	Andover Town Council Overview of a visit to Kids on Track Summer Camp made by Councillor Ted Reynolds and Councillor John Cockaday.	Item No. **13**

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Councillor Visit to Kids On Track Programme, Farleigh School

Councillors Cllr Ted Reynolds and Cllr John Cockaday visited the Kids on Track programme at Farleigh School during its third day of activities. The visit provided an opportunity to observe the project in action, meet the organisers, and engage directly with participating children.

Upon arrival, the Councillors noted a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere, with children actively participating in a range of activities and clearly enjoying the experience. The enthusiasm and engagement displayed by the young people throughout the day reflected the success of the programme in creating a positive and inclusive environment.

The activities on offer included a creative baking project where children decorated bags inspired by a flapjack cookie before moving to a second room to bake biscuits that could be placed inside. Outdoor activities centered around nature and creativity, with children collecting and drawing tree-related objects such as leaves, fir cones, and twigs. Despite windy conditions, the activity proved enjoyable, with children embracing the challenge and turning it into an additional source of fun. Paper rubbing activities were also particularly well received and produced impressive results.

Sports and physical activity formed another important element of the programme. The tennis courts were well utilised, with large numbers of children participating in games and activities using a variety of sports equipment. Observations suggested that these sessions were popular and encouraged active participation from those involved.

During the visit, the Councillors spoke with several children who expressed great enthusiasm for the activities available. The organisers also thanked the Councillors for attending, highlighting the value of face-to-face engagement and the opportunity for participants and organisers to meet elected members in person.

Although Andover Town Council did not award grant funding to the organisation on this occasion due to the level of reserves held by the applicant organisation, the visit demonstrated the positive impact of the programme and the benefits it brings to local children and families. Councillors considered the project worthwhile and recommended that other councillors visit should the opportunity arise.

Summary

The Kids on Track programme was observed to be a well-attended, engaging, and enjoyable initiative offering a diverse range of creative, educational, and physical activities. Feedback from children was overwhelmingly positive, and the visit reinforced the value of such projects in supporting local young people through structured, fun, and interactive experiences.