food. In total 800 bulbs were planted throughout the wooded area in Hangleton Park and when all the bulbs had been planted everybody returned to the community centre for a celebratory hot drink and a delicious vegetable stew cooked by two local residents.



Breakdown of the age and gender of young people supported through Detached Youth Work.

'Culturful' Day Aug 2007

“We are ‘Change Around’ and we are a group of young people that among other things put on events for our community. The most recent thing we have done is the Culturful Day we put on in Hangleton. It was on 22nd August 2007.

“The aim of our day was to bring further understanding of Hangleton & Knoll culture and to celebrate different cultures of the people living in Hangleton & Knoll. Before the day, there was about 6 months of planning that went on from Change Around and we worked very hard during this time. On the day we had a large range of workshops that went on including drumming, street/break dance, giant games and music workshops etc.

“Simply Convenient (the local convenience store) made us 200 samosas. Sami Swoi (the Polish café) donated some polish sausages, mustard and baguettes. Also a local resident ran a sushi making workshop and Health and Mind (young people’s group) ran a pizza making workshop and a football tournament.

“The day was a great success and around 60 people turned up. We would like to thank everyone that was involved in the day and hope that you agree it was a good day”



Planning session



Street Dance Workshop



Sushi Making Workshop

Health and Mind Group



This is a group of 5 young people whose aim is to learn about different health issues that affect young people living in Hangleton & Knoll and to do something about it! They do this by working with other young people’s services and running peer education sessions.

The Health Group buying Ingredients (as part of the Culturful Day)

“Taking part in the health group makes me feel like I fit in well and makes me feel like a real part of the community. And the youth workers are excellent” - young woman aged 14

“I feel that being involved with the youth workers means I interact with people a lot and in different ways which will help me when I’m older and when I get a job, and also it’s good when we get to do new things like going into places, like the Junior Schools, and doing activities and talking with new people” - young woman aged 14

Arts Project

A number of community arts projects were delivered over the summer holidays. Here is one example of young people creating a mural on the astro turf court at Hangleton Park.



Response To Negative Media

Youth Workers support young people to respond to the negative press about young people in a positive way. An example of this was a response to an Argus article titled 'Get young jobs off our streets, (Andy Dickinson 30/07/07)' which referred to anti-social behaviour by young people in Hangleton & Knoll

“We're not all jobs

We are a group of young people from Hangleton and Knoll the area that is discussed in this article; we are not young jobs and only a small minority of young people in our community cause trouble. Our young people's group organizes lots of activities and know of other groups that are involved in the community in a good way, and we felt really angry when reading this article. A dispersal order will also affect young people who do not cause trouble and will not resolve the problem.



Instead of a dispersal order what the young people need is more activities for them to do, the youth club is closed because of refurbishment and is never open during the holidays and it is only for people aged 13-19 and in the article it says that the people causing trouble are aged 10-14 and there is barely anything for them to do. Instead of a dispersal order what we need is a youth club every Saturday night and more weekends and after school activities especially for the younger age group. And can we ask why you mostly write articles about the bad behaviour of such a small amount of young people and not about the positive things that hundreds of young people do within their community and citywide.

*Change Around
Hangleton Community Centre
Harmsworth Crescent,
Hove, East Sussex,
BN3 8BW”*

Knoll Clear-up Day

The Idea of the Knoll clear-up challenge was first proposed at a Hangleton & Knoll Community Action Meeting. The day would involve volunteers from all sectors of the community, with a particular emphasis on children and young people, coming together to clear rubbish and remove stones etc. The idea was received enthusiastically, and a planning group (consisting of ourselves, local residents, representatives from the police, council housing and the Environment Improvement Team) was formed. The event was extremely successful with over 50 participants litter picking, removing stones and weeding. The litter and green waste was picked up by bulk refuse collection that operated for the duration of the event. A special gardening team also went around the estate cutting back overgrown trees and bushes.



At the end of the event a hot meal was provided for all volunteers, cooked by our very own chair and local resident Roy Taylor.

Extended Schools Project

During this period a total of five projects were delivered with Hove Park School to support young people who have difficulties within the formal education system. The young people were supported to take part in community based activities to develop a range of personal and social skills identified by



Healthy Eating Project



the young people themselves. This builds their confidence and self esteem and helps them to have a more positive experience of engaging with school and also the wider community.

