

SPARKY SUMMER REPORT

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2006

Venues used

Chimney Pot Park – weather permitting
Fit City Clarendon – pm only
Chimney Pot Community Centre

8 members of staff worked a total of 255hrs per week plus 5 young volunteers who gave 576 voluntary hrs during the duration of the scheme.

Numbers of children and young people attending

(Please see attached graphs)

129 children and young people registered onto the holiday scheme and made 2410 attendances to the activities between them.

Publicity

Children received information regarding the summer scheme via a publicity flyer which we sent out to all on the data base as well as handing them out at schools. Citywide information could also be found on the web site and posters were displayed as well as banners outside each Fit City site. Children and young people who joined in with the SPARKY activities attend Buille Hill and Hope High Schools as well as Langworthy Road, Larkhill and Seedley Primary Schools.

Citywide Activities

To celebrate the success of the citywide programme young people attended an intercity football festival at Salford Sports Village and a multi sports festival at Fit City Clarendon which offered the

opportunity for the young people to meet others from different parts of the city and to take part in the festivals.

Evaluation

At the end of the summer programme we gave out evaluation sheets to children, young people and their parents and carers and below are some of the comments we received back.

From Parents/Carers

"My youngest son has more confidence since joining SPARKY"

"Keeps children occupied"

"Keeps youngsters from hanging on the streets"

"Keeps kids active and off the streets to relieve boredom"

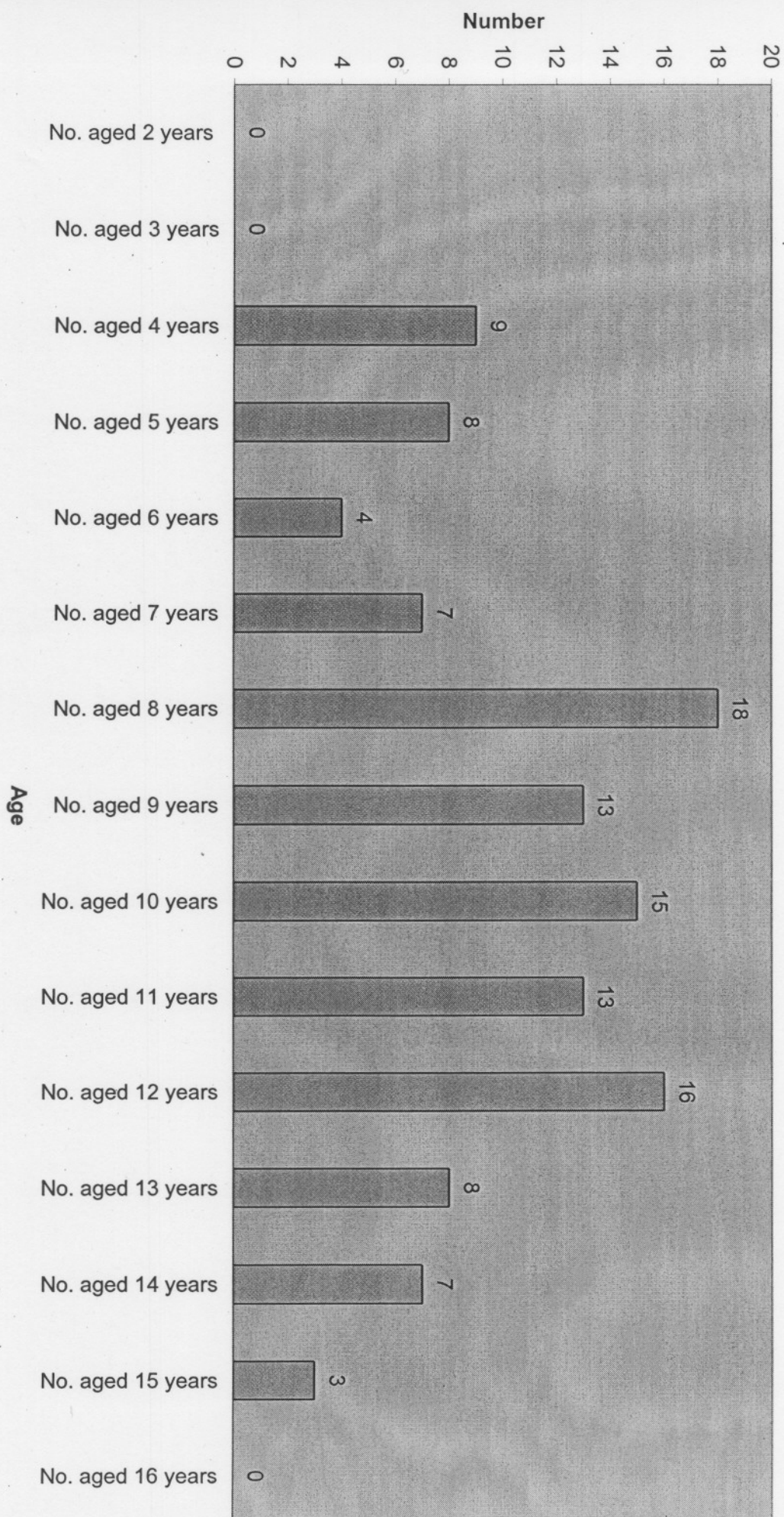
"There are fewer problems such as crime and boredom"

"Keeps them safe and we know where they are and the staff are very good with the children"

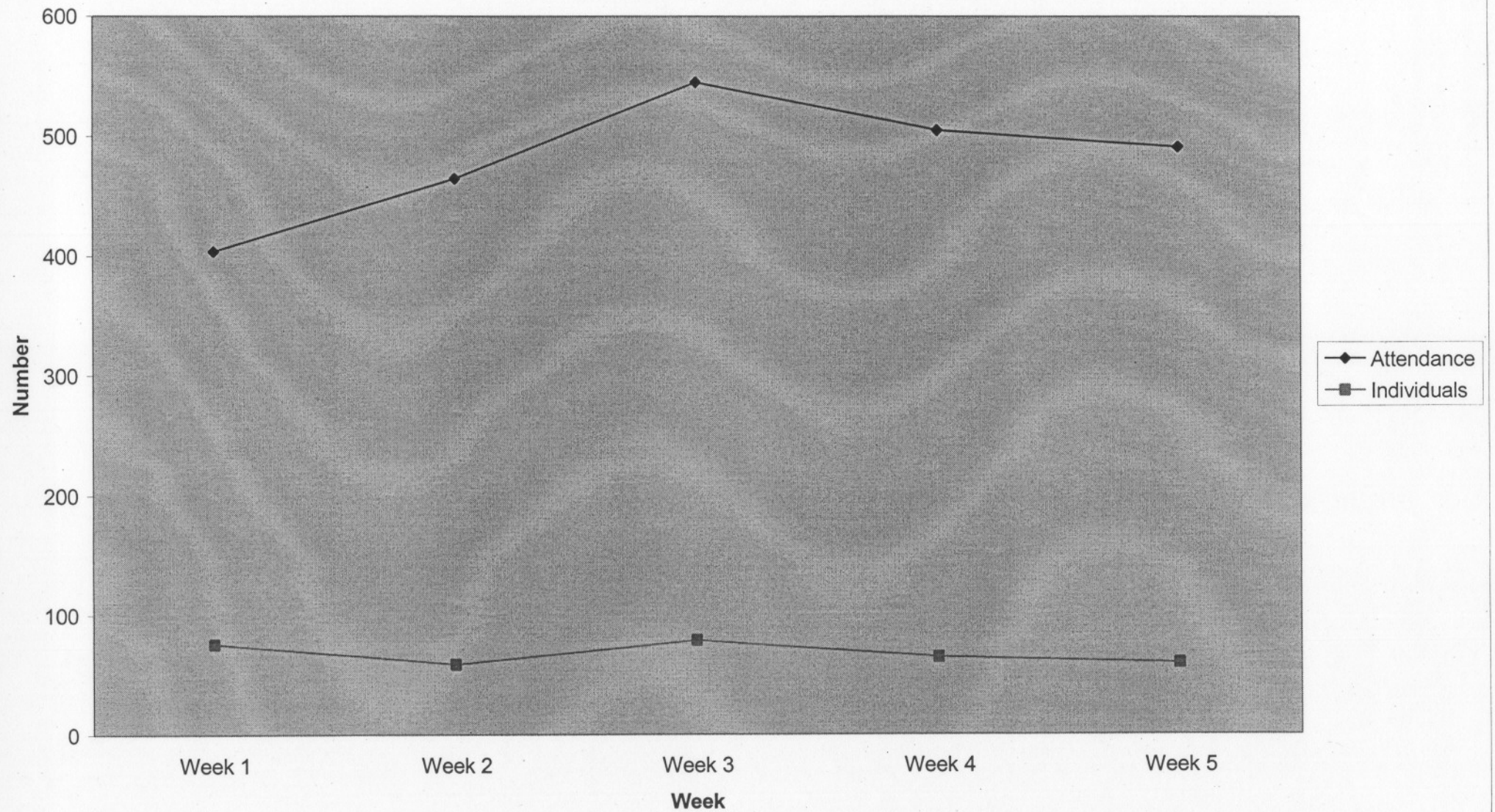
From children and young people

Please see attached graph.

