

Amesbury Youth Forum / Network Update from Forum meeting Tuesday 2 March

Attended by:

James Dwyer (God Unlimited);
James Tarring (MOD);
Lucy Hunter (MOD);
Jacqui Abbott (Wiltshire Council)
Cllr Fred Westmoreland (Wiltshire Council);
Cllr Kevin Daley (Wiltshire Council)
Cllr Robert Yuill (Wiltshire Council);
Becky Lock (Durrington Youth Service)
Jonathan Russell (Wessex Circus);
Rob Paget (Wiltshire Council);
Lucy Wileman (Police);
Tim Elliot (Shrewton Parish Council);
Duncan Souster (Amesbury Rugby Club);
Nicole Abela (Abri Housing);
Karlene Jammeh (Wiltshire Council)
Tom Pugh (District Sports);
Cllr Mark Verbinnen (Amesbury Town Council).

The forum shared information regarding any provision that they were currently offering although this was very limited due to Covid-19. The group also gave information on their planned activities for 2021.

Action: All to input these details onto the Our Community Matters website and to complete the attached form for Jacqui to collate.

<https://ocm.wiltshire.gov.uk/amesbury/>

A newsletter goes out each Friday so this is excellent publicity for any activities planned.

The group agreed that engagement with young people had been reduced due to Covid-19. Some groups had managed to maintain some contact in a socially distanced and safe way, particularly with vulnerable individuals. It was agreed that when safe to do so, each organisation would actively

engage with young people and feedback their concerns and priorities to the Youth forum.

Action: All to engage with their respective young people when safe to do so. This would make sure that a Youth Voice was a strong part of the Amesbury Youth Forum

Jacqui reported that the previous LYN had been actively going into schools and there had been a needs assessment. This assessment required updating and it was hoped this would happen in September, giving time for schools to settle back in.

Action: Jacqui & reps from the group to work on the Needs Assessment / Youth Voice when able to do so

The group discussed funding opportunities including the Amesbury Area Board youth activities fund. This would be fully utilised by the end of March as there were a few applications being submitted – see separate Youth grants report. Jacqui shared the Schools Funding bulletin (included with this paper) which the group found useful. Jacqui reminded the group that applications to the Area Board required match funding.

Action: all to share funding opportunities with the Forum

It was agreed that 4 meetings a year of the Youth Forum would be useful. Jacqui volunteered to set these up for the group, online at the moment.

**Action: Jacqui to set up 4 x meetings per year
Jacqui to circulate contact list (all agreed)**

It was agreed that a volunteer was required to chair the next meeting – either a Wiltshire Councillor or a member of the community groups. It could be a rotating position.

Action: Jacqui to liaise with the group to identify a Chair for the next meeting.

A brief discussion took place regarding the naming of the Forum – should it be a forum or a network?

Ideally there would be Terms of Reference agreed. Jacqui confirmed that turns should be taken for taking any notes and / or everyone to take their own notes.

Amesbury Youth Forum Youth Activities Information

Please complete and return to: jacqui.abbott@wiltshire.gov.uk

NB: Ideally, please consider using Our Community Matters to post this information. You can register easily here:

<https://ocm.wiltshire.gov.uk/amesbury/register>

Please attach a Jpeg picture to your post – a photograph or graphic.

It is worth putting articles on OCM when you can as a newsletter goes out each Friday and reaches over 1000 people, plus another 1000 via twitter. Please use this in addition to your own communication channels.

What is the project / initiative name?	
Please give further details:	
Who will benefit?	
Where will it take place?	
When will it take place?	
Contact details / taking part	