(Left) Self Esteem Project

Peer Music Project

We've supported the 'Ustudios' Music project to work with a number of young people across Hangleton & Knoll to produce music, write lyrics, produce CDs and work towards live performances. So far several songs have been recorded and released via Bluetooth technology and CD. Peer educators from the project were interviewed, and performed live, on Juice radio in Brighton & internationally on Totallyradio.com. Centring so far on Electronic music production and rap lyric writing, the group is currently training more peer educators, producing its first album and working towards a community music event at the Party in The Park this summer. The group has been very successful at working with otherwise disenfranchised young people in the area, helping them to put across their point of view on issues ranging from youth violence, drugs and war to home life and the local area.



Young people attending the U Studios sessions, writing producing and performing their own music.



“I have enjoyed helping young teens and learning how to cope with them. I have also enjoyed making beats and learning new ways of rapping, mixing and mastering”
- Peer Educator (young man aged 15)



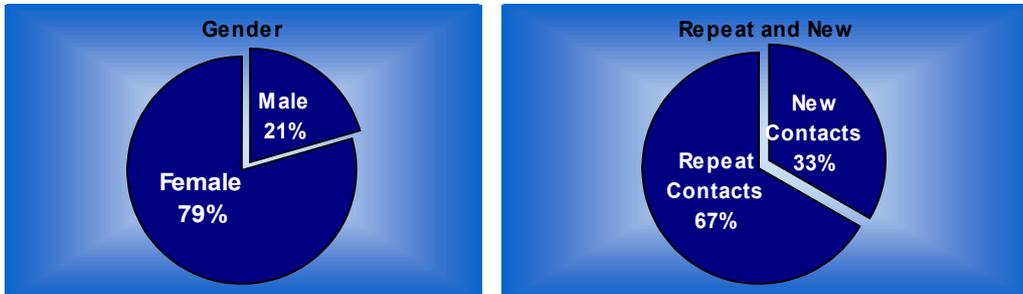
*“Kids going out but for what
To go around getting shot
Crime in our street happen a lot
Police say they're helping but they're just not”*
- Lyrics of young man aged 13

Young people from the Hangleton & Knoll Youth Music Project visit 'Juice FM' and go live on air!

*“Knoll estate is so boring
Police come over and give us a warning
Every time on the Knoll
Police in their cars on patrol
We just want this to be a good estate
People get arrested now it's too late”*
- Lyrics of young woman aged 14yrs

Sexual Health Drop-in Clinic

The Young People's Sexual Health Drop-in at Hove Poly Clinic has been running since November 2004 and was developed in partnership between young people, ourselves, Brighton & Hove City Council and the NHS. The clinic was set up in response to the high levels of teenage pregnancy within Hangleton & Knoll and now provides a weekly space for young people to meet with a Youth Worker and access free contraceptives, testing and advice from a dedicated sexual health nurse. The total number of contacts for 2007-2008 was 296, broken down as follows:



Party In The Park

Young people were involved in the planning, design and delivery of the Party in the Park event, as well as securing funding and permission for the event to take place. They contacted and managed various suppliers to provide activities safely on the day and worked within a limited budget, to provide FREE events to all. Attendance was good with approximately 700 children, young people and their families taking part.



Young People performing on stage

Five members of the You Studios Music group performed their raps live onstage and for most of them this was their first ever live gig. Following hours of rehearsal and work on mic control, stage presence and delivery, the show was a big success – the group were mobbed afterwards to sign autographs on the first free public release from You Studios (Volume 1) CD.

Health Day

Approx 50 Young People attended the Health day, organised by the young people's group called H&M (Health and Mind) at Hangleton Community Centre. Young people that attended the day all participated in a number of activities such as sushi making, street dance circuit training and had the opportunity to learn some more information around sexual health and smoking cessation. This event was well attended from young people from both the Hangleton and Knoll areas giving the opportunity for new relationships to be established.



(left-right) Young people facilitate planning meeting for event, Sun safety workshop, Sushi making workshop run by local resident

HaKIT

Hangleton & Knoll Information Technology (HaKIT) has developed two UK Online IT Training Suites, one at Hangleton Community Centre and the other at St. Richards Church and Community Centre. Out of the 6000 eligible UK Online centres nationally, this year HaKIT was chosen as one of five winners of the UK Online “Outstanding Centre” award.

In presenting us with this award, UK Online had this to say:

“As well as providing access to computers, the internet and learning opportunities, the centre is a real hub for the local community. From helping residents desktop publish their newsletter to providing equipment and support for a local pupil exclusion unit, the centre continually goes the extra mile for the individuals and groups for whom it’s become an indispensable resource.”



Project Chairman Roy Taylor receiving UK Online Outstanding Centre award.

In Dec 2007, Ofsted produced a report entitled “The role of adult learning in community renewal: Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities programmes”. This report identifies IT programmes in Hangleton and Knoll as being particularly successful due to the way they are embedded within a community development project.