**Graph to show the age of children participating in the Summer 2006
holiday sports/activities (Sparky)**



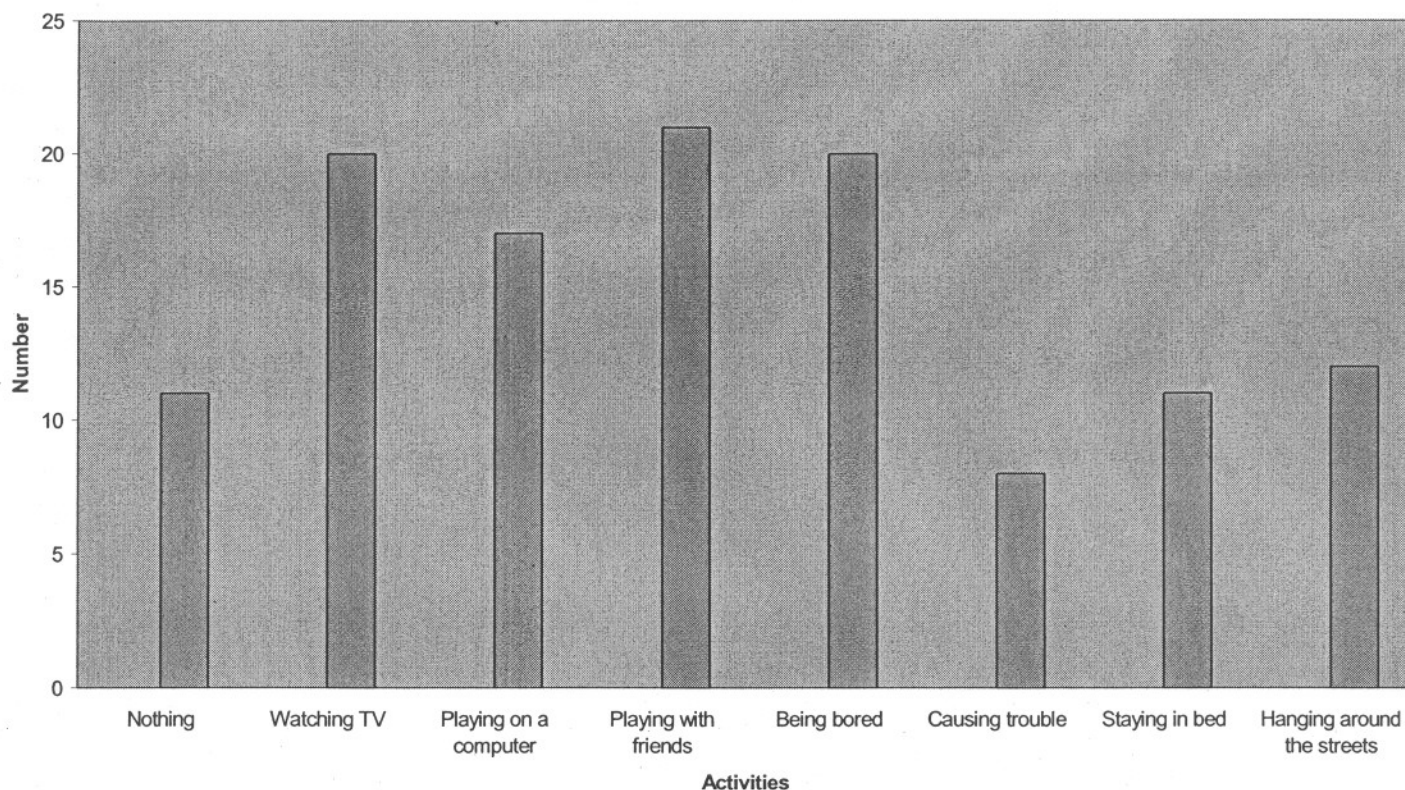
Graph to show attendance over the holiday period at Sparky



Diversiory Activities:

The holiday activities provided at Sparky give the local children something to do during the holiday period. If this scheme was not available the children would be forced to find alternative activities to occupy their time. The graph below illustrates what the children would be doing if the holiday scheme was not available. As clearly shown the majority of the activities are sedentary.

Graph to show what the children and young people would be doing if they were not participating in the holiday activities



Sports Teams:

- 60% of the children are a member of a school sports team
- 57% of children are a member of a sports club
- 49% of the children answering this question would like information on joining a sports club playing their favourite sport.

Comments:

"Instead of going swimming at Clarendon go swimming at Broughton baths instead"

"It is very good"

"It is the best thing to stop you being bored and Sparky keeps you smiling and I'm happy to make new friends"

"It was really good and I would come again"

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"I think it is very good and gets people off the streets. Thank you"

"I have done tonnes of good things"

"It gives me something to do"

"Let Sparky stay on and it is great for the kids. And it is great for the mums to have peace and quiet"