

Wiltshire Council

Trowbridge Area Board

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Update from Trowbridge Community Area Future (TCAF)

The last twelve months have seen enormous progress for TCAF and Brighter Aspirations.

We are now running:

- 2 youth clubs, twice a week. Tuesdays – Studley. Wednesdays – Seymour
- Outreach, once a week. Mondays – Stallards Skate Park
- Drop In at John of Gaunt School, once a week, Tuesday Lunchtimes
- Secured £50k to sustain TCAF for 2016 – 2017
- Partnered a number of Community events; The Sports festival, The Princes Trust and a Skate Jam. TCAF regularly support 60 young people a week with a reach of over 200 young people per month
- TCAF opened the Community Hub at BA14, in the Shires and work in partnership with 14 community, charitable and statutory organisations. Together we regularly engage with 50 members of the public every week, with over 700 people visiting BA14 since we opened the doors in July. The Community Hub at BA14 has connected residents to volunteer roles, community events, ran courses to improve confidence for Job seekers and connected those that need help with support networks Wiltshire wide.

This progress has only been possible because of the amazing hard work and support of our staff team, our amazing volunteer supporters and our board of trustees. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of them for their continued hard work, support and dedication over the past year.

2018 is going to see new challenges for us, not least because of the continual focus on funding staff, but also working with new neighbourhoods and establishing improved community links and improved awareness of what TCAF is and what we do.

The focus in 2018:

- 2 x Youth Support workers to complete Level 3 Diploma in Youth Work, starting February 2018
- Establish a Youth night, once a month on a Friday or Saturday at Studley Community Centre, starting February 2018
- Working alongside Longfield Youth, additional advice and guidance on Fridays 3.30 - 5.30pm. To provide a friendly, separate space for youth people, starting April 2018
- Secure funding for a Community Administrator, 6 hours per week, to support the Community Hub at BA14 to focus on; event planning, Volunteer recruitment and sign

up, administration for lease renewal, co-ordination of 14 partners and plan for improved use and increase customer numbers.

So please, watch out for our new youth clubs and community engagement in 2018. We are determined to strive and make a difference, and ensure that TCAF be a charity that we are proud of for years to come.

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