

## How Good is our Town



How Good Is Our Town was written and presented by S4 Modern Studies pupils at Fraserburgh Academy.

The class had researched and written a magazine series for their Standard Grade classwork that explored the good and not so good areas in their home town. It was a well documented piece of work and with the support of the Aberdeenshire Media Unit was developed into a documentary script.

With the encouragement and help of Ken Ramsay, the Modern Studies Teacher took on the responsibility of organising and scheduling a two day shoot, which involved contacting and booking interview time with various Fraserburgh people who contributed to the day to day life of the town. Six of the class were taught interview techniques and progressed to presentation to camera.

On a two day film production shoot, in locations all around Fraserburgh, the young presenters did a highly professional job.

Another initiative by Ken with S4 classes was to paint a series of murals. This project underlined the Fraserburgh Academy pupils commitment to helping improve their town. It was decided to make the painting of the dilapidated entrance to the sands the main focal point.

How Good Is Our Town has been shown widely in the North East, selling over 250 DVD copies, with audiences in Holland, Germany, Denmark and even the USA and is a good ambassador for Fraserburgh.

The S4 class were nominated for a Fraserburgh Citizen of The Year Award and won a group award at this prestigious ceremony. The DVD is a fast moving documentary that carries a strong youthful message of commitment to regeneration and real sense of pride by teenagers in the place where they live. Don't take my word for it buy the DVD.

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