



## **Annual Report for the Wotton Youth Liaison Group September 2013 to September 2014**

This year has been about delivery. Working in partnership with Wotton Town Council we have delivered a range of successful Youth activities from the Wotton Youth Centre. Key aspects of the services delivered and plans for 2014/15 are set out below.

### **Service delivery in 2013/2014**

From November 2013, as well as the services provided by Young Gloucestershire there have been additional services funded by WYLG and delivered in partnership with Wotton Town Council. Working together, WYLG and Wotton Town Council selected *Youth and Community Services* as the provider for the additional services. Wotton Town Council has been the contracting body with Youth Liaison providing the funding of £13,000. This has provided:

#### **Open Sessions**

We offer two open sessions each week during school term time to provide a safe, relaxing, recreational space for Young People. These have proved very popular with our young people and we have seen attendance increase over time until we now regularly have 40 plus young people attending with the current record at 55.

#### **Youth Forum**

The Youth Forum is part of a district wide network through which Young People provide input into issues which affect them and provide feedback to local and district council. The Youth Forum has seen numbers increase and we now have 20 members. Youth Forum representatives now take an active part in Wotton Youth Liaison Group meetings and are represented on the Stroud District Youth Council. Youth Forum members are now also providing leadership in the open sessions and in other activities.

## **Additional Activities**

We provide additional activities and to build confidence, emotional resilience and team-working skills. Highlights during 2013/14 are:

- Strong links forged with the Community Sports Foundation with Young People involved in designing the Skate Park and undertaking fund raising activity.
- The Young People have introduced neighbourhood meet and greet Coffee Mornings. These have received positive feedback from the community and will now be organised on a regular basis.
- Development of an on-line presence for our Youth Work.
- Being involved in the Christmas Fair raised the profile of the Youth Service as well as almost £200.
- Support for the Curry Night fund raiser which rose over £1,500 for Youth Liaison.
- Clearing and planting up the flower bed outside the Youth Centre.
- Carrying out a litter pick in and around the chipping.
- Youth Forum members attended a residential weekend during April 2014 which included a range of team building and planning activities.

## **Young Leaders**

Of particular note has been the development of Young Leaders in Wotton. A group of the older Young People are now working as volunteers and paid staff and taking on a range of leadership roles in the sessions.

## **Delivery in 2014/15**

During 2013/14 we raised £7,006 and sources of this funding are set out in the financial report. We have grant applications ongoing for additional funds but we must only commission services with available monies. When further funds become available we will expand the service accordingly. Services planned for 2014/15 are:

- Continuation of the highly successful Thursday evening sessions.
- Continuation of the on-line outreach work.
- A residential experience for Youth Forum members.
- An Art project and exhibition at the Youth Centre.

The Youth Forum will not be supported by the Youth Liaison Group as Stroud District Council has funding for this work across the district.

Wotton Town Council has agreed to continue in their role as the contracting body with the Youth Liaison Group grant aiding the funding to them.

## **Fundraising**

Fundraising will need to continue in order that there is funding for the 2015/16 services.

## **A note of thanks**

The people and businesses of Wotton, Kingswood and the surrounding areas, have continued to provide generous support to the WYLG and we are grateful to them.

I would also like to thank the committee of the WYLG who have given freely of their time and effort to support the development of Youth Services in the Wotton area.

Mark Lovell  
Chair, Wotton Youth Liaison Group

## Financial Statement 2013/2014

Balance Summary			
	01-Sep-13	Net Movements	31-Aug-14
General	£14,314	-£ 6,920	£7,394
Building	£316	-£316	£0
Total	£14,630	-£7,236	£7,394

General Fund			
Item	Income	Expenses	Net
<b>Cleared Items</b>			
Transfer from Building Fund	£ 316		
Curry Night - Income	£ 2,165		
Contribution from Christmas Fair and coffee morning	£ 101		
SDC Stroud Youth Voice Fund	£ 3,870		
SDC Stroud Youth Activity Fund	£ 1,000		
Town Hall Tea	£ 235		
Curry Night Costs		£ 620	
Youth Worker		£ 405	
Grant to Wotton Town Council		£ 13,000	
Flowers for front of Youth Centre		£ 21	
<b>Total cleared</b>	<b>£ 7,687</b>	<b>£ 14,046</b>	<b>-£ 6,359</b>
<b>Uncleared items</b>			
Residential Youth Forum		£ 500	
Curry Night - Hall Hire		£ 61	
<b>Total cleared</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 561</b>	<b>-£ 561</b>

Building Fund			
Item	Income	Expenses	Net
<b>Cleared items</b>			
Transfer to General Fund		£ 316	
<b>Item</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 316</b>	<b>-£ 316</b>