



### Village Youth Activity Update 2019/20

At the last youth focused Area Board meeting in March 2019 BoA Youth identified 5 key priorities for the coming year:

- **Analysis of Need.** Roll out online survey to gather data and tailor programme of targeted sessions across BoA and surrounding villages.
- **Referred 1:1 Work.** Launch 1:1 provision for young people across BoA and surrounding villages.
- **Outreach Sessions.** Programme of activities in place across village locations.
- **Participation.** Develop participation in community issues and engage young people in planning and organising activities.
- **Partnerships.** Further build partnerships with local organisations and coordinate provision for YP.

#### Analysis of Need

BoA Youth conducted an online youth survey in April 2019 to gain young people's views to help shape provision delivery. The survey was based on an outcomes framework and asked questions across 5 core areas of health, engagement, safety, relationships, and learning. The survey received 525 responses in total, with 405 responses from young people living within Bradford on Avon and surrounding villages (the remaining responses were from Trowbridge and were removed from results).

|   |  | Response Percent | Response Total |
|---|--|------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Bradford on Avon South                       | 20.37%           | 109            |
| 2 | Bradford on Avon North                       | 24.67%           | 132            |
| 3 | Holt   | 5.05%            | 27             |
| 4 | Staverton                                    | 5.42%            | 29             |
| 5 | Winsley                                      | 3.93%            | 21             |
| 6 | Westwood                                     | 3.36%            | 18             |
| 7 | Trowbridge                                   | 24.67%           | 132            |
| 8 | Other (please specify): <a href="#">View</a> | 16.07%           | 86             |
|   |  | answered         | 535            |

When results were filtered to only include those from villages the key findings were:

- 63% of young people felt engaged with activities in their community in Holt.
- 20% of young people in Staverton and 32% of young people in Westwood wanted more activities in their area. These were the areas with the highest number of young people requesting more activities followed by Winsley with 12%.
- 62% of young people in Winsley felt engaged with their local community.
- Across all village areas 32% of young people felt they needed support with their emotional wellbeing.

- Across all village areas young people reported either none or very low levels of antisocial behaviour in their community.
- All village areas showed high percentages of young people feeling engaged with learning.

### Outreach Sessions

In response to the youth survey BoA youth has run targeted activity days in the areas where young people have requested them.

Activities held in or accessed by young people across village locations:

| Activity  | N.o of YP                     |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Westwood Park – Easter Activity 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2019        | 21                            |
| Holt - Easter Activity 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2019                 | 6                             |
| Westwood Park – Activity Day 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2019            | 19                            |
| Staverton Village Hall – Activity Day 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2019 | 6                             |
| Westwood Park – Activity Day 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2019         | 8                             |
| Winsley – Activity Day 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2019               | 4                             |
| Trip to Bournemouth Beach – 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2019          | 2 from villages (13 in total) |
| Halloween Party - Youth Centre 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2019      | 5 from villages (23 in total) |
| Christmas Party – Youth Centre 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2019     | 4 from villages (18 in total) |
| Music Gathering – Youth Centre 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020     | 9 from villages (43 in total) |

16 Young people across different village areas (Holt – 6, Westwood – 7, Winsley – 3) regularly attend the universal youth centre sessions in Bradford on Avon on a Tuesday evening. Please see the BoA Youth Town Council reports for the activities provided at the youth centre.

### Participation

Young people were involved in producing a presentation on climate change which they then presented to the Council as it was an area that they felt strongly about.

Young people through the detached youth work in BoA are getting involved with the skate park plans and are keen to work with the council.

Young people planned the summer activities and helped to organise the Music Gathering in February half term. BoA Youth were donated £150 from the BoA wellbeing fair, young people had control over this donation and voted to spend it on self defence classes which started in February.

### Referred 1:1 Work

Targeted 1:1 support work has also been set up since the youth survey. Please see the BoA Youth

Town Council reports for more information on the 1:1 support work offered. BoA Youth are working with 1 young person from Westwood to provide additional emotional health support in the community.

### **Partnership Activities**

BoA Youth have linked in with Wiltshire Mighty Girls on several projects to promote different young people working together and expanding what is available. Mighty Girls and BoA Youth recently organised the Music Gathering in February half term and have also joined forces to enable the self defence classes to have enough numbers to go ahead.

BoA Youth regularly link in with the Police to target detached youth work in areas that have been identified as being an issue. The local PCSO has also been in to youth work sessions to speak to young people and b

We have worked with Active Trowbridge and Staverton Village Hall to provide activities in the school holidays for young people. We are also working with 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Blackbelt to provide the self defence classes to young people.

### **Key areas for 2020/21**

#### *Improve communication of activities out to villages/parishes*

Ensure activity programmes for activities in BoA and surrounding villages are communicated out to villages/parishes. A mailing list has been provided for email communication and promotion across schools will also take place.

#### *Youth survey to be rolled out at the start of the new term in April*

This will provide comparison data against the survey results from last year and enable resources to be targeted to identified villages with higher need.

#### *Targeted activity days across village locations in the school holidays*

A programme of activities across village locations to be rolled out again this year, targeting the areas where young people have requested more activities.

Activities to be communicated out in advance to parishes, schools, local mailing lists, and promoted on 'Our Community Matters' site as well as via the Town Council and Social Media.

#### *Trial a universal youth centre provision in Westwood once a month*

A universal 2 hour drop in session will be set up in Westwood from the start of term in April. This will run monthly for 3 months to trial uptake and engagement. This will replace 1 detached youth work session in BoA each month.

Venue and evening to be confirmed, once confirmed this will be communicated out to parishes, schools, local mailing lists, and promoted on 'Our Community Matters' site as well as via the Town Council and Social Media.