

# Rural Youth

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PHASE 1 REPORT

Community First Wiltshire

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## Project background

The Area Boards in the Warminster, Amesbury, Pewsey, Tidworth, Southern Wiltshire, and Southwest Wiltshire community areas have identified a need to increase engagement with young people in their areas, particularly in more rural areas. We are seeking a provider who will work across several community areas to develop a stronger offer of positive activities and other services aimed especially at those who are potentially at risk.

Desired outcomes from the project are:

- Improved level of engagement with young people in the community areas, particularly with isolated young people in rural areas
- Increase in positive activities available
- Reduced isolation of young people in rural areas
- Identification of young people with issues around mental health, educational attainment, and physical health issues
- Evidenced improvement in the above areas for those individuals identified
- Evidence that the needs of minority groups have been addressed
- A sustainable model has been developed in collaboration with key local partners and stakeholders

The project delivery work in two phases. Phase one has been an initial period of consultation and research to ensure that the programme complements and strengthens what already exists, addresses need, has local ownership, and will make a difference. Phase two will work alongside local partners, clubs and organisations would be required to design and execute a programme of activities in each community area.

This project initially takes place over a 12-month period from August 2021 and this report covers activity from phase one.

This report will look at each area individually with the breakdown of main figures and then a table of info from all locations visited. This information consists of themes drawn out from the engagement carried out. Where not enough young people were able to be reached to provide themes, or where no themes were discovered, we have provided information and key things discovered that are important for the project outreach and next steps in phase 2.

The data will include number of people listened to, number of locations visited, hours spent, and staff provided, and referrals made. This will include time spent door knocking in the community but also online meetings, phone calls, typing up the findings too and desk-based research too. Figures do not include the hours spent meeting within the team or with the CEMs and management.

Phase 1 has utilised outreach and door knocking from 2 Community Organisers and a Youth consultant. Support has also been given through desk-based research, type ups and other meetings

from an additional Community Organiser and Community First have also benefitted from the added support from other team members on projects in the company to include young people in their projects that reached the specified areas.

This report will cover each of the following areas

-Amesbury

-Southern

-Pewsey

-Ludgershall and Tidworth

-Warminster

And then give a summary of themes for the overall areas combined and the suggestions and next steps for phase two

## Amesbury Area

Young People engaged with	109
Total people engaged with	138
Number of Areas/locations	10
Referrals to Splash	9
Referrals to Building Bridges	1
Potential volunteers	

<p>Amesbury and Stonehenge school.</p>	<p>Through engagement people have been connected to the new rugby team, there is also Element's café for people with SEND and referrals and signposting has been directed to this on the doorstep. them</p> <p>There is a divide between finance and transport; 'the haves and have nots'- finance and transport are a barrier to getting to any local things that are happening.</p> <p>There is a youth club but not centrally and lots of people didn't know about it. Kingsgate and Archers Way had more awareness of it. People in centre said that they wouldn't walk that far. There was low confidence in some young people that felt they wouldn't be brave enough to go to youth club.</p> <p>There is a real appetite within the school for acting and cosplay around Anime</p> <p>Feedback mentioned there are good sports facilities and that teens were quite into sports. Did speak to a group of drug users (between 15-17 years old) who said they needed somewhere to 'smoke weed and hang out'</p> <p>Community Organisers met with a Youth offending officer who was going to follow up on this for a Building Bridges referral and is doing a volunteer role locally potentially. Referrals were made to Splash and Building bridges through the door knocking there.</p>
<p>Durrington</p>	<p>A real want for activities for secondary school age people, particularly things that are low cost and active.</p> <p>Higher number of young people with SEND and learning needs were engaged with in this area with a concern of how they will fit in to existing groups/clubs. It was felt something like Splash would be good because of the mentoring and support that goes with the days</p> <p>People really didn't know about Durrington youth club- many hanging out on green spaces and parents felt this was off putting and noisy. Other parents mentioned they needed proper goals there to keep them occupied.</p> <p>Transport big issue to get to anything outside and if you can't drive</p>
<p>Avon Valley School</p>	<p>Students spoken to were interested in cookery, dance and mental health awareness and support also clubs around LGBTQ+</p>
<p>Bulford</p>	<p>It seems some young people walked all the way to Durrington youth club from Bulford, but it was too cold to walk in winter and the buses were found to be too expensive.</p>
<p>Woodford</p>	<p>Here there is a lack of transport and some of the young people were unable to do after school clubs because they couldn't get home. Getting lifts home with friends which makes things challenging.</p> <p>Often young people are relying on other parents to take home so not able to do activities.</p>

