

**Partner Update for Warminster Area Board for the Warminster
CAYPIG (Community Area Young People's Issue Group)**

Name of Parish/Town Council: Warminster

Date of Area Board Meeting: 10th March 2011

Headlines/Key Successes

- The Continuation of Warminster CAYPIG which is currently dealing with the following Issues: Skate Park, Transport, Football league, leisure Credits, Youth exchange and 13-19 Youth Strategy.
- One of the main CAYPIG success stories of the time was the group's participation in securing funds for the repair of the skate park and also the new teen shelter.
- A Warminster CAYPIG member was recently elected to the Wiltshire Assembly of Youth representing all young people in Wiltshire.
- To date Warminster Development centre for young people have engaged with approximately 920 aged 12-19 year olds this is based on the population of 2064 13-19 year olds within the community area, this equates to engagement with 45% of the population which is reflected within our statistics.

Projects

- The 13-19 youth strategy consultation is taking place whereby, The children and Young People's Trust board are consulting through workshops with adults/staff and young people, to develop a 13-19 Youth Strategy, which will be a new policy for Wiltshire. The Trust Boards job is to develop children's and young people's services within the county. Most counties in England have a Trust Board. The Trust Board needs to consult with those working with young people for example Youth Development Workers, children's charities, voluntary youth organisations and a diverse range of those organisations working with children and young people, as well as children and young people themselves.

The aim for putting this strategy together is for Children and Young Peoples services that are available now and in to the future to be in response to need. Once adults, children and young people have been consulted, which will take place between now and June, their input will be read and will be used to inform the co-ordination of a new framework for children and young people ensuring that it includes the services that are actually needed. This new framework will be launched as the 13-19 Strategy later in the year.

Young people from Warminster attended a consultation conference and workshop on February 24th 2011 in Devizes, joined by young people from across Wiltshire, covering all community areas, and were asked to speak openly and honestly about the range of services that are available where they live, how good they are and where there may be gaps where services are required but are not currently available or where they may need increasing. They spoke on behalf of young people aged 13-19 in their area so were encouraged to speak with friends and peers prior to the event to gather opinions and ideas. A county-wide picture was developed.

- Warminster Development Centre for Young People currently offers a wide range of diverse activities. The Youth Work offer that takes place is needs led, thoroughly planned and takes place in various locations within the local community. These consist of Centre based, street based work within the town and also in the villages during the spring/summer, we also do school based work and various holiday activities. We also take on specialist programmes for the more vulnerable groups, this includes young people with additional needs, single gender work, and opportunities targeted at those hard to reach and at risk of entering the criminal justice system as well as 1:1 work with vulnerable individuals. Throughout the course of participation, a large proportion of the young people we work with have taken part in local and national accredited schemes and awards, including ASDAN, Peer Mentoring Scheme, Arts Award, Duke of Edinburgh Award, First Aid, Food Hygiene and Sports Development Awards, these are all funded by the Youth Development Centre. These provide opportunities to gain valuable skills, qualifications, improve self confidence and self-esteem, increased resilience, team work, independent living skills, and also enable them to take part in diverse personal and social education programmes of work.

The centre is open to all young people and qualified Youth Development Workers engage with them up to 5 evening sessions a week, offering both a universal and targeted approach, to ensure that the needs of as many young people as possible are met. The team currently consists of 1 Full-Time worker and 6 Assistant Youth Development Workers 2 Volunteers and 3 Peer Mentors. The centre has a staffing allocation of 40hrs per week for the 2011/2012 year, which excludes the full time workers, which is used to meet the commitment from Wiltshire Council to offer evenings a week of professional youth work delivery, following a curriculum to ensure quality

opportunities and positive outcomes for Young People. The formula equates up to 2-3 assistant youth development workers per 3 hour session. We as a service aim to meet the need of every young person that we come in contact with.

- The Young people and the CAYPIG are currently working on new projects for the future. These are to extend the current youth offer within the community, which will be done through the allocated hours. The centre is currently looking at opening the centre five nights a week with developing a Youth Café on a Friday evening which will open till 9:30/10pm, this will give young people a safe alternative place to go on a Friday night, with this we are hoping to reduce the anti-social behaviour with in the town and provide an alternative to drinking in the local parks. We are also looking to make the most of the resources we have by creating more music session for young people and enable them to be more creative in the production of writing songs and putting music with this, this can then be show cased to the local community.

We are currently looking at developing and putting in to place a Leisure credit scheme where young people are able to do voluntary work in the local community and in return they will build up credits for leisure activities and trips that they would not necessarily get the opportunity to do otherwise. The CAYPIG is also currently involved in setting up and sorting a youth exchange abroad, this is as a joint venture with Westbury CAYPIG and although still in planning stage we are looking to go in October this year.

Diary Dates

- CAYPIG Meeting: Wednesday 23 March - 6:30pm Warminster Youth Development Centre
- CAYPIG Meeting: Thursday 21 April - 6:30pm at Warminster Youth Development centre
- CAYPIG Meeting: Thursday 23 June at Warminster Youth Development Centre

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