

Area Board Project

1. What is the Initiative?

To keep Holt Youth Club open by paying for an Assistant Youth Worker for 3 hours a week.

This Assistant Youth Worker would be provided by Wiltshire Council's Integrated Youth Service, Youth Work Team and would work beside another Youth Worker that is funded by the Council itself.

The club is supported by a rota of community volunteers, but without a second Assistant Youth Worker the club may have to close.

2. Where is the initiative taking place?

The club runs at the Holt Village Hall, Wednesdays between 7 - 9pm. The worker would work 3 hrs a week in total as they will need time to set up the club, clear up and complete their records afterwards.

3. When will the initiative take place?

1st April 2013 – 31st March 2014.

4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/links to Community Plan/Community Issue?

Lack of local generic youth provision for the 11 – 19yr old age group
 Offers varied personal and social development opportunities
 Improves relationships with other community members, in particular the older generation
 Provides young people with a safe social and learning space within their own community
 Provides links into other community activities, such as Holt Music Festival and the Skittles competition which we are taking part in
 Places a part in keeping youth related anti-social behaviour low

5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

To keep the youth club running

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

It would be a joint partnership between the Broughton Gifford and Holt Youth Project, and Wiltshire Council's Integrated Youth Service, Youth Work Team.

Katherine Brownlee, the Youth Development Coordinator for Bradford on Avon, would be the main contact from Wiltshire Council. She would be managing the staff at the youth club as part of the partnership agreement with the Broughton Gifford and Holt Youth Project.

7. Costs/quotes/ match funding? (total cost £5k require 1 quote, total cost £5k-25k require 3 quotes)

We pay 50p per session which helps to pay for the Village Hall and resources like pens, paper and cooking ingredients and we would like £1895.40 from the Area Board to pay for an Assistant Youth Worker.

The cost of the worker would be £12.15 per hour. They would work 3 hrs per week for 52 weeks of the year. Therefore the total cost is £1895.40.

8. Additional information

Further comments from young people

At the Youth Club we:

Learn respect

Keep out of trouble

Talk to youth workers about our problems

Play games like pool

Learn cooking skills

Learn camping skills

Learn map reading skills

See friends

See members of the community, like the volunteers

Have fun

Learn about things like smoking, relationships and sexual health

Help within the community, like volunteering at the Holt Music Festival

Visit other youth centres

Go on trips with other youth clubs, like ice skating, so we get to try new things and meet new people

Play in the village skittles competition

Comment from Councillor Trevor Carbin (Holt and Staverton)

"The Youth Club is a significant part of community life in Holt and I hope the Area Board will continue to support it. Young people in our villages don't always have easy access to the kind of facilities the towns have to offer, so the club itself, with the range of events and activities provided by the organisers, is particularly important."

Comment from PC 1746 Lee Pelling

"We believe the Youth Service plays a vital role in helping to maintain very low levels of reported anti-social behaviour and criminal damage, by providing a well structured and resourced weekly programme for youths in the area..."

...We are under no illusion that if this vital service was to be lost, there would be an impact on the community with the potential for increased low level crime and anti social behaviour...

...We would like to express our full support for your service and hope you are able to secure the funding you need to continue to provide such an important local service." (see full letter attached)

Achievements

The club was recently shortlisted as finalists for The Event, Wiltshire Council's Integrated Youth Services young people's annual awards. Although they did not win they did receive a special mention for the hard work between young people, staff and volunteers.

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Dear Ms Brownlee

As the Neighbourhood Policing Team Beat Manager for Bradford on Avon Rural I wanted to offer our thanks and support for the work you and your organisation do with Holt Youth Club in conjunction with support from the local community. The club is well attended by local youths which provides a vital social, educational and diversionary service in a village where there are few activities and venues for young people.

Part of our role involves dealing with and reducing levels of anti-social behaviour by young people in communities such as Holt. We believe the Youth Service plays a vital role in helping to maintain very low levels of reported anti-social behaviour and criminal damage, by providing a well structured and resourced weekly programme for youths in the area.

In the last 12 months to January 2013, there have been only 3 reported anti social incidents involving youths in Holt. We are under no illusion that if this vital service was to be lost, there would be an impact on the community with the potential for increased low level crime and anti social behaviour.

We would like to express our full support for your service and hope you are able to secure the funding you need to continue to provide such an important local service.

Yours sincerely

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