

## Youth club members raise awareness of its plight



**Moral support:** Jon McClure visits the Double Six Youth Club at the invitation of Libby Hope, aged 10, inset. **PICTURE: STEVE PARKIN**

# Rock star lends ear to club cause

SHEFFIELD rock frontman Jon McClure visited a city youth club facing potential closure over funding problems after a passionate member took to Twitter to campaign.

Libby Hope, aged 10, asked local celebrities on the social networking site for help as the Double Six Youth Club in Woodseats struggles to find cash to keep popular sessions going.

And, through her efforts, Jon of band Reverend and the Makers came down to the club on Friday to meet members.

He said: "It's great the youngsters are bothered enough to do something like this.

"They're great, youth clubs - they give kids some-

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thing to do when they might otherwise be on a computer or in the park.

"I've got mates who play instruments just because they went to youth clubs, so I went to give moral support.

"Youth clubs are a bit old-school but they give a bit of focus to the community."

Woodseats School pupil Libby took action with other club members, who have written to Prime Minister David Cameron and invited Sheffield Heeley MP Meg Munn to the centre, after learning bids for funding had been unsuccessful.

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Proud dad Phil Hope said: "I think she was really upset the club may close - she only goes one day a week but loves it.

"She must have started thinking straightaway if there was anything she could do - she really enjoyed Jon's visit."

Last year a one-off £15,000 grant from Sheffield Homes meant the club

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could extend its sessions, one of which was a girls' only night on Wednesdays. Now that is in jeopardy.

Other bids for cash have been prepared but the outcome will not be known until the summer.

Volunteer Nicola Doherty said the club had started asking members for contributions towards sessions while people gave their time for free.

She added: "I told members about this a couple of weeks ago and they got quite angry. Libby went on Twitter and asked a lot of local celebrities to retweet a message which said 'my youth club faces closure' and got about 70 replies.

"It's great to get the message through that we need help."

## SPEED CAMERA LOCATIONS

SPEED cameras operating in South Yorkshire this week:

Sheffield - Granville Road; A61 Halifax Road; A61 Chesterfield Road, Meadowhall; A6135 Ecclesfield Road; Chapeltown Road; Handsworth Road - Retford Road; B6082, Carlisle Street - Carlisle Street East; Shirecliffe Road - Cookwood Road and Wordsworth Avenue.

Rotherham - Piccadilly Road, Swinton; Middle Lane South; A631 Bawtry Road; Rotherham Road, Hellaby and Maltby; A6109 Meadow Bank Road; A630 Doncaster Road, Dalton and Thrybergh; A633 Sandygate, Wath up to Dearne; A631 Bawtry Road; Brinsworth; Fenton Road; A631 Bawtry Road, Wickerley and Brecks; and A602 Rowms Lane, Swinton.

Barnsley - A633 Rotherham Road, Monk Bretton; A633 Doncaster Road, Saltersbrook; A628 Cundy Cross Road; Shafton Two Gates; B644 Houghton Road, Thurnscoe; Brierley Road, Grimethorpe; A61 Park Road; Pogmoor Road; and A633 Rotherham Road, Athersley South.

Doncaster - A630 Balby Flyover to Hill Top; A18 Great North Road, York Road; Broomhouse Lane; Springwell Lane, Edlington and Warmsworth; A18 Carr House Road; A630 Wheatley Hall Road; Thorne Road; A630 Bawtry Road; Hatfield Lane; Mill Street; Nutwell Lane; A614 Selby Road, Thorne; Station Road, Stainforth; A602 Doncaster Road, Mexborough; and C762 Old Road, Conisbrough.

## Drivers fined for parking fraud

TWO motorists have been fined after admitting using blue-badge parking permits designed for disabled drivers.

Debbie Sommerville, aged 38, of Beech Grove, Dinnington, was fined £200 and ordered to pay costs of £309.02 after using her son's blue badge to park in a designated disabled bay on Drummond Street while her son was at school.

And 62-year-old David Norton, of Lidgett Lane, Dinnington, was fined £150 and ordered to pay £100 costs after using his mother's parking badge to leave his vehicle on Norfolk Street, Rotherham.