There have not been many applications for funding for positive activities from the Youth Grant fund, resulting in the cancellation of the LYN (Local Youth Network) in September. The next planned event is a Consultation on Tuesday 10th November 2015 which will be open to existing members of the LYN Management Group, as well as previous members of the ChatLYN's and any other interested parties from the community. It is hoped that this event will either create interest from existing organisations to apply for a Youth Grant, or to suggest suitable activities or projects that the Area Board may like to procure.

Wilton Youth Club & Leisure Credits

Seeds4Success are continuing to offer two sessions a week from the Wilton Youth Club at The Hollows. Transport is available to pick up from local villages on Thursday evenings for the 13-19 age group. They also provide fortnightly Leisure Credits on alternate Saturdays, where young people can 'earn' reward trips in return for work such as path clearance or hedge cutting, as well as gaining qualifications or accreditations such as as ASDAN Environmental Award. More details from jaki@seeds4success.org

Autumn NCS Scheme

Seeds4Success have 15 places available for students in Year 12 to attend an Autumn NCS (National Citizenship Scheme) which includes a Residential 26-29 October and followed by 30 hours work on a community project that will run through November and early December. More details from jaki@seeds4success.org

Tisbury Youth

Tisbury Parish Council have continued to support the direct delivery of activities to young people in Tisbury, with three nights of access (sport on Monday, drama with Salisbury Playhouse on Wednesday and the open Café on Thursdays). A total of 29 young people have attended something at some point, with 12-15 regularly attending the sport and generally slightly less at the Café. A three-day summer activity programme was attended by 12 young people, 8 of whom took part in an 'intergenerational' bowls match on the Thursday afternoon. They also produced yards of bunting that they used to decorate a vehicle for Tisbury carnival, picking up a first prize in the afternoon and second prize in the evening. Two days of activity are planned for the October half term, including circus skills, bowling and a meal out in Salisbury.

Short Mat Bowls

The Bowls Coach that attended the activity session in Tisbury came from Mere Bowls Club (MBC), and expressed an interest in making the sport available to young people in Mere. The CYO has discussed this further with members of the MBC and they are now in the process of submitting an application to fund the set up of this facility in Mere.

Tisbury Cadets

Tisbury Cadets have completed the arrangements for leasing part of the Police Station in Tisbury, and hope to be starting Cadets on Wednesday evenings from the end of September or early October.

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