



## Broad Hinton Youth Group

### Report to Marlborough Area Board

Broad Hinton Youth Group opened in February 2013 following a successful application for funding from the Marlborough Area Board and financial assistance from Broad Hinton Parish Council.

Since opening the Youth Group has gone from strength to strength, we currently have 53 registered members and an average attendance of between 20 and 30 children each week. At least 40% of our regulars travel in from Winterbourne Bassett, Avebury, Wroughton, Uffcott and Broad Town, which means that we have achieved our aim of reaching the wider community around Broad Hinton.

The Youth Group offers a wide range of activities catering for an age range of 10-14 years old including table tennis, table football, pool and two Nintendo Wii systems, one for dance games and one for Wii Sports / FIFA etc. in the main hall. There are also craft activities which are run in the smaller meeting room.

We have negotiated the hire of the adjacent school playing fields for sports activities such as football and rounders while other children prefer to congregate in the willow tunnel and just chat.

The very sad passing of our founder member Amanda Candy at the young age of 44 has had a massive impact on everyone associated with the Group, she was driving force behind getting the scheme off the ground and will be greatly missed by so many people.

Amanda has left us a wonderful legacy in that donations to the Youth Group have exceeded £1000.00 which we plan to put to good use in the future, a number of suggestions have been made but we are considering taking our members on an activity weekend which we believe Amanda would have liked very much.

Going forward, we have just reopened for the Autumn 2013 term and now that the community has seen the benefits of having an organization for young people in the village we have been flooded with offers of assistance. We are especially pleased that so many people aged 16-18 have become involved because we are able to offer them something in return for their time in terms of contributing towards their Duke of Edinburgh Gold awards and enhancing both job and University applications through working with younger children.

In this way the Youth Group is now benefitting all young people in the area and we would like to thank the Marlborough Area Board for supplying our initial funding as it has enabled us to develop a much needed community facility that continues to grow.

Yours Sincerely

Richard King – Chair of Broad Hinton Youth Group.