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## **Southern Wiltshire Community Area Youth Opportunities, Activities & Support**

### **1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 Meeting – brief summary (please read with the attached slides)**

Attendees: Jess Williamson and Sarah Viney (Laverstock Community Farm), Sue Burr (Grannie from Downton with passion to help YP), Claire Pearce (New Forest National Park Youth Lead), Chairman of Pitton & Farley Parish Council, Gjenya Cambray (Wiltshire Creative), Trudi Deane (Laverstock & Ford Parish Council), Sarah (Winterbourne Guides), Jo Woodsford (Healthwatch), Jon +1 (Bourne Valley Scouts), Richard Britton and Ian McLennan (Area Board) and Karen Linaker, (Wiltshire Council Community Engagement Manager)

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### **Opportunities**

- 1) Downton would welcome the resources of a professional youth worker able to appeal to the young folk who otherwise would struggle to engage with existing activities locally
- 2) Wiltshire Creative's recent Shift project outcome can offer us more by way of youth views to help us shape our local offer (Karen to follow up)
- 3) Young people really like to be able to have a say in what activities happen and to help shape programmes. We could potentially explore how the Wiltshire Creative Youth Ambassadors are led and see if this can be replicated for our CA, opening up the potential for the reinstating of a youth committee able to input into grant decisions and other area board work. This model is also important to ensure young people can properly voice what causes, events, issues they feel most passionate about, and from that we can shape programmes and projects
- 4) Re-instate a Leisure Credit scheme for village help days / events (Karen to talk to Seeds4Success about how they run theirs)
- 5) Ensure young people are involved in the community events on Longhedge as facilitated by Nicole Abela from Abri

### **Activities**

- 6) Facilitating interesting, adventurous and/or eco-themed activities, either at one of the community area's many different sites, (Bentley Woods, Hazel Hill Wood, Downton Moot, Community Farm, Hampton Country Park, Franchises Lodge RSPB reserve nr Nomansland, Langley Wood etc) needs exploring
- 7) The New Forest National Park Youth team are interested in collaborating with us, and in time, hope to be able to offer a 6-10 week programme of activities on the theme of covid-recovery

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- 8) Explore potential for any outreach support/activities from the Salisbury Community Area youth offer, including Rise 61 and Wiltshire Creative and church groups (Karen is involved in the new youth provider forum in Salisbury)
- 9) Young people like music (to listen and chill out to, and to perform), try to facilitate activities around this, including potential Open Mic nights
- 10) Music, movies and pizza nights are often popular
- 11) Hire a Mobile Cave Bus for a Fun Day (has worked well for Bourne Valley Scouts in the past)
- 12) Explore potential of Silent Discos (could also make intergenerational)
- 13) Tree climbing, water events

### **Support**

- 14) Karen to link up with Joe Sutton from Wiltshire Council's new Youth Voice team
- 15) We are keen to help ensure successful youth projects / groups in one village pass on their tips/model to other villages
- 16) We are exploring investment in a peripatetic youth worker for the whole community area
- 17) Karen to ensure all taken forward from ideas above are brought alongside the work of the new Rural Youth Outreach Project starting for 12 months from August/Sept 2021 in Southern Wiltshire