

HISTORIC YOUTH SERVICES AGREEMENT SIGNED

The Parish Councils of Steyning, Bramber, Upper Beeding and Ashhurst are proud to announce that they have now signed contracts with “Horsham Matters” to run the new Youth Service in our areas to start effectively from 3rd June.

This is the first major joint venture undertaken following the Localism Act by the four parishes together and shows just what can be achieved by clustering.

The new Youth Service will be provided through Horsham Matters who will be responsible to a new management committee formed under the auspices of a new “charitable incorporated organisation” and the management committee will be headed up by an independent chairman and have other members apart from the four serving chairmen of the four parish councils involved.

Horsham Matters will now employ a full time youth worker, who will operate out of the Cuthman Centre in Steyning but also have responsibility for youth clubs at the Cuthman Centre and Upper Beeding as well as Outreach work. We regard this as a really historic occasion. Our photograph shows the four chairmen David Barling, David Coldwell, Roger Potter and Alan Griffiths signing the contract with David Sheldon who is the Chief Executive of Horsham Matters.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to colleagues who made this possible including Councillor Sue Rogers, Councillor Paul Devlin and from Horsham District Council Clare Ebelewicz and from Horsham Matters, Liz Burt, and all other representatives who have worked on the project.

If anyone is interested in taking part in the proposed Management Committee please get in touch.