

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

### **Report to South West Wiltshire Community Area Board - 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

Over the past few months young people across South West Wiltshire have continued to engage in positive activities through the Development Centres for Young People in Mere, Tisbury & Wilton as well as through engagement in the Leisure Credits Scheme, Community Area Young Peoples issues groups (CAYPIG's) and the South West Wiltshire Youth Advisory Group. By supporting local events such as the Mere Cancer Charity day and the Wilton 'Big Lunch' young people have continued to prove they are a valuable asset to our local communities.

Rose Salmi took up post as Lead Assistant Youth Worker for the Wilton Community Area at the beginning of March and has already begun to make a big impact locally. The Tuesday evening project night has seen young people engage in a motorcycle cycle project and they are presently involved in an initiative called 'The Voice'. Through this project young people have been involved in a couple of local consultation events and they are presently working on a media project with the aim of easing tensions between the residents and the centre. They are making a short film with regards to being a young person and how having a youth centre can help. They are then planning a presentation meeting with the residents invited.

As well as the usual regular programmes young people in Mere & Tisbury have been developing designs for the Graffiti project taking place in Mere this weekend as well as making a really quite impressive bench that they would like to reproduce with a view to selling them through the social enterprise & charity that underpins the Leisure Credits initiative, Seeds4Success. A small group of young people are also working with a website designer to create a website and logo for the new charity.

The South West Wiltshire Youth Advisory Group (YAG) have been working really hard over the past few months to put together a community quiz night which is taking place on 29<sup>th</sup> June. They are hoping that various different groups or clubs working with young people locally will bring along displays and attend the event, to increase awareness of these organisations and to enhance the membership of the YAG. The young people are also organising a BBQ that will run during the evening and a raffle. They have contacted a number of local businesses to ask support with prizes and have received a number of donations.

The group are keen to see as many members of the local community at this event as possible so if you are free on the evening of the 29<sup>th</sup> June please come along to Nadder Hall, Tisbury. Community Area Young People's Issues Groups (CAYPIG's) will continue to meet in each of the community areas as required and they will focus on more local issues such as skate parks and campus development and these will feed into the YAG.

With the summer coming there are lots of exciting opportunities for local young people over the next few months. We are running another Nation Citizen Service (NCS) team for young people in school years 11 & 12 across the 3 community areas as well as continuing to deliver Leisure Credits with young people carrying out practical conservation jobs in a variety of locations.

Thank you all for your continued support.

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