

Area Board Project

1. What is the Initiative?

Trip to Longleat Safari Park, near Warminster in Wiltshire for YPAB (Young Parents and Babies/Bumps).

2. Where is the initiative taking place?

We would meet at Bradford on Avon Youth Development Centre then travel to Longleat in the councils Multi Person Vehicle (MPV). We will also use a suitable staff vehicle as there will not be enough space in the MPV for everyone.

3. When will the initiative take place?

Spring/Summer 2011.

If we got the money we would organise a day that suited everyone in the group best.

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

It would give the children the opportunity of a new experience. It would help us to build links with Wiltshire and help us as parents to access local facilities.

We could not go without Area Board funding as we could not afford the tickets. The majority of us also do not have transport to get there. There is no where else in Wiltshire where we could access the same range of facilities as Longleat. We also feel Longleat is not too far, so the Children would not get too tired. We think that places like London Zoo are too far. This is why we want to go to Longleat.

It would help us to teach our children animal noises, habitats and develop their knowledge and understanding of the world.

It would cover the Every Child Matters outcomes for us and our children. It would cover:

- 'Be healthy' because it would help us teach our children about different animal diets, and it would give us a chance to develop positive relationships with our children in a new environment.
- 'Be Safe' as we could continue teaching our children about safety such as stranger danger and not touching unknown animals. It would also help us as parents as we can practise teaching these things in a different environment to normal.
- 'Achieve economic wellbeing' because it would help our children in developing social skills that are vital in later life.
- 'Enjoy and achieve' as our children would enjoy experiencing new animals in a new and exciting environment.
- 'Make a positive contribution' as we could all support each other to look after and teach our children in this new environment.

5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

For 6 young parents and their 8 children to go to Longleat Safari Park, supported by the 2 workers from YPAB.

For us and our children to share a new experience and strengthen our positive relationships with each other.

For us to practise teaching our children about safety in a new environment, which will help develop our confidence.

For our children to learn about different animals and their diets, and safety such as stranger danger and not touching unknown animals.

For us as a group to develop our relationships with each other outside of our normal group meeting place.

For our children to develop their friendships in a different environment.

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

Katherine Brownlee, Development Service for Young People.

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

Day tickets to Longleat cost £26 per adult. This includes entry in to:

- Safari Park
- Longleat House
- Jungle Kingdom
- Jungle Cruise
- Longleat Hedge Maze
- Adventure Castle
- Jungle Express
- Animal Adventure
- The Bat Cave
- Motion Simulators
- Postman Pat Village
- Tea Cup Ride

We will need 8 adult tickets.

Most of our children will not need to pay as they are under 3yrs old, but we will need 1 child's ticket for £18.50.

The total of this will be £226.50.

We will also need money for petrol. It will be 28 miles for the return journey. The current Wiltshire Council mileage rate is 40p per mile so this will mean that staff will need £11.20 for each vehicle. We are taking 2 cars so will need £22.40 in total.

The overall total that we need is £248.90.

8. Additional information

Statement from Kath Brownlee, Youth Development Coordinator:

"YPAB has been running since September 2010. It has a core group of 6 young mums who attend weekly sessions where they can access information and advice on issues relevant to them.

The young people have been involved in writing the session plans for the group, and they all agreed that they wanted trips out of the youth centre where they normally meet. This was to enable them and their children to experience environments and activities that they wouldn't normally access due to lack of money, transport issues or lack of confidence.

The group identified places they'd like to visit with their children, and agreed that Longleat would be the best option. Some felt venues such as Bristol and London Zoos were too far for their first trip. Everyone agreed that Longleat was easily accessible, and would provide them and their children with a new and varied experience.

If funding is agreed, the young people would be involved in organising the trip."