

**Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community
Area**

YOUTH FORUM

9th November 2023 – 1pm

Virtual meeting via Teams link

AGENDA:



1. Welcome and apologies.

Apologies:

Steve Murray, Lyneham Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers
Genti Mullaliu, Horizon College (colleague Rebecca Clarke attending)
Flt Lt Louise Curtis, Lyneham Air Cadets
Fg Off Stephen Maxted
Jude Deaman, Connecting Young People
Mr Paul Luker, RWB Tae Kwon-Do
Nick Bolton, Advanced sports coaching
Mark Skivington, RWB Hockey Club
Kate Lawrence, Wootton Bassett School of Dance
Ellie Gassor, Purton Young Farmers
Jan Kelly, Girl Guiding Wiltshire North

Chair:

(AB) Cllr Allison Bucknell – Wiltshire Councillor for Lyneham Division, Chair of the Area Board

(AJa) Andrew Jack Strategic Engagement Partnership Manager, Wiltshire Council
(LY) Louisa Young, Area Board Delivery Officer, Wiltshire Council
(AJe) Cllr Angela Jenson – Cricklade Town Council Vice Chair and Youth Lead
(MH) Mark Hopkins, Town Clerk Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council & RWB Otters Swim Club
(AD) Amy Dallimore, Army Welfare Service
(JK) Josh Kingston, Army Welfare Service
(DB), Danielle Blake, Rise Trust
(AL) Alan Low, RWB Rugby Club & WASP
(KH) Kevin Hickling, The Church at Flaxlands
(RC) Rebecca Clarke, Horizon College
(TC) Trevor Carter, Purton Cricket Club
(AB) Andy Bunn, Cricklade Leisure Centre
(DL) Danny Lloyd, Cricklade Rugby Club
(PH) Phil Heads, RWB Volleyball Club
(NR) Nic Reeves, Centre Manager Lime Kiln Leisure Centre, Wiltshire Council
(SS) Sally Silcock Whitehorse Junior Badminton Club
(SH) Stefanie Halpin, Purton Parish Council
(CM) Christopher Male, 1st Purton and Lydiard Scouts
(CW) Callum Wright, Purton Cricket Club
(HM) Harriett Matthews – Police, Youth and Early intervention team

(GW) Graham Wright Purton Cricket Club
(SW) Seth Wareing, Cricklade Rugby Club

2. Introductions

3. What's Happening in your areas.

(AJe) the town council is working with The Rise Trust and funding them to deliver youth provision in Cricklade. They would like to apply for funding for additional workshops such as DJ workshops & graffiti / street art workshops.

(GW) Purton Cricket Club - appreciated area board funding for refurbishing cricket nets. They are trying to get increased youth, particularly girls, involved in cricket. Highlighted they are facing challenges with transport particularly as it is difficult to access the lane it is too narrow and seems to put off greater engagement with schools.

During the winter try to run indoor sessions – using Cricklade pre-school sports hall and all coaches are volunteers to keep costs down. There is no opportunity to make additional money for club and they would like to be able to offer kit to children not in a position to buy their own. Trying to build a new pavilion – currently can't support men and women (male & female changing) – going through an exercise to raise money to get a much better facility and to provide a social area – if had ability to better entertain parents while young people taking part in the sport, they may be able to get them interested in volunteering. Availability of land difficult.

(PH) RWB Volleyball (also member of Cricklade cricket club) - play at the Lime Kiln, have recently increased capacity as were at capacity for a number of years. Equipment costs are still an issue need versatility so the current net needs securing. Transport is also an issue – getting the team to regional and national events and coach development costs all volunteers but training costs issue.

(AL) WASP & RWB Rugby Club highlighted there is a scheme run by WASP where any organisation can apply for a bursary for training:
<https://www.wiltssport.org/coach-bursary-scheme>

The rugby club have been running sessions at school which has been attracting young people. They have a sponsor paying for a community coach but are having difficulty getting into schools as rugby is also being played less and the challenge is to turn that role into a fully sustained position.

