

## Exciting Opportunities for Young People in the Devizes Community Area

Funding is available for innovative projects led by young people in the Devizes area. The money will be allocated to projects by public vote at the Devizes Area Board on 23 January 2012 at Devizes Sports Club.

A number of groups of young people will be shortlisted to present their ideas for projects. The amount you are asking for can be any amount from £100 up to £2,000 but must address issues for young people in this area. There is a total of £10,000 available towards these projects.

Everyone present at the meeting on Monday 23 January will be able to vote on how to allocate the funding. So even if you don't put in an application you can still come along and hear about the projects and join in with the voting.

The application process is now open and the documents you need can be downloaded NOW at [www.sparksite.co.uk](http://www.sparksite.co.uk).

The deadline for applications is Tuesday 13 December 2011 and those chosen to present their idea will be informed by Monday 9 January.

If you have any questions or you would like any help with applications or project ideas then please do not hesitate to contact Richard on 01225 718626 or email [richard.rogers@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:richard.rogers@wiltshire.gov.uk). The Council has been working with the NHS and residents of Wiltshire on a major review of the services that are available to older and vulnerable people living in the county. This is called 'Help to Live at Home'. The review aims to improve the experiences of vulnerable adults and carers who require support, whilst ensuring that the changes are sustainable in the future. This is an exciting time to really make a difference to the lives of people in Wiltshire.

We aim to provide an improved service to an increasing number of vulnerable people by:

- Bringing together a variety of separate services into one so that a single service is able to meet a wider range of needs. The sort of services we are including in this are personal care in the home, housing support and other services that support people in their homes.
- Ensuring these services focus on helping people learn or re-learn skills they may have lost as a result of illness, or another event that has resulted in them losing confidence and needing some help.
- Making even better use of the wide range of community services that there are in Wiltshire.
- Making sure these services are focused on doing what people want and helping people to live independent and fulfilling lives.
- Supporting sheltered accommodation schemes.

As a result of this review –

- Services to older and vulnerable people in Wiltshire will be improved with more people able to access help to help themselves through the provision of information,

advice and support from within the wider community and less people dependent upon help from the Council.

- More people will be able to remain in their own homes with an improved quality of life
- Less people will require help for long periods of time – more people will be helped to become independent more quickly.
- People who need support will receive it at whatever time of the day or night
- People will receive the right help, at the right time, in the right place.