

Report: New Community Youth Officer – Emma Drage

My name is Emma Drage and I am the new CYO (Community Youth Officer) for Southern Wiltshire. I am really looking forward to working in Southern Wiltshire, working with the community to ensure the best outcomes for young people.

To help me get to know the Southern Wiltshire Community Area, I would like to meet with as many young people, youth leaders and those with an interest in young people's issues as possible. Recognising the success of the youth work meetings which happened in the village clusters last year, I am in the process of arranging a meeting in each village cluster to begin this process (if you are unable to make it to your nearest meeting but can make it to one of the other meetings, do please come along to that one instead). The details of these meetings will be publicised as soon as they are finalised.

Funding

We have received a funding bid for Old Sarum Youth Club. Since the Area Board started it has funded the set up costs of Winterslow and Whiteparish youth clubs. As part of the youth theme in the last year it has funded the setup costs of Lover Nightfall Café, West Dean Youth Group and Alderbury (which is yet to get off the ground).

This funding bid has come from a group in Old Sarum who are planning to re-establish the youth group there. The bid asks for funding towards the cost of employing 2 youth workers, rent and set up costs including affiliation and insurance costs and some equipment.

Funding required:

Cluster	Funding requirements so far...	Capital	Revenue
Laverstock, Ford & Old Sarum	Set up voluntary led youth club at Old Sarum	Youth work resources (equipment) £600 <i>From Area Board funding</i>	Staffing, insurance, affiliation, rent and resources £4,400 <i>From New Community Youth Funding</i>

We will be establishing a way for these funding bids to be reviewed within the community area and this information will be fed in to the Area Board. However, as we have not yet got this established and we don't want to delay a project, Tony and I have taken this funding bid to two youth groups in the area where young people have received some training and they have been asked to look at the bid and make comments. These comments will be presented to the Area Board when this funding bid is considered.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the youth work meetings in the village clusters and please contact me if I can be of any help before then.

Emma Drage - Southern Wiltshire Community Youth Officer