(DL) Cricklade Rugby club
Have been doing taster sessions also finding connection with schools difficult and would like to build on this.

(MH) Royal Wootton Bassett Town council & Otters Swimming Club
Commission Rise Trust to run youth club outreach on Monday evenings. With support of area board funding were able to do more over the summer holidays. Have a working group for a potential skate park and would be looking to do a skateboard session in the spring. Has been in a meeting with the youth parliament in school re: sport and it was highlighted that there is limited free to access fitness / clubs looking into providing gym equipment across parks. Has been working with the academy,

police and Rise to identify youngsters in danger of getting into trouble, have had a session trying to convince young people to take another path.

MH is also a volunteer swimming coach – complemented NR when there was flooding: really quick and proactive work which was appreciated. As a member of taekwondo also interested in how to get volunteer coaches from a smaller and smaller group of volunteers.

(KH) Flaxlands Church site

Run 3 youth clubs quite good facility more social youth clubs than sport but do have a football pitch used heavily by the young people along with a full-sized snooker table, table tennis table and various games and crafts in the Piggery. Also feels that transport is a massive problem.

(AD) MOD Lyneham community centre

Is running both the junior and senior youth club 14-16 yr olds. This provides a safe environment and is helping to reduce instances of anti-social behaviour. Also offering 121 mentoring service for military young people so if there are any young people from military families that would benefit from this do direct them to AWS. Challenges are time as it is just one person covering the area but do have the infrastructure.

4. Event – Spring 2024

Discussed a potential event in the new year to showcase youth provision in the community area. Opportunity to promote what is on offer from local organisations and shape an event that would appeal to young people.

Consensus seemed to be that it would be better to do smaller events based on location rather than one big event. Suggestion was to run one or 2 events first. AB from Cricklade leisure centre would be happy to host in Cricklade. It was proposed to develop an event to be held in the leisure centres in Royal Wootton Bassett and one for Cricklade and then if they were successful consider future events in Lyneham and Purton.

A discussion was had about whether to theme the events, the preference seemed to be towards a sports theme while noting that most participants were sports organisations. AD suggested theming as health and sports so that other organisations could participate, and we could attract a broader range of young people.

5. Challenges

Covered in updates.

6. Youth Grants

Update from (Aja), Strategic Engagement and Partnerships manager on the area board grants that are available. AJ explained the area board is keen to invest its money to the social benefit of all our residents. There are 3 separate grant schemes and explained the capital and revenue grants that are available and that full details of the area board criteria are available on Wiltshire's website [Area Board Grants - Wiltshire Council](#).

Capital grants are essentially about buying items or improving buildings and revenue for young people is targeting teenagers 13-19 and up to 25 with SEND. Revenue is about putting on positive activities and/or services for young people. Grant applications for more than £500 require match funding and AJ explained that volunteer time can be part of the match funding. If anyone has any projects that they would like funding from the area board for AJ (andrew.jack@wiltshire.gov.uk) encouraged them to get in touch with him, LY or their local councillor.

Examples of the kinds of projects area boards have previously funded can be found here <https://apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboardgrants/GrantsAcrossWiltshire/Search>

Decisions about grant applications are made at every area board meeting. The next meeting is on 17th January (application deadline 20th December) and then on 13th March (deadline 13th February).

7. Any other business

Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board also works closely with colleagues from Wiltshire Police. They have an ongoing campaign, known as Operation Sceptre, tackling knife crime amongst both adults and increasingly young people that we are keen to support and promote. We'd be very grateful if you are able to share the material attached with the young people from your organisation.

Another grant that is worth being aware of is Wiltshire council's small grants scheme which is aimed to help increase the number of opportunities and activities across Wiltshire for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and or Disabilities (SEND) [Small grants scheme - individuals, groups and organisations encouraged to apply - Wiltshire Council](#)

8. Propose date for Next meeting:

Thursday 25th January 1pm