Subject:	Fostering in Devizes
Web contact:	https://fosteringwiltshire.uk or 0800 169 6321

Wiltshire Council currently has 23 children in care from the Devizes area who need a local foster carer. We know there are people out there who could provide a loving home and we are focussing on Devizes as it's one of the places where we need more carers. People who foster with Wiltshire Council help ensure that child can stay local and are offered a loving home. See a video of Cllr Laura Mayes, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, education and Skills for brief details: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8MXCzbG-g8

Many of our foster carers work as well as providing foster care. According to The Fostering Network, there are 55,000 foster families across the UK and nearly 40 per cent of foster carers combine fostering with other work. There are a number of different types of foster care too, including overnight short breaks for those who may be able to help on a regular basis but cannot commit to a long term position. All we ask is that any potential foster carer has a spare bedroom and is ready to talk to us and we will work through the rest.

If you think you're interested in fostering, please take a look at this short video to find out more <a href="https://youtu.be/DI\_HgRvj1J0">https://youtu.be/DI\_HgRvj1J0</a>. If this gets you thinking you could become a foster carer, Wiltshire Council is hosting a live information session on Tuesday 30th November at 7.30pm online. Please use the link here to join us in time <a href="https://bit.ly/3GpMBdW">https://bit.ly/3GpMBdW</a>

