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## **FREEZING TEMPERATURES DON'T DETER MIDNIGHT ICE SKATERS**

**Between midnight and 3am on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February, over 300 young people from Kent Youth affiliated youth clubs from all over Kent braved the freezing outdoor temperatures and descended on Gillingham Ice Rink for their annual midnight ice skate.**

**The young people, aged between 8 and 16, travelled with their leaders from as far away as Bexleyheath, Romney Marsh and Broadstairs to enjoy uninterrupted skating for 3 hours. As 3am approached, there were still about 100 young people on the ice.**

**Many club leaders had also organized additional activities for their young members on their return home to wile away the rest of the night as sleeping didn't appear to be on the agenda!**

**One young skater said; "It was very good, enjoyable and a lovely experience especially being able to skate at midnight." Another added: "It was brilliant! Such fun!"**

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**This popular event is part of the comprehensive activity programme that the youth charity organizes for its member clubs every year. Kent Youth aims, through the subsidised activity programme, to give young people the opportunity to participate in a range of activities that they perhaps would not otherwise be able to enjoy. It also gives them the opportunity to socialize with other groups from around the county. Other activities on the programme include fishing, bowling, football, photo competition and an Eco day.**

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**Notes to Editors:**

1. Kent Youth is a county-wide young people's charity. Established in 1936, it provides:
  - young people focused capacity building support and infrastructure for over 200 locally based children and young people's groups across Medway, Kent and Bexley
  - peer mentoring and peer education programmes for young people
  - targeted work to enable young disabled people to achieve inclusion in mainstream community groups
  - activeyouth sports and dance youth volunteering projects
2. Key statistics about Kent Youth:
  - 200 + affiliated youth groups
  - 18,000 children and young people
  - Approximately 1,500 adult volunteers
3. The 2 photographs show some of the young people from Romney Marsh enjoying themselves on the ice.

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