

Pewsey Area Board Project – Cllr Jerry Kunkler

1. What is the project?

Use of the Open Blue Bus to provide a venue for young people in the Burbage & Upavon areas. Attending 10 times over a year, monthly omitting August December beginning in January 2020.

The Open Blue Trust use a converted 18 year old double deck bus as a mobile community centre. It has a kitchen/café area downstairs and toddler play/teen chill zone and kids craft areas upstairs. Kitted out with laptops, play stations, flat screens and wifi with internet access, this ‘village hall on wheels’ has allowed us to bring activities, that we take for granted but those living in isolated enclaves across Wiltshire struggle to access, right to their door step.

The Bus is mobile and will go right into the community so distances to it will be small which means it is safer for young people. Access to the bus is free to all so that no one is excluded. The bus has disabled access and anything we offer on the upper deck can be offered on the lower deck. Open Blues values include inclusivity and all staff and volunteers work hard to make all feel welcome and then included in the activities. The bus very often acts as a bridge for other agencies to access people who are otherwise difficult to reach. They tend to come on board and chat with the young people.

2. Where is the project taking place?

Upavon and Burbage

At Upavon the bus is proposed to go to Andover Road Upper Play Park and in Burbage to go to Martingale Rd. both places have a green space next to them which will enable a greater range of activities when weather permits.

3. When will the project take place?

The proposal is for the bus to visit once a month, 10 times over a 12 month period. Beginning in January 2020

4. Who is the project aimed at?

Young people of secondary school age. 11-18yrs

5. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/desired outcomes?

There is very little support for young people generally now. It is even more difficult in rurally isolated areas.

Open Blue hopes to develop a good rapport with the local young people and the communities as a whole. Effectively beginning a youth work in these areas that will continue after the year long project is over.

6. Who will manage/be responsible for this project?

Andy weeds the Project Director of the Open Blue bus

7. Costs/quotes/ match funding?

Costs are £340 per 2 hr session

These costs cover:

Activity resources (food, games crafts etc), staff, volunteers, training, fuel, maintenance of the bus, insurances (vehicle, public & employers liability, Trustee indemnity),

Cost breakdown per venue:

Itemised Expenditure	£
eg Materials help	
Vehicle & equipment running costs	£374.00
Activities costs	£510.00
Volunteer expenses	£289.00
Staff costs	£1870.00
Administration, training, insurances	£357.00
Total	£3400.00

Total for both venues =£6800

8. Any Other Information

Open Blue will provide a team to work on the bus.
It will also be open to local people willing to volunteer and be trained to be part of the team.

Open Blue has a comprehensive Child protection policy. All staff and volunteers are DBS checked as part of Open Blue safeguarding recruitment policy. There is a central record of DBS and staff references. All staff & volunteers have Child protection training. Andy Weeds is responsible for safeguarding. If young people are accessing the internet on their own device data plan then observation of what they are viewing & listening to is relatively easy, inappropriate useage is prohibited.

Open Blue will keep a register of those who use the bus and comments and quotes will be recorded along with a survey of the perceived effectiveness of the work.

A comprehensive Health & Safety risk assessment has been completed and is available if required.