

With and for our young people

June - July 2019

The last couple of months have brought further progress in the work of the Royal Wootton Bassett Local Youth Network (RWB LYN). This is thanks to the hard work and dedication of our Champions and Young People and support of our amazing community:

Activities

- **Pétanque:** To offer opportunities for physical activity and social interaction, Free Pétanque was offered in Borough Fields on carnival day, 18th May. This was a joint initiative between us and the local Pétanque Club. It was very well attended and has been followed up by ongoing free sessions.



- **Bassett In Bloom:** Our young people have been encouraged to enter the Junior Bloomers section of the Bassett in Bloom competition, as an activity that offers benefits to their education, physical health, mental health and learning about their environment. Numbers of young people/children entering are now estimated to be around 200. *(Photo right - hedgehogs made and grown by children at Longleaze Primary School.)*



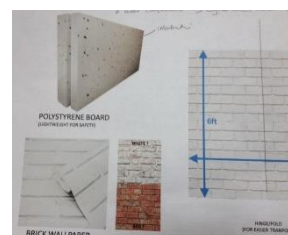
- **LGBT:** Our LGBT initiative with Out of The Can is live and growing. In the first two sessions young people and youth workers created bunting around the different flags to which the LGBT community identify. *(Image, right – people cut outs coloured in the flags.)*



- **Garden of Remembrance:** 4 of our champions gave their time to help with the renovation of the Garden of Remembrance, which has now been re-dedicated. RWB Rocks have kindly hand painted pebbles to find and return to the garden, to provide a free, simple a fun way for our children and young people to learn about the garden. *(Images right - pebble featuring the 'Peace' rose and the renovated garden)*



- **Street Art Engagement:** Plans are being developed for Christmas lights around the idea of a Street Art / 'Banksy wall'. As a way for young people to engage with us on a creative level. Discussions with the Town Council have taken place to enable this to take place and one of our young people Ben has taken the time to independently prepare plans and presented them at our meeting (see image right). Another young person has also offered their time and creative skills to develop a poster for us.



- **Christmas Tree Festival:** We are working now to promote and engage with young people on our 'Dream Tree' for Christmas Tree festival. This will explore opportunities and potential in young people, allowing them to create decorations that will help them think positively about their future.
- **Rotary Youth Challenge:** The RWB LYN is hoping to enter the Rotary Youth Challenge again this year and is starting to gather a team.
- **Vulnerable groups:** We are continuing to look at the needs of some of our other vulnerable groups and hope to be offering more to them in the future.

Royal Wootton Bassett Sea Cadets, TS Turbulent Unit

Following the threat of closure due to lack of funds and support, we continue to track the progress of this very valuable local organisation for our young people. To raise funds and increase support, the Sea Cadets will be holding an **Open Day to be held at Jubilee lake Sea Cadet hut on Sat 7th Sept in the afternoon.** This will show case the extensive education and activities that Sea Cadets can be a part of, as well as including a table top and cake sale.

CMAS Youth Provision

Having secured Area Board Funding, Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council will be working with us to shape future work with our local young people and CMAS, in a way that reflects both findings of our Need's Assessment and the ongoing input of key stakeholders.

Meeting Venues

With the closure and sale of Manor House, time has had to be given to searching for alternative free venues for stakeholder meetings. Our community has responded in a very positive way, for which we are very grateful. Stakeholders will be shortly advised of the new venues for our upcoming meetings.

Mayor's Charity 2019

We're really pleased that the Mayor of Royal Wootton Bassett, Cllr Steve Watts has chosen the Richard Jones Foundation for his charity this year. For the unfamiliar this is a charity which provides grants to 7-25-year olds, resident in Royal Wootton Bassett for at least a year, to help them achieve their full potential. Do watch out for the Mayor's events on Saturday 13th July in Royal Wootton Bassett. Donations can be made at: [justgiving/richardjonesfoundation](https://www.justgiving.com/richardjonesfoundation)



St Bartholomew's & All Saints Church, Royal Wootton Bassett

We would like to highlight the growing and fantastic work being done by this local organisation for children and young people, once again by volunteers on very limited funds. Children's Church and the Next Chapter are offering a growing set of free opportunities including films, trampolining, games afternoons (mixed generations) and crafts for our young people which enable them to socialise, undertake positive activities and mix with other generations. Well done and thank you to them!

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, St Bartholomew's & All Saints Church, Launch2Learning, WBLETs, the Pétanque Club, Bassett in Bloom, Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service, Wiltshire Police and the Rotary Club.