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Proposed Creation of Central Devizes Customer Access Point and the Closure of Browfort, Urchfont Manor and Bradley Road Buildings

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For the past twenty year I have been running very popular willow courses at Urchfont Manor. These courses always book up very soon after the brochure has been mailed out with students paying in full when they book.

The students come from all over the south of England on the day courses and from much further afield on the residential courses. Students return time and time again because they love the place.

The accommodation is good, the food outstanding and the staff are always friendly and welcoming. Students love the location and the grounds and often stay an extra night before or after a course to explore the local area. Students on my courses have enjoyed wandering down to the local pub and the village shop.

Somewhere like Urchfont Manor is so important because of the courses they provide – there really is something for everyone in the latest programme.

At the moment there is a great interest and demand for courses where students can learn to make things – students want to make something rather than buy it and learn all the skills that have been lost on the last decade or two – Urchfont is one of the few places where student can learn all these important life changing skills