

Area Board Project/Councillor Initiative 2017/18

1. What is the project?

West Wilts Special Needs Activity Scheme, a registered charity supports young people with special needs aged 4-18 in our area with a range of conditions including Asperger's, Downs Syndrome and other disabilities.

A key part of the support for young people and families has been a two week play scheme that takes place over the summer to provide positive activities for the young people and their families, to give them something to look forward to in the long holidays.

Unfortunately, sufficient funds were not secured in time to deliver the play scheme this year and the charity is unable to resource it from it's reserves.

As an alternative, the charity is proposing to run two fun days over the holidays and is seeking funding to help deliver these.

2. Where is the project taking place?

The fun days will be held at Trowbridge Rugby Club on 11th and 18th August to support young people and their families who would otherwise have no holiday provision this year. It is planned to have both indoor and outdoor activities to stimulate the young people and provide support for their families.

3. When will the project take place?

Summer holidays 2017

4. Please outline:

- Community benefits
- Evidence of need
- Links to Community Plan
- Community Issue

The scheme will benefit young people with special needs in our area including those with Downs Syndrome, Asperger's and other conditions. Provision for these young people

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during school holidays is limited and additional pressures can be put on families including siblings during this time.

Addressing Child poverty and supporting low income families is a priority in the JSA for Trowbridge Community area as is provision of positive activities for young people.

The project will benefit young people in a number of ways including

- feeling valued and supported
- improving social skills and mixing with non- disabled siblings
- making and sustaining friendships in the holidays
- learning new skills
- enjoying themselves in a safe and managed environment

The project will also benefit parents who will have activities to take their children to and the support of the charity workers and other parents.

5. What is the desired outcome/s of this project?

The outcome is the delivery of two days of activities for young people with special needs during the summer holidays.

Other outcomes include

- Positive activities for young people
- socialisation opportunities for young people
- Support for young people with special needs and their families

6. Who will Project Manage this project?

West Wilts Special Needs Activity Scheme

7. Please confirm costs and provide quotes

- Total project costs up to and including £5,000 - 1 quote
- Total project costs over £5,000 - 3 quotes

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Hire Rugby Club £400 per day for two days £800 (quotation received)
Contribution toward bouncy castle £100

Total requested from area board £900

Other activities which will be funded by the charity and by donations include

Disco

Barbeque

Food

Entertainment- magician etc.

Face painting

Arts and craft activities

Party games

8. Additional information in support of the project

Parents have commented on the value of the summer holiday provision in terms of the support it gives to them and the siblings of special needs young people, the opportunity to meet other parents and share experiences, the opportunity for siblings to make friends with others in similar circumstances, the availability of trained staff to support the activities and the easing of pressure on the family during these times.

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