

To Members,

Dear All,

Minutes of our meeting at Youth In Romsey this morning:

16 hardy souls braved torrential weather for this morning's meeting at Youth In Romsey, starting at 8.00.

After an enjoyable breakfast and pleasant discussions, Linda of Youth In Romsey, provided an excellent update on the recruitment for a part-time support position, that members may recall, Rotary Club of Romsey Test funded.

Linda was delighted to advise that a first class young applicant has been recruited to the part-time role, following a professional recruitment process. Jack has all the skills and personality to relate to YIR youngsters and their needs. Another strong candidate has been invited to stay in touch, to join the charity when aged 18.

Linda advised that YIR support 2,000 young people a year across Romsey, the South Test Valley area, also with recent growth in support for youngsters in the New Forest area.

We were quite surprised by the scale of the support provided and queried further. This is correct, YIR support 2,000 youngsters each year. This includes 5,000 1:1 support sessions! The number of counsellors has grown from 4 to 15 whilst Linda has been there.

Support is presently for ages 5 to 18. YIR do not have funding for beyond this age at present.

Youth in Romsey support children, and therefore their families, and schools in Romsey, and over an increasing area. They are doing a great job!

There was no Rotary business. President Ed Holmes, and Stuart Wineberg were on their way to present Dictionaries for Life to North Baddesley Primary School pupils.

Meeting ended, with good food and friendship, before 9.00. A super start to the day.

Best wishes, Jon