
AREA BOARD COUNCILLOR FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS OF ASSOCIATED GROUPS

Purpose of Report

1. To update the board on key issues considered and arising from meetings recently attended by unitary councillors, as appointed by the Amesbury Area Board to the following 'groups / outside bodies'.

Updates

2. Durrington Leisure Centre Management Committee
Free Swimming for the under 17 and over 60's continues to grow. There are planned lifeguard courses this summer. The increase in swimming and overall use of fitness equipment is clearly evident. Durrington Pool continues to be an extremely popular venue for activities. The new café and sports hall, that Avon Valley College are currently building adjacent to the pool, is seen as a major positive enhancement to the present Durrington Swimming Pool. *(report from Cllrs Wright & West)*
3. Community Area Young People's Issues Group (CAYPIG)
Councillor John Smale attended a meeting of the CAYPIG in early March 2010. The main issues discussed at this meeting included:
 - (a) young people's ideas on how to improve their leisure time – *a skate park, leisure credit scheme, sporting tournaments amongst village teams, new football goals – areas to play – floodlights, multi-use sports areas for tennis – basketball – football, organised trips*
 - (b) potential long term schemes for young people – *convert local British Legion to a coffee room/club, a youth centre, cheaper mopeds*
 - (c) the need for developments on Archers Gate to include areas for young people's leisure
 - (d) police are providing an effective service for young people and their families where needed, and are being asked to clarify that play areas are for under 12 year olds only

Youth Minibus Project – the Youth Development Officer for the Amesbury Area is working with young people and newly recruited local volunteer drivers with a view to introducing a minibus service to transport young

people from rural villages to leisure activities. This will be piloted in one or two parishes initially and then rolled out across the Amesbury Area, subject to its success. To assist with this project, the Area Board will be asked on the 29th April meeting to agree a grant for the start-up costs of this pilot project.

4. Housing Tenants Panel

Councillor Mike Hewitt to provide a brief verbal update at the 29th April board meeting.