Shrewton	<p>Strong need for youth club was highlighted in this area.</p> <p>Majority of young people engaged were interested in sports and cooking and somewhere safe and warm to hang out and make up games.</p> <p>Ideas and suggestions included things like pool competitions or things that were a bit different.</p> <p>Door knocking uncovered the need to advertise for volunteers and a youth worker. This area uncovered some young people who would like to become young leaders and would like to be trained up.</p> <p>Existing provision was a Football Club, Beavers and Scouts and the bike track is good but needs resurfacing.</p> <p>Cricket sessions being offered for free by cricket pro at the cricket club and is trying to engage with people to come along for taster sessions (12-15year olds)</p>
Orcheston	<p>Many here said 'Nothing for us to do.'</p> <p>The lack of transport leaves young people feeling that they are 'stuck'.</p> <p>Parents explained that journeys had to be of necessity only and could not afford to transport to clubs etc.</p> <p>There were not many teenagers here and people said that the ones that do live there tend to go to things outside the village but must walk into Shrewton or get a lift where they can or hang out at the park.</p> <p>The young people engaged with said they would walk to a youth club in Shrewton</p>
Tilshead	<p>A Handful of teens were spoken to in this area. Young people need to get transport everywhere and the buses were described as poor. Young people say they can get into town, but the bus back is too early to allow for them to do any activities which means having to rely on parents. A few would be ok to get to Shrewton if something was going on there and said that they would like to go to a youth cub.</p>
Larkhill	<p>There is Youth provision here, but young people don't really get to engage outside of school, and they would like to do more.</p> <p>The military do offer quite a bit, but nothing aimed at integration. Most young people tend to go to Durrington to see friends.</p> <p>There is a scooter and skate park but maybe something where they did pop up events teaching us scooter skills etc.</p>

The Amesbury area faced real barriers around transport particular in the smaller villages and this impacts a lot on young people accessing any youth provision if not through school. Additional barriers are then added when it gets dark early or in adverse weather conditions. The reliance on parents caused extra probs

Though there were youth clubs in the area there was not enough awareness of them and whether they included military/civilian attendees.

When visiting Shrewton there was a great acceptance of the idea of having a youth club and holiday activities/pop ups and linking to surrounding villages to try and tackle the issue around transport. Parents there were prepared to drive to Shrewton and Orcheston.

A few families in the Durrington had young people who were SEND and behavioural issues. Parents unaware of youth club and concerns of sending child there as the support may not be enough and any stigma that comes with it for them

As activities Cookery came up high as an idea of what people would like to do

## Recommendations for Phase 2

- Find vols for the youth club and funding for a paid position.
- Continued outreach and referrals by Community Organisers around the SEND themes to Splash for holiday activities and following up with door knocking to reengage to make sure they have accessed the support that is available. Liaise with Elements café and any new Splash and young carers projects coming

## Salisbury Southern Area

Young People engaged with	85
Total people engaged with	140
Number of Areas/locations	11
Referrals to Splash	3
Referrals to Building Bridges	1
Potential volunteers	

Winterslow	<p>In Winterslow some meetings held for the youth council. Most people wanted a youth club or activities for younger age groups (7+) many of the parents said that if this was in place then they would volunteer. Because of the age of their children, they would only volunteer for their age group.</p> <p>Some children enjoyed making their own bike tracks There is a Youth club is available, but charges vary and there are access issues if you have younger children that you must stay home for; so, cannot get the discount for your older child to go by volunteering your time.</p> <p>There is a lot of sport and football which the kids enjoy it, but they do miss the cricket.</p> <p>Young people feeling slightly less connected after leaving primary as the secondary schools are all out of the village and this has split them all up.</p> <p>Other popular themes in this area where dancing was popular in this area and computers and gaming.</p> <p><i>Please note: Many young people aged 7+ in this area so didn't meet the project criteria. Group of young people who went out on their bikes a lot and made tracks for fun.</i></p>
Downton	<p>The young people spoken to said that the transport routes to Salisbury were good and accessible, so they enjoyed using the skate park in Elizabeth Garden in Salisbury. They didn't mind travelling there and felt they had a good community with all ages. Some parents were there to supervise their children but</p>

	<p>felt they couldn't always do this. Some tend to go to the skate park in Salisbury and the bus route is ok. Parents said they like them going but wouldn't leave them unsupervised.</p>
Allington, Cholderton, Newton Tony	<p>There was a really strong desire from young people for a youth club here that links the four villages. The local park in Newton Tony is aimed at younger children so the older ones feel they need to move on to give them space- this leaves them with nothing to do.</p> <p>Parents from these areas also expressed support for these ideas and would like pop up events with one set of transport that takes them all to it. Cricket was also popular in newton tiny and rugby.</p> <p>Young people described the wish to be able to go out and not be thought to be troublemakers like the ones who are out there causing trouble.</p>
Old Sarum	<p>This saw a need for holiday and one-off sessions and activities. Met with council and discussed 5 young people that were causing trouble at the skate park. These have now been spoken to and are attending the local youth club. There was a string desire for having activities in holidays and one-off activity days</p>
Old Sarum Youth Club	<p>Youth club attendance has gone up and has 9 new young people attending following promotion from the Cos door knocking. Plans will now include advertising at longhedge.</p>
Redlynch	<p>There was nowhere central for young people to hang out. Woodfalls was the biggest green space. High travelling community presence and people talking about a lot of anti-social behaviour- with many feeling that more activities from a young age and more engagement with those young people will create a preventative measure for the future</p>
Firsdow	<p>Door knocking and engagement with residents (mainly families) found that they tend to head out of Firsdow for activities, entertainment, and socialising. Years ago, residents did use, and some volunteered at, the Youth Club in Winterslow but now their children have grown up. A couple of the teenagers said they might go to a Youth Club, but it would depend on what day it was and whether it would clash with anything else they had on. No volunteers came forward from here at all.</p>
Alderbury	<p>A good engagement day within The Spiders Island area, with feedback from a broad range of ages. There is a very big need for a safe space for children of all ages but particularly teenagers to hang out. Currently they seem to collect in the bus stop, at the rec and at the younger children's play park, which is intimidating for younger children and their parents, particularly when they use foul language. This means the young children and families can't play in the park</p>

	<p>after 4/4.30ish, so are riding their bikes and scooters around the estate which causes concern for road safety. A few people that were reached expressed interest in being volunteers, ranging from someone wanting to run a possible Youth Club to someone offering to share with the youths their knowledge on mechanical repairs. Also, a mother and a young person who wanted to be trained to be a young leader.</p>
Longhedge	<p>Outreach here highlighted a need for support for Families with SEND.</p> <p>Good connections were made with a housing association who has agreed to continue asking about what is needed in the area.</p> <p>A member of the housing association team has taken part in the Community Organising training and can provide a further working partnership with us in phase 2.</p> <p>The main age group in need of support here was 10 years plus. Whilst outdoor knocking, it became apparent that not many families know of the Old Sarum Youth Club. Advertising the Youth Club will be arranged; including for committee members and volunteers.</p>

Longhedge and Winterslow had a very high interest in provision but required for a younger age group. Old Sarum could reach the Longhedge teenagers could be reached through the Old Sarum Youth Club, but it tends to be the younger ages that need the provision which is not catered for by this club. This also doesn't account for the high level of support needed for SEND families. Winterslow had a few people expressing interest in supporting something if it happened.

There was good feedback from Alderbury for a youth club and several people expressed an interest in volunteering for it. This also covered the correct age demographic.

Lots of young people went to different schools and so young people felt that having a village-based youth club would unite them.

#### Recommendations for Phase 2

- Pop up day event in Winterslow Newton tony, Cholderton, Allington to test appetite and involve local connections made from Phase 1
- Team to offer support to Alderbury to set up a youth club
- Engagement for Old Sarum youth club to try and identify more volunteers and committee support. Potentially include advertising in Longhedge to broaden support.
- Ongoing engagement to refer to Building Bridges, Splash and Young carers and ensuring people have connected with the support that is available to ensure no barriers.

## Pewsey Area

Young People engaged with	60
Total people engaged with	135
Number of Areas/Locations	10
Referrals to Splash	4
Referrals to Building Bridges	3
Potential volunteers	4

Pewsey- near school	Young people here would love somewhere they could hang out, they don't even need 'activities' put on if they can't be, but they don't want to go home straight from school, as they like hanging around together – they would go into a café, but they know (think) they wouldn't be welcome. They suggested a 'Youth Café'. If activities were available, they would like a pool table or tennis table. They think that Pop up activity days would be a great idea through the summer as it is such a long time off and with not much to do. They suggested Archery, trampolining and bubble football days.
Pewsey Vale Leisure Centre	It was clear here that young people here would like somewhere to hang out and somewhere that's warm and dry in the winter. The boys also like playing football, riding their mountain bikes, and going on scooters. They think pop up days would be a good idea in any school holidays and would like anything active.
Bus stops around the area	The common theme was for somewhere they can hang out and relax without people moaning at them not to 'gather' and cause trouble (even though they don't!) some said how much they would like like an art/crafts club/space, with the freedom express yourself or to create something would be good.
Pewsey football pitches x2	Youths were engaged with that were chilling on the bank but said that people do not like them hanging out there. These youths just want somewhere that is out of the way to hang and not be bothered, also some place they will not be asked to move on.
Woods next to tennis courts	Many people spoke about the woods where some young people were hanging out- this was also mentioned in a couple of other areas in Pewsey. When Community Organisers visited the woods, they were unable to engage with any young people at the time.
Housing estate by Bouvier Hall	Lots of people had children at the age of the project range and below. There were lots of young people that had heard about the shack when it was running and wished they had something like that now. There was also an appetite for a mixture of activities. Young people talked about things ranging from sports, outdoor activities such as archery and climbing and

	<p>cookery. Really the thirst was to have somewhere to go that was safe and interesting.</p> <p>Parents here also spoke fondly of the previous youth club and did say if something like that was around, they would like a further discussion around them potentially volunteering.</p>
Town Centre	<p>Some young people said that transport was an issue and that they needed better ways of getting out to socialise outside of Pewsey.</p> <p>Some felt 11year olds were missed out.</p> <p>Several adults wanted the anti-social behaviour tackled and young people would like somewhere just to hang out and be safe and dry.</p>
Little lunch box cafe	<p>Parish councillors were engaged with in the café and were able to extend that engagement to speak to a handful of young people there too who happily answered the questions. Some felt that it would be nice to have the youth club back in the area. Some felt that young people were all viewed as having the same reputation as some of the ones who were considered troublemakers. This made them step back from getting involved.</p> <p>Two young people supported the engagement team by volunteering to ask other young people in the area what they wanted. Mental health focus activities came up as a high priority. Another thing mentioned was they wanted to be sure that there were groups of more than one age group available.</p>
Youth Football club area and surrounding streets	<p>This was a divided area; some adults were frustrated by the cars and noise that the green space attracted and felt that young people would bring antisocial behaviour. Others felt that young people in the area needed nurturing and support having grown up their themselves and experienced a lot of barriers for not being considered a local person. One of these people said that they would consider volunteering.</p>
Pewsey- Other	<p>When door knocking the Organisers met with one of the Parish Councillors and spent time talking about the dispute over the skatepark. The Shack being closed was a real disappointment and it felt there is a need for somewhere for the teenagers to hangout.</p> <p>The Pewsey Carnival got mentioned and what a big event it is and how great it would be to enlist the involvement of some of Pewsey's Teenagers.</p> <p>Swimming facilities catered for young people with disabilities, but wheelchair basketball had been stopped at Tidworth Leisure centre and this was really missed.</p>

There was a definite need for something for young people in this area; with the local council also fully supportive and taking action. It is important to mention that young people did not want it to be called a youth club and would prefer the term 'Youth Café'. The overall desire is to have somewhere to hang out safely,

warmly, and securely without so much emphasis on activities. If there were activities young people would like to be separate age groups and would enjoy cookery, pool, and darts. Young people said they are happy to travel from surrounding areas of Pewsey to go to café

Funding has been agreed for a skate park but there is an ongoing battle around location. Support with this could link up with supporting safe spaces for young people to hang out.

#### Recommendations for Phase 2:

- Continue to work with the Parish Council and re-engage with young people reached in Phase 1. Work with them to advertise any activities that come out of their plans and to help address the fact that young people are deterred from getting involved in case they are assumed to be the troublemakers. They want to show not all young people cause trouble.
- Engage with surrounding villages if a youth café is set up to promote and design.
- Community First to offer support for youth café; for set up and to ensure policies and procedures are in place.

## Tidworth and Ludgershall Area

Young People engaged with	83
Total people engaged with	148
Number of Areas/locations	10
Referrals to Splash	3
Referrals to Building Bridges	1
Potential volunteers	1

Ludgershall	There was a need for a youth club here, but an age-appropriate space would be needed. Lots of people requested sessions for their children ages 11-17. Some said they wouldn't want it to be called a youth club. Wanted activities like darts, cooking, art, and music were popular.
Ludgershall Rec	Nets were needed at the rec for the goals and people want to make use of the space there too.
Chute	Teenagers here found nothing to do apart walks and going to the stables (if you are into horses) The lack of transport means having to rely on family; young people even must get taxis to school. There is nothing going on for teenagers, or younger people, even the pub has closed. The young people engaged with would like to attend a youth club/café if one was running and transport wasn't an issue.
Activ8	The Community Organisers met with Active8 on a couple of occasions, once when engaging with teenagers in Ludgershall rec, and have established an ongoing relationship for moving forward into phase 2; potentially for a youth club café.

Leisure Centre and Hive	<p>Engagement showed that there was a Youth club that ran at the Leisure centre called 'The Youth Zone' but it had stopped running after a volunteer stepping down and because one of the activities was climbing and they can't get another instructor. This ended the whole youth club. They also offered badminton and other similar activities. There was a mention of a need for a more social platform when advertising events at The Leisure Centre, as WOM is not reliable anymore and a Facebook and or Instagram presence is needed – especially when targeting youths.</p> <p>There is separate Youth Club run by the AWS (Army Welfare Service) run by Rachel Winter. Rachel gave great info about the Youth club, which had been running for 6 months and is for ages 11-18 and costs just £1 a session!</p> <p>This youth club is open to all children not just military. Continued engagement and enquiry revealed that the Youth Club is not well known about in the area, that may well be due to the 'newness' of it. The community organisers ensured that this was promoted when in Tidworth and it has had a very positive reception. Also said that the wheelchair basketball was missed.</p>
Walk around with Pippa	Some young people were referred to PC Pippa to get ideas to improve the skate park. This data will be used to access improvement funding. Also committed to continue to work with the Community Organisers into phase 2
Tidworth & Shipton Bellinger	Popular ideas were cookery, music, and art- some even said about having a space that would allow them to teach each other guitar. (This came from some young people that were known as troublemakers in the community.)
Tidworth Youth Club	There is a newly established Youth Club run by The AWS (Army Welfare Service), although it has already grown in numbers, it was apparent that not many in the area knew about it. However, the news that there was such a club was greatly received and we handed out flyers with information on dates, times, cost, and activities. There were many questions asked about whether it was for Military children or Civilian children – the answer is both but we this seemed to be a common theme. Promotion of the Youth Club is key here. There is a younger Youth Club for ages 7-11 years, and this was oversubscribed with an impressive waiting list.
Tidworth Military area	General feedback in Tidworth was that there was nothing for children of any age but particularly 11–18-year-olds to do. They just hang about in kids play parks or head to Ludgershall where they hang around on the rec.

	<p>A few families in the Military bases said, they don't even have the parks right (in terms of apparatus being age appropriate) which means the teenagers in Ashdown end up sitting in them and their language can be horrendous, they are quite aggressive and very intimidating to anyone asking them to move so younger children can use the park. They also kick a ball around which results in people shouting at them as the ball hits cars and people's front doors! No-one, especially the parents do anything! Military kids have lost all respect.</p> <p>A few do a Martial arts club, but this is after school (with the school) and some play football for Tidworth Town FC. Nothing for teenage girls at all. Lots of clubs stopped when covid hit and don't appear to have re-started. There isn't anything sport related and if there is you must commit – a few ad hoc activities would be a good idea.</p>
Collingbourne Ducis	<p>In this area Community Organisers found a 22-year-old who showed an interest in volunteering for youth activities. she is also a freelance photographer and suggested a photography session if this is something the teenagers might be interested in</p>

Ludgershall had the most interest and a direct need as there was a group that intimidate others in the community that could be reached by setting up a youth activity. It seems to be the place that young people travel to, to be with friends and this all gives good indication that a youth club would be well used and provide support. Those that didn't want to use a youth club did say that they would use the football pitches if there were nets.

The youth group in Tidworth run by the army is a good facility and fits with the needs described by the young people.

## Recommendations for Phase 2

- Continue to work with residents around disabled activities for teenagers, liaising with councillor for support for wheelchair basketball to hopefully be reinstated after closing just before Covid.
- More outreach to be planned to support volunteer recruitment for pop up events/youth club
- Pop up event to be held at the youth centre in Ludgershall in the easter holidays and support to be offered to set up a youth club.
- Referrals to be made to Splash, Young Carers and Building Bridges programme to those met through ongoing engagement.
- More advertising from the Youth club in Tidworth run by army as this could be a well-used service. Young people and parents also sought clarity on this being open to all as they were discouraged by not knowing if it was for military only.

## Warminster Area

Young People engaged with	39
Total people engaged with	113
Number of Areas/locations	11
Referrals to Splash	4
Referrals to Building Bridges	1
Potential volunteers	1

<p>Heyetsbury</p>	<p>Most children were under 14 in this area. Heytesbury has funding and space that would benefit young people in this community, but this is under an ongoing dispute within the village. Young people did say that they wanted nets for the goals on the football pitch and the football club does not accept young people under 16, which meant any that were keen to play football, were leaving the village and playing elsewhere. Transport from here was a barrier for many and although there is a regular bus to Salisbury, you cannot let younger children travel unattended and if parents can't afford the travelling, the children must stay local. The village appeared to have a divide between different parts, from the social housing and the homeowners, also from one end of the village to the other end, teenagers from the bottom end would not mix with those families that had lived in the village for generations.</p>
<p>Chapmanslade</p>	<p>Though there are a community space and grounds people felt this was utilised and that a youth club would be unsuitable for the village, they expressed that one off session would be more suitable and that they would be happy for this to be out of the village if transport was provided. May young people mention a drug problem in this area which held them back from going out. The youth club that is running was priced differently for different people and was too expensive for those on low income or with larger families.</p>
<p>Upton Scudamore</p>	<p>There were not many young people out and about when engagement was carried out, but adults were happy to discuss. There was a strong church group that were keen to get involved but would need to access funding for this. It was also expressed that there was no real community space for anything to happen so would like the opportunity for the young people to be picked up and transported to things that were more central.</p>

Sutton Veny	<p>Door knocking here reached families with mostly with younger children, who explained that they love living in Sutton Veny and realised that they would have to transport children out of the village for activities due to its rurality.</p> <p>A family was engaged with that was referred onto the young carers service and youth club in Warminster. The young carer service could provide transport for the individual that is a young carer</p>
Maiden Bradley	<p>There was a space here but many of the people we spoke to said that they did not use the local centre due to cost. People found it hard if they had large families as it made attending the local youth club too expensive and mentioned language barriers. It was hard to find people here.</p>
Kingdown school	<p>Young people here said that they tend to stay indoors and are isolated from friends because they have nowhere to go and nothing to do. They also explained that parents tended to drive them to the few things they did go to and that this sometimes-created barriers as they couldn't do things regularly</p>
Military	<p>The local Army welfare support here was praised by locals.</p>
Knook	<p>Engagement in Knook, saw a couple of families with teenagers, who are active with school activities. Some teenagers were home schooled and lead a very busy active social life with Cadets, music, swimming etc the parents drive the teenagers to all the activities that attend.</p> <p>Some families did not engage in any activities outside of school. Further re-engagement has been planned here.</p>
Chilmark	<p>Several teenagers here worked at the local pub and were keen to earn money to be able to drive and travel further than Chilmark and not rely on parents and public transport, that isn't that frequent.</p> <p>There appeared to be more a need for younger people in the Chilmark, the secondary age groups, said they kept themselves busy outside of school and made the most of sporting activities in and out of school.</p>
Upton Lovell	<p>Many families spoke about a lovely friendly village, although said not enough for teenagers to do, but didn't have any suggestions as to what would work well.</p> <p>Two teenagers were referred to young carers, in the hope they could attend fortnightly youth club sessions.</p>
Codford	<p>Some spoke about a drug issue here with a handful of the young people. There was also a divide between people that had the financial capacity to access the things o offer, and those that don't.</p> <p>People talked about the great space. Many adults felt that there should be more put into the village for young people but that it should be free and provide transport so that all could access.</p>

Overall, small villages didn't really identify a good space to have activities and as an additional challenge transport was a barrier to families on a low income or with more children.

