

# With and for, our young people.

# October - November 2018

The last couple of months have brought further progress to the work of the Royal Wootton Bassett Local Youth Network (RWB LYN):

#### **Funding**

Funding has now been secured for the RWB LYN through the Area board. This has been provided to support preliminary work, help create a sustainable forum and formulate a plan that supports the needs of young people in Royal Wootton Bassett. Further funds were received from participation in the Rotary Youth Challenge by a team of local young people. All funds are kindly being held by Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council.

#### Youth Provision

Following the RWB LYN championing the cause, the Royal Wootton Bassett town Council Amenities Committee has agreed to ring fence funding for 2 years of Youth Provision at the current level (one 2.5-hour session per week, for 48 weeks) to ensure the continuation past March 2019. This then paves the way for the Area Board to support funding given that local procurement and finance will be in place, in addition to a local forum.

# **Needs Assessment**

Work continues in this space via online, event and in school surveying from which it is hoped that our Needs Assessment will be available in February 2019.

#### **Activities**

Organisations in Royal Wootton Bassett have been provided with the template for our Christmas Tree Decorations and Christmas Craft Event. Our groups have been offered free pantomime tickets for January and we will be marking our first year in 2019.

## Volunteers

We were pleased to welcome onboard 5 new volunteers this Autumn, to support our work.

#### **Pledges**

Our Positive About Young People pledges have been signed by 62 people including the Head of RWB Academy, the Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner and our Mayor. We hope that this will encourage people to think and behave differently towards our young people.

# Thank You

The Royal Wootton Bassett Local Youth Network would like to offer its thanks to the following who have provided great support: CMAS, Wiltshire Council, The RISE Trust Children's Centre, Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council, the Royal Wootton Bassett Shed, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Royal Wootton Bassett Academy, GreenSquare Group and the Rotary Club.