Other reasons for HaKIT’s success include:

- ★ The IT training suites are based within the local community centres; physically accessible, free and low cost, and training opportunities are delivered at times most suitable for local residents (including evenings, weekends, and crèche provision)
- ★ Embedded within a wider community development and youth work project, courses and IT activities are developed in response to local need
- ★ IT training is able to develop and increase local community groups capacities to deliver their activities
- ★ Outreach activities are delivered within local community settings such as the library, sheltered housing schemes, local schools and parks, both supporting local community events and providing a first step for residents to getting involved in further training opportunities
- ★ The provision of IT courses supports individual residents to gain employment skills eg CLAIT excel, Intro to Computers etc.
- ★ Volunteering opportunities are provided for residents to gain further skills and experience
- ★ We are able to introduce individual residents to wider community groups and activities. For example, one of our volunteer trainers (and resident) now chairs the 50+ Steering group and has developed a website for all 50+ activities and groups in Hangleton & Knoll
- ★ We support a Learners Rep group comprised of learners from each of the HaKIT computer courses coming together to gather feedback about the courses and find out what learners would like to learn next.
- ★ We provide a venue for other providers to deliver training, including Hove Park School who use the facilities for their ‘Excluded Base’.

Over the year:

- ★ 218 individual residents have participated in courses and events
- ★ 80 children and young people have taken part
- ★ 31 residents attend the weekly drop-in sessions
- ★ 23 Computer Literacy and IT (CLAIT) accreditations were awarded
- ★ 2 CLAIT Diplomas were awarded



Courses Delivered

Over the last year we have delivered a number of IT courses to residents, including the following:

- ★ 24 courses delivered. These included Keyboard, powerpoint, Intro to computers for learners for whom English is not their first language, Digital photography, Digital Art, Excel.
- ★ 11 two hour taster sessions were delivered as an introduction to the longer courses. These included Intro to Digital photography, Internet and e-mail, intro to computers, intro to computers 2, excel, powerpoint, genealogy, digital art, keyboard, adobe photoshop and MySpace.

Feedback from attendees

- ★ “The whole course was really interesting”
- ★ “Have thoroughly enjoyed the course”
- ★ “Great teaching and also meeting other folk”
- ★ “I am now looking forward to my next course”
- ★ “It gave me an idea of what it is all about”
- ★ “Great to learn the names of each piece of equipment and their use”
- ★ “Enjoyed the taster to Digital Art”
- ★ “I feel I’m getting to grips with Powerpoint”



Some photos taken during the **Digital Photography** course of the local area to gain practice of shooting techniques (left to right) Knoll Park, a learner adjusting his lens, Hangleton Park

“I was originally approached and asked to become a HAKIT volunteer as I had teaching, digital photography and computing skills that were being requested and were not available at the time. I am currently teaching digital camera photographic and image editing skills on short 6 session courses. In addition I have helped develop websites for both the H&K Project and the 50+ committee.

Since becoming a volunteer I have been approached and asked if I would like to join a (newly formed at the time) 50 + steering committee, which I now chair, and then invited to become a Trustee of the Hangleton and Knoll Project. I would certainly encourage anyone who either wishes to learn new things, make contacts or offer their expertise to the local community to become involved, if for no other reason than getting out and meeting new local people who they would otherwise never see.”

- Local resident aged 50+

“Volunteering has given me more knowledge and I am able to help people”

- Course participant who subsequently became a HaKIT Volunteer and is now studying towards an Administration National Vocational Qualification Level 2.

Community Outreach Events

A series of community outreach events took place throughout Hangleton & Knoll and involved delivering outreach sessions at three new community venues including Goldstone Infant School, Oasis Christian Fellowship and Churchill House Sheltered Housing Scheme.

National Get Online Day (GOLD) involved families working closely with tutors to put together their own family websites with pictures of themselves, their favourite hobbies and activities that they like to do. These sessions were successful in highlighting the issues of online security and the steps that needed to be taken for child protection purposes. Families came back to several workshops to update their websites.

The Friends of Goldstone School (FROGS) invited HaKIT along to the Goldstone School Summer Fete and Christmas Fayre to promote the Project to local parents and, in addition, to offer parents and children the chance to participate in some fun activities. These included making a photo card, designing your own pen cover and sending Santa a letter. Family Scrapbook Day was a fun session to put together pictures of the family and print out and design a family t-shirt. The Parents Information Event, which involved other local parents and statutory organisations, gave those who attended an opportunity to learn new computer skills.



