

## **Integrated Youth Service - Youth Work Team**

### **Report to South West Wiltshire Community Area Board - 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

The summer ended with lots of activity for young people - there was a programme of reward trips for those taking part in 'Leisure Credits' and the NCS team ran a successful residential for the juniors who they had worked with on Mere Primary School's Wildlife Garden. You will hear more about this in the NCS team presentation at the Area Board meeting in December. We are now into our Autumn programme with new members coming in and finding out about what we have to offer.....

The sessions in Wilton have really begun to take off and Sophie the new Lead Assistant Youth worker is making her mark. Attendances are on the increase, the centre is 'buzzing' and the young people have made a wonderful bench for their memorial garden. The transport from the villages is being well utilised, weekend Leisure Credits sessions have also been established and work on the bus shelter at Burcombe has taken place with plans for the clearance of the footpath at the Hollows in Wilton on Sunday.

The regular programme across Mere and Tisbury has resumed with young people engaging in football sessions, a 'Girls Only' project, a Bridging Project for young people with special needs, a junior project as well as open sessions and specific projects such using the new music kit in Tisbury or redecorating the computer room and building cupboards in Mere DC4YP. There are also daytime conservation sessions for young people NEET or on alternative education programmes and a regular monthly 'drop in' session with 'Personal Advisor' support for young people who need support in applying for jobs or training courses.

Through the emerging charity 'Seeds4Success' the 'Leisure Credits' scheme continues to expand with new jobs being identified and partnerships being formed. The allotment in Tisbury has produced some great veg and herbs and the community garden at Bowerchalke with its reseeded grass really looks wonderful. A DVD about some of the work of Leisure Credits is in the making and we hope to bring this to a future Area Board meeting.

The development of a Youth Advisory Group (YAG) is now a key priority for the Youth Work Team in the South West Wiltshire Area. We have agreed that local Community Area Young People's Issues Groups (CAYPIG's) will remain in each community area and there will be an overarching SWWYAG linking into the Area Board. There is an initial meeting to establish the YAG on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 6-7:30pm at Nadder Hall, Tisbury and we are looking for diverse mix of young people across the South West Wiltshire area to represent their peers, a young chair for the group (aged 25 or under) as well as adults from the community who want to work with young people to enable their views and aspirations for local services to be realised. Please come along on the 7<sup>th</sup> November to find out more or get involved.

Thank you all for your continued support.

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