

Update on our summer 2023 activities in Devizes:

We were able to deploy our pop-up youth café on The Green from Monday 31st July till Friday 4th August. This annual event in the town was led by Steve Dewar our area lead, supported by sessional youth workers and volunteers.

Despite rather wet weather at some points in the week, good numbers of young people, both primary and secondary age, came along. The Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team (WOLT) brought their ever-popular climbing wall for two of the days, which always adds excitement and challenge! Copious amounts of drinks and snacks were consumed throughout the week, with donations and support from local residents and shops helping immensely! Year on year we see more familiar faces from those we engage with through our school and detached work, so this summer event is really part of the ongoing building of relationships and trust with young people and the community.

The new equipment we have as a result of the Area Board grant really came into its own, especially the large Coleman shelter, which enabled activities to continue even when it rained; new football goals and a volleyball net were also well used. We had great support from the local police team and other charities, including Connect (formerly Motiv8), as well as appreciation from parents and carers. It's always a privilege to make these contributions to the Devizes community and especially to its amazing young people.

Fergus Stewart (Director)

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