

DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting of the Committee for the hearing of deputations from members of the public. Each deputation may be heard for a maximum of five minutes.

1. Bevendean Gymnastics Club

Spokesperson – Andrea

Members of the deputation:

Sarah Hatton	Jo Harvey
Nicole Peli	Lisa Standing
Elinor Ballin	Andrea Smart
Helen Smart	Polly Eason
Adam Sutton	Caroline Bailey

Ward affected: Moulsecoomb & Bevendean

Bevendean Gymnastics Club

I am representing Bevendean Gymnastics Club, a community led facility currently operating out of Moulsecomb Primary school. We are aware of the proposed developments within Moulsecomb and would like to be considered for space for a purpose-built facility. We currently have 210 members and over 150 on our waiting list. We are not able to expand due to insufficient space in our current facility.

Bevendean Gymnastics Club (BGC) is an all-inclusive, voluntary run organisation with the motivation and skillset to empower young people within Sussex to enjoy, train, compete and coach within a variety of gymnastic disciplines. We impact the community by providing a stable and safe sporting environment for young people with a focus on disadvantaged children and young adults within vulnerable areas of Sussex. We are the only Acrobatics and Tumbling club within Brighton & Hove.

BGC has thrived over a period of 40+ years due to the long-lasting relationships between gymnasts, coaches, voluntary staff and parents at its core. We focus on supporting young people through life transitions, facilitating opportunities for qualifications to be achieved and supporting them not only at the beginning but throughout their chosen careers and life choices. We currently have 14 young leaders enrolled on the British Gymnastics programme.

Throughout the club's history, the decision was made to ensure that classes are accessible to all who wish to use it. With the community in mind and being aware of the high levels of deprivation in the locality, the club ensures fees are kept at a level which allows inclusivity (refer to demographic information included in supporting pages). This has meant that the club is one of the cheapest in the South East. BGC also support funding applications for those gymnasts in need of financial help with Regional and National competitions. Three years running, we have gymnasts who have qualified for the Tumbling Regional Team Finals representing the South East Region. We are in need of a building long enough to house a full length tumble run to enable our gymnasts to continue to progress.

Objectives and Aims

- To be part of a dedicated community sports facility.
- To remain a community focused not for profit organisation.
- To become a Centre Excellence for Gymnastics in Sussex.
- Enable a full-size British Tumble track and full size sprung floor for both training and competing.
- To encourage and expand mentoring of gymnasts and young adults in life skills and coaching opportunities

Growth Plan

- BGC are currently the only British Gymnastics affiliated and Club mark Accredited Tumble and Acrobatics club in Brighton and Hove which allows for significant potential growth of the club.
- The nearest facility-based clubs are in Lancing, Crawley and Hastings. Journey times with rush hour traffic to these facilities are a minimum of 45minutes. Due to this, there is a demand for growth in gymnastics within BGC.
- In the year subsequent to the opening of a facility, BGC will aim to increase its membership by an extra 50 users and will aim to offer additional hours to the current competitive squad in both Acrobatic and Tumbling gymnastics.

Bevendean Gymnastics Club Supporting Information

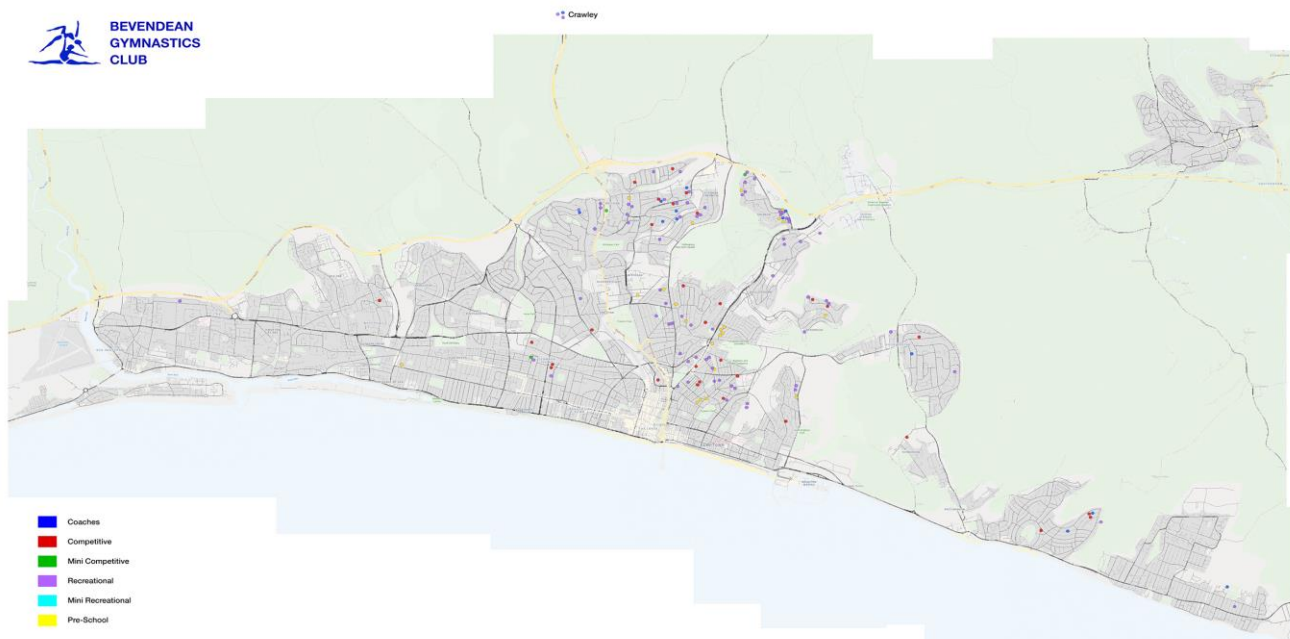
Membership Numbers

	General Gym	Acrobatics	Tumble	Acrobatics/ Tumble	Total
Preschool	45				
Mini - Recreational	12				
Recreational	66				
Mini-Competitive				12	
Competitive		10	2	30	
Assistant Coach	6				
Coach	4	1		5	
Gymnast Helper	12				
Volunteer	5				
Total	150	11	2	47	210

Values

- An inclusive, safe, healthy and inspirational environment.
- Dedicated and professional coaches who are highly skilled, qualified, caring and ethical
- Recognition of the commitment and generosity of the volunteers and supporters
- A club that motivates children and young adults to be courageous and resilient when reaching for their dreams
- A devotion to mentor and educate young adults
- A transparent and progressive club
- Recognising and celebrating success
- We are a family, in which everyone looks after each other

Bevendean Gymnastics Club Member Demographic



Demographic Information

LSOAs in order of member population	Children living in poverty (%)	People with no qualifications (%)	Children in Need (%)	People living in health deprivation hotspots (%)
Across England	17	22	20	19.5
Hollingdean & Stamner (incl Coldean)	21	18	37.9	29.6
Patcham	11	20	n/a	n/a
Moulsecomb & Bevendean (incl Falmer)	32	22	79.7	59.4
Hanover & Elm Grove	14	11	22.9	21.2
Queens Park	19	18	67.9	57.9
East Brighton	34	26	78.7	76.8
Rottingdean Coastal	10	15	11.8	n/a
Goldsmid	11	12	11	10
Woodingdean	16	27	30.7	n/a

Data taken from Local Insight Profile reports – Brighton & Hove City Council March 2020

Children in need are defined in law as children who are aged under 18 and:

- **need** local authority services to achieve or maintain a reasonable standard of health or development.
- **need** local authority services to prevent significant or further harm to health or development.
- are disabled

