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## YOUTH WORK

BY JACOB COLLINS BROWN

Detached outreach youth work continues each week from Victoria Park through Springs Boroughs into town and into Abington. Springs Boroughs Youth Hub itself is gradually re-opening with much smaller capacity and no indoor sports at the moment. If you are aged between 11 to 25 and you would like to attend a youth hub session, contact Jacob on 07402299941. You can only attend a session on an appointment basis only.

## JOBSCLUB

BY JACOB COLLINS BROWN

We continue to produce a weekly Jobsheet with those jobs available in Northampton and surrounding areas. If you would like a copy of our jobsheet, please ring Dawn on 07703 185740 or email her at [springsfc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:springsfc@yahoo.co.uk). If you need help applying for work or if you need help with your CV in any way then please be in touch.

## RECORDING STUDIO

BY DIMZ

A gradual reopening of the studio with much reduced capacity. If you would like more information be in touch with Dimz on 07922160851.



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## AFTERNOON HUB WORK

BY DAWN WILLIAMS

With the gradual re-opening of Springs Hub it has been good to welcome some service users back in the building **by appointment only at the moment.** We have worked very hard to prepare the building. You will need to hand sanitise as you enter and please bring your mask with you if you have one. **(At all times we are keeping to a 2 metres distance policy).** During your visits we will be updating your personal action Plans so that we can best help you. If you would like an appointment please ring Dawn on **07703 185740** or email her at **[springsfc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:springsfc@yahoo.co.uk)**.



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## FOCUS ON STAFF

BY JACOB

### 1) **How have you adapted to lockdown?**

I was able to rest a bit more than usual during the lockdown period. However things are picking up again for us at Springs due to the reopening of many of our services.

### 2) **How has your job changed under lockdown?**

One of the major changes that took place in regards to the nature of my role at springs was a lot of the services I'm directly involved in now had to be operated online and remotely. I am specifically talking about the youth work. A normal youth work session would consist of indoor football with 4 to 5 teams facing off against one another for bragging rights. But during lockdown we took this all virtual. I engaged the young people in online strategy games, sports games and virtual team games. Although it was not the same as being in the building with the young people - it allowed me to get to know some of the young people we work with on a greater level.

### 3) **What are the needs of service users under lockdown?**

From my perspective, one of the things I have observed is that some of the service users are in need of someone just to talk to. Lockdown forced a lot of people to be indoors with people on a continual basis. Something they may not be used to or fond of. There are also others who live on their own and desire the company of others as a means of escape from loneliness.

All in all these people need somebody to talk to and a place to go to where people will listen. And it seems Lockdown stopped that for them.



### 4) **What do you look forward to at Springs after lockdown?**

I look forward to engaging with the young people again in sports and in conversation whilst they are there. It is definitely not the same online.