

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

WARMINSTER AREA BOARD

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Warminster CAYPIG (Community Area Young People's Issues Group/ Youth Development Work) Update - partnership report

Purpose of the Report

1. Update on young people's issues in the Warminster community area generated through the CAYPIG
2. Update and profile of young people's involvement in positive, developmental youth work opportunities through the Youth Development Service in Warminster, including those which benefit the wider community.

Background

Warminster CAYPIG is currently been restructured. Our CAYPIG is co-ordinated by the Integrated Service for young people-Youth Work Team, through Warminster Youth Development Centre (***Sandra Samuel-Warminster Youth Development Co-Coordinator and Building manager***).

The CAYPIG meet every six weeks to discuss and raise issues which affect them and others in the Warminster community area and to discuss solutions or positive action which can be taken to help improve or resolve local issues. This is a democratic forum for young people to become involved in and to have a voice and influence within their community. The CAYPIG is supported by adult representation from Wiltshire Council, including Wiltshire Councillors, Warminster Town Council and their Town Councillors, Integrated Youth Services-Youth Development Workers, Information, Advice & Guidance Advisors, Personal Advisors, Extended Schools Services, Wiltshire Police, Community Area Partnership and other services and organisations. Issues and ideas raised to date have included Warminster skate park improvements, lighting in certain areas of Warminster, partnership working by decorating a Bustard, Bike project, taking part in a skate competition, leisure credits scheme, young people's rural transport scheme, and the development and re-launch of the youth centre.

Main Considerations

Young people would like their involvement in positive activities and opportunities through the CAYPIG and Westbury Youth Development Centre to be highlighted so that the wider community and other services/organisations can help take action/support them and so that they can be viewed positively. Young people also wish to profile their commitment to improving life in the Warminster community area for young people and others surrounding villages.

The main issues the CAYPIG group are currently engaged in the health and safety of the skate park.

- Skate park- we had an informal meeting with young people which was chaired by Pip Ridout our representative councillor. Young people raised concerns about the skate park and some of the health and safety issues and poor lighting, buckled panels on half pipe, corners lifting on ramps and side panels, broken glass everywhere etc.

Future Projects and vision for Warminster Youth Centre

Young people's rural transport scheme

The young people put in a bid for £4045 to the Area Board in November 2011 for transportation. The aim is for work to be carried out with disadvantage and rurally isolated young people and encourage participation in positive activities as an alternative to anti-social behaviour and boredom.

The project will be starting on the **5th March 2012** and staff will be handing out letters and information during school hours and at the end of school day to young people from rural villages about the activities we are providing within the youth centre.

A scheduled time table will be put together advertising the pick up and drop of times. I am currently in the process of contacting Community First, Melksham Community Buses about their availabilities. Within our locality we also have access to our locality MPV which holds 6 young people.

The youth centre programme is redesigned on a Tuesday exclusively for year 7's and 8's (young people). Young people from rural villages can attend directly, after school, and can also be expected to be taken home after the session by the transportation project.

Partnership working by decoration a Bustard

The local Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) and the Warminster Youth Work Team has secured funding from the Area board to purchase a Bustard. The excitement of the partnership involvement is overwhelming with Adult service, police team, local artist and young people all coming to gather to create an exciting feature to represent our community spirit. Young people in the community and others involved will have the opportunity to name and decorate the Bustard before placing it in a prominent location in the trail where they will stay until they become part of the launch of Warminster Festival on **6th Oct 2012** and when the flock of Bustards will come together in the town park for a day of art and fun, after which the Bustards will be auctioned off and proceeds going to local deserving charities'.

- There will be a competition from 5th – 16th March 2012 to name a design for the bustard
- The winner will be announce on 23rd March 2012
- The Bustard decoration will start 1st April- 31st May 2012

Bridging project (specialist project for disabled young people)

Young people from our Bridging project will be collecting old glasses in partnership with the Lions club and donated them to charity.

Bike project- community credits

We have been promised some bikes from the police; young people will be fixing these bikes up, one of the bikes they will keep and the other will be auction or given to charity. Young people have also shown an interest in entering the “wibbly wobbly” bike ride.

Upgrading of the centre

I have introduced a variety of changes and challenges for the young people through our youth work interventions and it has been embraced positively by the young people in Warminster

To date we have received funding for new computers for homework and research use. There is a variety of activities available for young people such as pool, Xbox, Wii, drugs and sex education, group working etc. We currently have over 20 young people attending the centre. The centre operates 5 nights per week (see programme time table). We are currently in the process of starting a training programme for young people to become peer mentors within the centre, from this; they will have the opportunity to gain A Duke of Edinburgh and ASDAN award which are both recognised qualifications by employers and universities.

Accreditations

Throughout the course of participation and intervention young people are encouraged to take part in locally and nationally accredited schemes and awards, including ASDAN, Peer Mentoring Scheme, Arts Award, Duke of Edinburgh Award, First Aid, Food Hygiene and Sports Leadership Schemes, funded by the Youth Development Centre. These provide opportunities to gain valuable skills, qualifications, improve personal and social skills, increase self-confidence and self-esteem, improve resilience, team building skills, and independent living skills and take part in diverse personal and social education programmes of work.

Our mission is to provide

- Open access youth work
- A High level targeted youth work support
- The co-ordination of positive activities for young people within the local area.
- Build stronger partnerships with the voluntary and community sector
- Increased use of volunteers

Purpose of the commissioning strategy

The purpose of the commissioning strategy is to achieve better outcomes for young people between the ages of 11-19 years of age by:

- Ensuring a comprehensive range of high quality services for all young people.
- Providing an early response when young people are vulnerable or at risk, as soon as problems or issues arise.
- Ensuring cost effective services by improved co-ordination and partnership working and by reducing any overlaps and duplication.

Finally, it is important to remember that youth work is needs-led, based on a voluntary relationship between young people and Youth Development Workers, and is informal education and learning, relying on individual and group work in a diverse varied range of settings.

Date for next meeting: Thursday 29th March 2012
Time: 6:30 arrival for 7pm start -8:30pm
Venue: Warminster Youth Centre

For any information on CAYPIG and the Youth Work opportunities provided in Warminster please make contact as below.

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