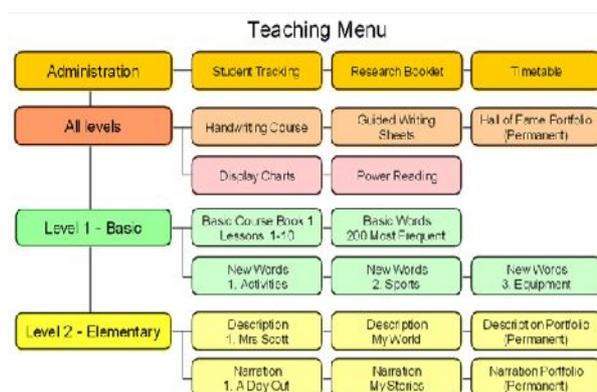
The above activities led to a training session for local groups to develop their own website. Participating groups included Hangleton Fun for Families, Sunbeams, The Hangleton & Knoll Festival and The Knoll Scroll.

Hangleton and Knoll Employment and Learning Hub

We have supported the development of a Hangleton & Knoll Employment and Learning Pilot Project. This project has sought to bring together a partnership of learning and employment services operating in Hangleton & Knoll. It has involved partners from the Learning and Skills Council, Job Centre Plus, Working Together Project, Community Skills and Learning Team, Want to Work, Working Links, Portslade Community College, and more recently the Connexions Service. The overall aim of this partnership is to ensure "Better co-ordination of education, training and employment services in Hangleton and Knoll for the benefit of local residents". There is a two pronged approach to this work: working with service providers to ensure better co-ordination and front-line service delivery, and undertaking a participatory research project to better understand residents' experiences, knowledge and any barriers to accessing services.

Rapid English Pilot Project

We worked in partnership with YISP (Youth Inclusion Support Project) to undertake a pilot project using a computer based communication package called Rapid English. This new software has been created to see rapid improvements in young peoples communication skills using simple worksheets aimed at improving handwriting, spelling, reading and grammar. The programme was launched in early March 2008 and 4 young people between the ages of 13-14 who had been excluded from school enrolled on the programme. One of the young people who had not engaged in school for a long period of time was really keen to take his work home and practice his handwriting; he is now reintegrated back into school.



Drop-in

The St.Richard's Drop-in successfully supported new and existing learners to develop word processing, keyboard and mouse skills and provided free access to the Internet. The Drop-in was run by a tutor who was able to help learners obtain an e-mail address, write letters, enter competitions, find out information and get help with a variety of IT queries. The Drop-in was piloted in Hangleton for twelve weeks and was popular with the learners who visited.



Reducing The Digital Divide

As part of a collaboration with the Friends Centre and Turner Wireless and Internet Group, we were awarded one of ten national grants for innovative practice to work towards reducing the 'digital divide'. This funding enabled us to deliver flexible and creative approaches to enabling residents to engage with IT. One such example was supporting a local couple to learn about the Internet through accessing the My Brighton & Hove Website. They were supported to learn the skills needed to contribute information onto the site about themselves and their memories of the local community.

Websites

The Hangleton and Knoll Project is proud to launch our new website at www.hakit.org.uk. The site was built for us by a local volunteer developer and provides a great way for residents, funders or anybody else who has an interest in what we do, to learn more about the project and provide us with valuable feedback.

The HaKIT website was redesigned by a local volunteer web designer in consultation with the HaKIT Steering Group. The website now includes information about courses, tutors, venues and any live news. The website can be visited at www.hakit.org.uk.

The Hangleton & Knoll Project
Hangleton and Knoll Community

Timeline: A Snapshot of our history

- 1983** The Hangleton and Knoll Project was formed by the merger of Hangleton and Knoll Projects and the Knoll Project. The project was set up to provide a community organisation in Hangleton.
- 1984** The Community Development was established by the Project.
- 1985** The Hangleton Community Association (HCA) was established by the Hangleton Community Project. The HCA was set up to provide a community organisation in Hangleton. It has a membership of over 1000 and has been successful in securing funding for the project.
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The Hangleton & Knoll Community Action Group identified a need for a website to act as a directory of local community-based organisations. As a result a group of residents, young people and a local councillor met regularly over the year to agree the purpose and scope of the website. A local web developer was brought in to help and together a site was designed and implemented. The site's information needs to be current and accurate at all times, and available to everybody. With this in mind it was designed to be easy to update and maintain by local volunteers and conform to all accessibility standards and industry best practices. To find out more, visit www.hangletonandknollcommunity.org.uk.

The Hangleton & Knoll Community Directory
Community Groups and Organisations

- Home
- Organisations
- 50+
- Churches
- Community centres
- Family
- Newsletters
- Other organisations
- Parks
- Schools
- Social clubs
- Sports
- Youth
- Contact Us

Welcome!

