



## Extended Services in and around schools

### Youth Space

#### Youth Space in Brakenhale Library

Through the extended services programme, a recent pilot survey of pupils was carried out within Brakenhale School. The results of this survey indicated the need for an area that young people could access which could offer information from outside professionals covering a number of topics ranging from non smoking sessions to self esteem and life education.

The Extended Services Area Co-ordinator has worked with the Learning Resources Centre (LRC) Manager, Bracknell Forest's own Youth Services and Connexions to create a youth space within the school. This area is a clearly defined space in the LRC where all of the partners involved work together, in conjunction with the young people, to plan programmes around what is wanted and needed.

The Youth Spot was launched on 8<sup>th</sup> February and runs every Thursday from 3.30 - 5.00 pm. Attendances have been very positive and the young people have enjoyed the initial sessions. As this facility evolves it is hoped that other professionals will attend to offer "guest slots", the first of which will be the school nurse.

The scheme is running successfully with a majority of the young people attending the group working towards Youth Achievement Awards.

Some of their comments include:

