

## Area Board Project

### 1. What is the Initiative?

**Holt Youth Club:** To employ an assistant youth worker for 3 hours per week, developing the service for young people to allow them to take part in courses and gain experience to help them with their future careers.

### 2. Where is the initiative taking place?

Holt Village Hall

### 3. When will the initiative take place?

From April 2014, running during financial year 2014/15.

### 4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/links to Community Plan/Community Issue?

Young people in Holt will be the beneficiaries. They will benefit by having the services of a professional youth worker and by having constructive activities in the village. The project will secure the continuation of an important service for the village.

### 5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

The Council's Integrated Youth Locality Team Leader comments: "The Holt Youth provision is very important to the community. It supports young people and older members of the community to work together and address the needs of a rural area. Without the support of the paid staff member and the volunteers young people from Holt would not have access to any professional youth work and community support. This is invaluable to the young people of Holt. Numbers fluctuate from 8 to 30; what is a great strength is the young people identifying how much they rely on the Club for help, support and guidance – this may be sexual health, living in a rural community, alcohol issues, boredom, etc. Holt is on the outskirts of Bradford on Avon but encompasses the engagement of young people who attend education across the whole community area and this work has the ability to address local issues as well as to work with a diverse age range – bringing in knowledge of the specialism's of youth work as well as a great supportive team of community volunteers who have life experiences. The relationship of professional and volunteer workers ensures that young people are given an holistic approach in their personal development. The club will not survive without the input of both parties".

## **6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?**

This Assistant Youth Worker would be provided by Wiltshire Council's Integrated Youth Service, Youth Work Team and they would work beside another Youth Worker funded by the Council itself. The club is supported by a rota of community volunteers, but without a second Assistant Youth Worker the club would not be able to function.

## **7. Costs/quotes/ match funding? (total cost £5k require 1 quote, total cost £5k-25k require 3 quotes)**

The sum requested from the Area Board is £ 1,896 towards the costs of a youth worker, hall hire and associated activities totalling £ 5,000. The Parish Council, Church and subscription fees are contributing the match funding.

The free reserves held by the club are less than one year's running costs.

## **8. Additional information**

This project has previously been supported by the Area Board through a dedicated youth funding budget.