Welcome to the online directory of Hangleton & Knoll Community Centre.

The Hangleton & Knoll Community Centre comprises the following areas and its location in the Hangleton and Knoll Ward. The ward is bounded to the north by the A27, to the west by the A10, and to the south by the A10. The ward is bounded to the north by the A27, to the west by the A10, and to the south by the A10.

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The Hangleton and Knoll IT Computer Training Project Working for a Better Community

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Welcome to HaKIT

Welcome to HaKIT, Hangleton and Knoll Information Technology, which is part of the Hangleton and Knoll Project which is a community resident led charity which has been going for over 25 years.

Have you always wanted to have a go on a computer and find out what it is all about? Or do you know a little and want to learn more? Then here is a selection of faster courses being planned at the moment to start in June or July time. Keep an eye out for the Enrolment Date to get on a course.

Some of the course now running include Intro to Computers, Intro to Computers 2 (to learn more about Word), Internet and Email and How to Make a PowerPoint Presentation. See Courses for more details or call Ruth on 821370.

The next Enrolment Date for all faster courses to be announced soon!

[Contact HaKIT for further info.](#)

Get Surfing!

If you are keen to start accessing the Internet or using a computer, then the HaKIT Drop-in can help. The Drop-in happens every Wednesday morning at 10.30 at St Richard's, please see the HaKIT Courses menu for more info or please get in touch.

Staff Development Days

Staff and Trustees came together for two days in October with the aim of beginning to shape a 5 year project plan. The days were also created to promote team building, understanding and collaboration between departments, workers and trustees within the Project, some of whom were meeting for the first time and were new to the organisation. In total there were 15 attendees made up of 5 trustees and 10 staff. Sign up and participation levels were excellent especially given the tight time scales for exercises and the short breaks.

Comments from Attendees

“A real opportunity to work as one team and look toward the future of the Project as a whole”

“I have a real idea of how all of the different roles throughout the project come together”

“I never realised how much our Trustees do not only for the Project but within other community activities”

Professional Development

The project is always seeking to support our staff's professional development. Courses undertaken by staff members this year include:

- ★ Helen Bartlett (Youth Participation Worker) - NVQ Level 2 in Youth Work
- ★ Nina Bhirangi (Youth Worker) - Foundation Degree in Youth and Community Work
- ★ Ruth Melia (HaKIT coordinator) - OCN Level 3 Working in Community Organisations (WICO)
- ★ Michelle Old (Senior Youth Worker) - Open University Foundation Degree in Working with Children and Young People
- ★ Claire Sillence (Volunteer Community Development Worker) - OCN Level 3 Working in Community Organisations (WICO)
- ★ Nicole Vann (Manager) – Masters Degree in Health Promotion.
- ★ Max Wheeler (Youth Worker) - training in basic sexual health awareness and advanced Substance Misuse training

Hangleton & Knoll Project AGM



Last year our AGM provided the opportunity to recognise and celebrate the significant contributions made by our Project's Chair and Vice Chair to the community of Hangleton & Knoll over the past 25 years and more.

Both Pat Weller and Roy Taylor have been involved in community activities which pre-date the forming of the Hangleton & Knoll Project, and both have been involved with the development of the Project since it's early beginnings. Their dedication and enthusiasm for the Project and the community as a whole inspires us all everyday.

This year's AGM was a huge success and a great way of bringing people together to celebrate our 25th Birthday!

We would like to say a massive thank you to everybody who took part in the event. We had some fantastic presentations from local parents' groups, residents involved in the inclusive communities project, members of the 50+ steering group and young people delivering interactive quizzes and performing some of their music.

We also presented 26 volunteers with certificates as a way of thanking them for all of their hard work, contributions and support of the Hangleton and Knoll Project.



Organisations that have supported us over the past year include:

BBC Children in Need, Big Lottery – Young People’s Fund, Brighton & Hove City Council, Communities Against Drugs, Hove Park School, Learning Skills Council, Legal & General, Lloyds TSB, UK Online.

And of course our thanks go to:

Local Community Groups, all Project staff and volunteers, Funders, Residents, B&HCC Adult Social Care, Local Councillors, B&HCC Environment Improvement Team, Hangleton Library, Friends Centre, B&HCC Parks department, Working Together Project, Local schools, Resource Centre, Community & Voluntary Sector Forum, Trust for Developing Communities, Youth Inclusion Support Project, Youth & Connexions Service, Brighton University and all the other organisations who have contributed over the 25 years to help make the Hangleton and Knoll Project such a success!



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Working for a better community

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