

Unique Concert for Wiltshire attended by Her Majesty The Queen

Community First was delighted to attend the Unique Concert for Wiltshire at Salisbury Cathedral on 8th February 2024. The concert, in support of Community First (Youth Action Wiltshire), Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust, was also attended by Her Majesty The Queen. Community First staff and President HM Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire Sarah Troughton greeted The Queen on her arrival at the Cathedral and attended a private reception after the event. As part of the service, her Majesty was introduced to young people and Young Leaders supported by Youth Action Wiltshire, as well as volunteers and staff from Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust.

Thank you to everyone involved in organising and performing at this very special event. Thank also to the many members of the public and supporters who attended the event in aid of local charities.

More information about the Unique Concert for Wiltshire and a selection of photos can be found on our website: <https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/news/local-wiltshire-charities-celebrate-their-work-with-a-stunning-concert-in-the-presence-of-the-queen/>

Refreshed website for Building Bridges and Inspire Swindon Programmes

A refreshed website for the Building Bridges and Inspire Swindon programmes is now live. The website contains information about each of the programmes in Wiltshire and Swindon, along with eligibility information, success stories and a referral form.

The website also contains information about the previous Building Bridges Programme - including an impact report and outcomes from the programme between 2016-2023.

To make a referral or find out more, please visit: www.buildingbridgessw.org.uk

Voice It, Hear It

In the previous Area Board update, we shared news about the launch of a new Service User Engagement Service. The service is delivered by Community First, Wiltshire Service Users Network, Wessex Community Action, Age UK Wiltshire, Alzheimer's Support and Celebrating Age Wiltshire.

Going forward the service will be called Voice It, Hear It. The team is based at the Community First office in Devizes and has already begun outreach and engagement work. Over the last few weeks, the team has hosted consultations with autistic adults and adults with learning disabilities about effective website communication.

Voice It, Hear It will work alongside Wiltshire Council and the BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board (BSW ICB) to engage with people living and working in Wiltshire to co-produce, co-design and co-develop health and social care services in Wiltshire.

Vacancy - Splash Youth Support Worker

We are looking for a highly motivated and dedicated individual to join our award-winning Youth Work Team.

- Hours: 36.5 hrs per week, including regular evening, weekend and school holiday work.
- Salary: £25,694 gross per annum plus 7% employers pension contribution.
- Location: Office base in Devizes, county-wide programme delivery, including 1:1 outreach and group work sessions.
- Supervisor: Targeted Youth Support Services Manager

The role focuses on providing practical and emotional support for young victims of crime in Wiltshire and Swindon aged 5-18 years, enabling them to cope and recover from their experience of crime, through increased confidence, self-esteem and resilience.

You will have experience of successfully delivering one-to-one and group work support for young people. Be creative, adaptable, with strong interpersonal skills and able to work effectively both independently and as part of a team.

The role will include regular evening, weekend and school holiday working.

Due to the nature of the work, this role is subject to an Enhanced DBS, along with relevant background checks, references, a probationary period, and completion of mandatory training requirements.

If you would like to find out more about this position, please contact Steve Crawley Head of Youth Action Wiltshire Email: steve@youthactionwiltshire.org or phone: 01380 729183 or 07818077764.

Closing date: We do not have a closing date for this role and will instead review applications as and when they are received.

To download a job description, person specification and an application form for this post, please visit <https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/vacancies>. Please note we are unable to accept CVs for this position.

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Village Halls Week 2024

#VillageHallsWeek is returning between 18th-24th March 2024 to celebrate everything village halls can do to 'go green.' It will look at how buildings can be made more energy efficient, and how management committees can support sustainable and environmentally friendly behaviours in their community.

During Village Halls Week Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) and ACRE members - including Community First - will be encouraging as many halls as possible to hold their own events, share their stories and get inspiration from others.

Keep an eye on our social media channels and website for more information about Village Halls Week and please get involved by sharing with your networks.

ACRE has also created a calendar of activities happening across the country as part of Village Halls Week: <https://acre.org.uk/village-halls-week-2024-local-events>.

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