

Report from the BA13+ Partnership

The most recent BA13+ Community Area Partnership meeting was held on 19th November at the Laverton in Westbury. The theme of the evening was Children and Young People.

The guest speakers were Ruth Brooks-Martin from the Children's Centre, Phoebe Brazier, Westbury's Community Youth Officer, and Catherine Maxwell from Anybody Can Cook.

The 15 or so young people who attended the meeting expressed a particular interest in learning skills such as cooking and video editing.

At the December Steering Group meeting, grants were awarded to the Childrens Centre to fund an outing to Brokerswood and a sum towards the cost of a new water heater and replacement basin at Grassacres.

Our next partnership meeting takes place in the Laverton in Westbury on the evening of 18th February 2015 at 7.30pm and will have an environmental theme. Amongst the guest speakers will be Emma Croft from the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and Shirley McCarthy, an environmental energy consultant. Everyone's welcome to attend, and refreshments are provided.

Two projects which BA13+ are going to be concentrating on next year are Westbury becoming a Dementia Friendly Town, and signing up for time credits for community groups to encourage volunteers.

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