

**SOUTHERN WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD
(3 October 2013)**

An update on the Southern Wiltshire Area Board Themes for 2013/14

Young Development Projects: Working in clusters

At the last meeting we explained how we wanted to proceed with our theme of bringing villages together in 6 clusters to develop and improve activities for young people across the Community Area. We would like to develop a way of working through our Youth Development Coordinator, Tony Nye, to try to improve leisure and developmental opportunities available to the young people in our Community Area.

To kick this off we have scheduled 6 meetings in each of the clusters to discuss how we can take this forward. We will be involving as many key people with an interest in young people from the clusters as possible. The goal is to scope what is on offer and what projects could be initiated in order to improve the offer for young people.

The main objectives of the first meeting are to:

1. Identify existing activities for young people within each cluster.
2. Discuss new ideas and initiatives that clusters would like to pursue, eg. Intergenerational work.
3. Where there is no youth club within the cluster, discuss the feasibility of getting one off the ground that is voluntary-led with support from the youth service.
4. Engagement with voluntary sector partners (youth clubs, scouts, sports clubs, parish councils etc) to avoid duplication and maximize the effect of the available resources within each cluster.
5. Look at developing a joined up approach to organizing transport within and between clusters.

These meetings are open to anyone interested in developing local activities and projects in

	Villages	Proposed meeting date to discuss ideas/projects
1	Laverstock, Ford & Old Sarum	Tuesday 8 th October 2013, 7pm – 9pm, River Bourne Community farm
2	Alderbury, Whaddon, West Grimstead, Clarendon	Monday 21 st October 2013, 7pm – 9pm, Alderbury Village Hall
3	Coombe Bissett, Homington, Britford, Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham	Thursday 10 th October 2013, 7pm – 9pm, Britford Village Hall
4	Downton, Charlton All Saints, Redlynch, Lover, Morgan's Vale & Woodfalls	Tuesday 22 nd October 2013, 7pm – 9pm, Morgan's Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall

the cluster and people from existing clubs in the area.

5	Firsdow, Winterslow (M,E,W), Lopcombe Corner, Pitton, Farley, East Grimstead, West Dean	Monday 18th November 2013, 7pm – 9pm Venue TBC
6	Whiteparish, Landford, Nomansland	Thursday 24 th October 2013, 7pm – 9pm, Nomansland Reading Room

Area Board funding is available to support both revenue and capital projects.

Cluster meetings:

These meetings require the hiring of local venues therefore the Area Board is asked to cover the costs of around £200 - 300.

Tony Nye's Report to Southern Wiltshire Community Area Board – 3rd October 2013

As you are hopefully aware, we are moving forward with our work to develop youth work provision in village clusters and there are meetings in each of the proposed clusters over the next few weeks to begin the detailed work of identifying what is already happening for young people and what each village cluster would like to achieve.

Since returning from secondment, I have not wanted to develop the weekly provision until I know what the village clusters have wanted, and so have simply maintained the provision which was running whilst I was away. This provision has included -

Weekly on a Wednesday evening – Delivery in Old Sarum – This takes place in the Old Sarum Community Room. The numbers had rather dwindled in this group and were down to 2 a session. However, I'm happy to report that we have had a few faces reappear and some young people who are now old enough have also joined the group which means at my last session with the group, we had 10 young people.

Weekly on a Thursday evening – Delivery in Downton – This had become street work. Since my return, we have not had any contact with young people. Normally in this situation, I would try and make contact with young people (through the local school for example) to find out why we are not seeing young people and adapt the provision based on their feedback. However, given that we are looking at developing work in partnership with local clusters, I didn't want to create something which didn't fit with the plan for the village cluster and so I have simply stopped the street work for now and am saving up those staffing hours for when we know what the cluster wants.

Weekly delivery on a Friday evening – Delivery in Winterslow in partnership with the Winterslow Youth Zone (term time only) – This takes place in The Pavilion at Barry's Field and we work in partnership with the voluntary youth group as it made sense to both of us to work together. This club continues to see about 30 young people each Friday night and I believe is a really good example of what is achievable both in terms of a community wanting to support its young people and also in terms of how the Youth Service can support this.

The other pieces of provision which I have spent time on include -

Youth Advisory Group (YAG) – The current focus of this work is to support young people's involvement in the village cluster developments.

Leisure Credits – The summer work programme ran on 8 days over the summer with sessions in Alderbury, Downton, Hazel Hill Wood, Landford, Langley Wood, Laverstock and Winterslow (if your part of the community area is not in this list, please don't hesitate to contact me to discuss possible work sessions in your patch). 23 different young people took part in the scheme and most took part in at least 2 work sessions. We have already run a reward trip to Basingstoke Leisure Park and have trips to Thorpe Park, Tree Runners and Splashdown happening in the coming weeks.

National Citizenship Service (NCS) – This was run across our locality (Mere, Tisbury, Wilton and Southern Wiltshire). This programme is externally funded and runs over the summer holiday. It gives young people aged 16 a chance to gain a range of qualifications and take part in social action projects. The main staff for this programme were youth workers from Mere and Tisbury and I delivered the Young Leader training to the group. 2 young people from our community area took part.

Recommendation:

1. That the Area Board sets aside £300 for the initial cluster meeting.

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