



With and for our young people

April 2019 - May 2019

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

Youth Provision

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council has applied to the Area Board in order to understand if more funds can be made available in order to extend provision from 1 night a week. This is key, given both the information obtained in our needs assessment and the capacity limitations of current provision.

Needs Assessment

Plans are being developed around an ideation event based on the needs assessment in order to involve and empower our young people.

Activities

- Free Petanque will be offered in the High Street on carnival day, 18th May to young people in a joint initiative between the RWB LYN and the local Petanque club. A team challenge will follow the next week at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground.
- Young people with green fingers, are being encouraged to enter the Junior Bloomers section of the Bassett in Bloom competition. Entry is free and forms will be available in the Town Council Office from 20th May.
- The RWB LYN is hoping to enter the Rotary Youth Challenge again this year and is starting to gather a team.
- Plans are being developed for Christmas lights around the idea of a graffiti wall.
- Ideas are also being put forward for the group's decorations for the Christmas Tree festival.
- Plans are being further developed for an LGBT initiative.
- Citizenship and volunteering ideas are being looked at.

Royal Wootton Bassett Sea Cadets

A report was received on the challenges being faced by this group, which almost closed recently due to lack of support, and who face further challenges in funding future building works. This is a grave concern, given the value of this group in providing positive activities in Royal Wootton Bassett for young people at low cost, which help develop skills, resilience and confidence.

Thank You

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