

COMMENT

PRICE OF SUCCESS

LAUNCHED a few weeks ago, Tenterden Youth Club has progressed and may very soon become one of the most attractive of its type in the county.

The youngsters have engaged enthusiastically in many activities and their programme planning included a get-together with other clubs in the area.

But who could blame them if they feel discouraged because their success has brought with it a financial liability?

An essential was the need for a meeting place, a hall where games could be played, dances held and instruction given in the various activities they wished to enter into.

In Tenterden, the only hall of a suitable size is the Drill Hall and now the club has been informed that because more members were using it than was at first anticipated, the rent will be increased!

The hall is the property of the Territorial Authority.

Who was responsible? Was it a Department that is not quite 'with it' making sure that a building, obsolete in the sense that it is no longer used by a Territorial unit, must be made to pay for its construction by the extraction of a few shillings from our teenagers?

Fortunately for "this grand bunch of youngsters" we quote Mr. Michael Cox) there are people in the town who are happy to give practical help to enable this well founded club to continue.

Recently the club was given a coffee bar, stools and other equipment but these cannot be used just yet because of lack of space.

At the Drill Hall, there are two rooms which might be suitable but these would have to be paid for in addition to the present rent.

As things are, the club has only a few shillings left over after expenses have been met and the simple truth is that they could not afford to incur more expense.