

## Area Board Project

### 1. What is the Initiative?

To keep Holt Youth Club open by paying for an Assistant Youth Worker for 3 hours a week.

This Assistant Youth Worker would be provided by Wiltshire Councils Development Service for Young People, and would work beside another Youth Worker that is funded by the Council itself.

The club is supported by a rota of community volunteers, but without a second Assistant Youth Worker the club may have to close.

### 2. Where is the initiative taking place?

The club runs at Holt Village Hall, Wednesdays 7 - 9pm. The worker would work 3 hrs a week in total as they will need time to set up the club, clear up and complete their records afterwards.

### 3. When will the initiative take place?

1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012.

### 4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/links to Community Plan/Community Issue?

The following are statements from young people explaining why they feel the youth club benefits them:

“It’s somewhere to go to not be scared.”

“It’s somewhere to go and let your hair down and have a laugh, and forget about everything. “

“There’s nothing else for the youth in Holt and it’s a good atmosphere where people who care about us.”

“It’s a time where all the young people from Holt can come to a nice, warm, dry and safe place to meet.”

“Please don’t take away our youth club as it has helped us to achieve things as both youth workers are always there to help us when we need them. They help us with new opportunities, especially in this upcoming year in which we are trying to raise money so we can start projects like the baby project where we would learn to look after electronic babies. We are also planning on going on a residential where we can do surf lessons and horse riding lessons.

“The youth club itself gives us opportunity to see friends in a calm environment where we enjoy taking part in activities together such as apple bobbing at Halloween and Christmas parties during the festive season.”

“The youth club overall is just a great thing to be a part of as it helps us all a lot, for example helping us find money raising opportunities to help us go to college and do courses.”

For further details on how the youth club has been of direct benefit to the community please read statements attached from the following supporting adults:

The Chair of Holt Parish Council, John Palmer, who has provided a brief history of Youthwork in Holt, highlighting the problems the village struggled with before we had a Youth Club, and the large & continuing personal and

financial commitment of Holt Parish Council to the Youth Club.

Alan Fox, a villager, first Chairman of the Advice and Support Group for the Young People of Holt and social work professional who has written a brief background and statement of his views on the Youth Club's value.

PC Martin Barrett, who finds the Youth Centre a valuable link to Holts younger residents, and believes it has a direct link to keeping anti-social behaviour in the area low.

## 5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

To stop the youth club closing.

We want to keep it open as this youth club gives us new opportunities to try different activities, from designing shoes to horse riding.

## 6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

It would be a joint partnership between the Broughton Gifford and Holt Youth Project, and the Wiltshire Council Youth Development Service for Young People.

Katherine Brownlee, the Youth Development Coordinator for Bradford on Avon, would be the main contact from the Development Service for Young People. She would be managing the staff at the youth club.

## 7. Costs/quotes/ match funding? (total cost £5k require 1 quote, total cost £5k-25k require 3 quotes)

The cost of the worker would be £10.98 per hour. They would work 3 hrs per week for 52 weeks of the year. They would also need to go on training and meet with their manager regularly to monitor their progress.

The total cost for the year would be £1912.50.

## 8. Additional information

Further comments from young people:

"All of us at Holt Youth Club do not want it to close. Please give us money for another youth worker as this place means a lot to all of the people who are a part of Holt Youth Club."

"It's somewhere to go once a week. It's such a good night."

"It's somewhere to hang out and have a laugh and speak to wonderful and lovely people. I love youth club. I'd cry if it gets closed."

"Holt doesn't have a lot to do anyway so youth club is fun for us all."

There are also statements of support attached from local adults. These are from:

6 Holt residents

The Holt School headmistress, Margaret Harndon.

Andrew Evans, Rural Dean.

Martin Moyes, Holt Parish Council