There was a clear financial and social divide which is impacting on the accessibility when things are set up within the small villages and so if something is set up all people need to feel welcome and a neutral ground.

Heyetsbury would have a good space that could pull in surrounding villages to host young people to offer provision but at present there is a dispute on where the funding and space will be placed. Having something here could alleviate the need for young people to have to travel all the way to Salisbury and Trowbridge to socialise.

The two local youth clubs, (Westbury and Warminster) have brilliant feedback and people are happy to use if they had transport.

## Recommendations for phase 2

- Continued outreach to existing organisations and those engaged with in phase 1 offering support to link young people up with the youth clubs that are there, and any Splash and Young Carers activities planned (Which can offer transport).
- Pop up in Chapmanslade to establish what appetite there is and how accessible it would be from surrounding villages to include others.
- Part of phase 2 could be focused on identifying young leaders that could then support at the local youth clubs and activities already being provided to involve the target age group in a way that gives them leadership skills.
- More conversations with Heyetsbury regarding youth plan.

## Combined themes across all areas

- Overall people were expressing the need for provision for young people- whether that be a pop-up session or a youth club, or support accessing what is happening already; people agreed that this was needed for our young people.
- Transport came up in most conversations throughout the engagement due to the rurality of the areas visited. Bus services did not offer the flexibility required to access existing provision and families that were larger or on a lower income found themselves having to prioritise use of their own vehicles for work or other important journeys- if they had their own vehicle at all.
- The size of family also presented issues when trying to access existing clubs as it meant cost was higher and it was less likely for the parent to be able to volunteer their support to things going on.
- Many people in the conversations expressed how important it was to 'catch these young people younger' to try and prevent the antisocial behaviour patterns that they saw in their communities. This was a view shared overwhelmingly amongst young people, parents, residents and provision staff and volunteers.
- There are some fantastic existing groups and planned activities across these areas that will tackle some of the responses heard- but these need to be advertised clearly and widely.

## Draft recommendations for delivery of phase 2

Area	Action
Pewsey	Promotion, recruit and support for youth café setup
Tidworth and Ludgershall	Pop up event, support for youth club setup, outreach promoting existing provision
Winterslow/Idmiston/Newton Tony/Allington	Pop up activity, further outreach to promote and recruit
Alderbury	Pop up event, outreach, youth club support
Shrewton	Outreach to recruit and advertise youth club
Old Sarum Youth Club	Outreach to recruit volunteers and support for youth club
Chapmanslade	Pop up activity, ongoing re-engagement, referrals
Heyetsbury	Further outreach, facilitation and support for Parish council re community space.

The ongoing focus will be drilled down the above areas using 8 days for 2 Community Organisers in each funded area. This needs to be agreed by the Community Engagement Managers and the Community Organisers.

To get the very best use of the funding it would be beneficial to choose 8 locations (2 within each of the funded areas,) to focus work for phase 2. This will ensure that the engagement and work can be carried out in a way that builds on the relationships that have started to form in the communities and will lead to any volunteers being more invested which will increase the sustainability of this work.

Proposed activities are to Deliver 4-6 pop-ups/taster sessions\* in the specified locations up until October half term, and in some cases provide support around the setup of new youth clubs and support to volunteers that have been identified in phase 1.

A strong take away from engagement shows how much young people want to engage with provision and how willing they were to be a part of the development of that- whether it was through giving their opinions to us, to the consultations offered in communities or in showing an interest in getting involved and being a part of the projects that emerge to support other young people. It seems that if funding could be acquired to develop

a young leader training programme, then not only would the target age group be engaging- but the younger age range would be supported by them too which could satisfy communities looking for support for younger age groups. This could be a consideration when looking at moving the project into Year 2; with the engagement throughout Phase 2 including questions around this from Community Organisers.

\*Pop ups should not be something like a climbing wall- it must give the idea of what the youth club would usually look like.