

Create-Editorial

The newsletter of the charity Create (charity no. 1078672)

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Recently Create have been able to assist a number of organisations. Here are a just two of the projects Create has been able to help.

HILLSTOWN COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

Hillstown Community Action Group was set up in May 2000, when the younger members of the community were unable to find safe and available play areas within the area. The group was formed and issues looked at. So far the various activities include a regular newsletter, skateboarding sessions, taking younger people on various educational trips, recently these included the National Mining Museum and the 'Making it in Mansfield' exhibition. To bring the community together as a whole group they put on Christmas parties, provide the transport, food and gifts for the younger members. They continue to get the communities views on the areas in which they live and strive to improve the facilities.

Hillstown were given a grant of £500 by Create. The money is being used help improve the services and facilities available for the young people of Hillstown and surrounding areas. Their latest project 'The Saturday Morning Club' is going to benefit by receiving new equipment for the young people to use.

THE BRIDGE YOUTH PROJECT

The Bridge Youth Project is now in its twelfth year supporting over 60 primary and secondary schools in the South Wiltshire area, and it continues to expand. Its 'bread and butter' work includes conducting around 300 school assemblies each year as well as helping teachers to plan and run RE lessons. In addition, the Bridge also runs short courses for small groups of the more 'challenging' children who are identified by the schools as needing particular assistance in developing their emotional literacy, anger management and social inclusion. This targeted work is now particularly sought after by a growing number of schools in the area.

This year the Bridge has piloted a new course aimed at helping school refusers to return to full time education. This work is being supported by the local Education Welfare Officers of the LEA and will hopefully expand next year into a regular series of courses, each running over ten weeks.

The small team consists of seven paid staff and twenty volunteers, backed up by a loyal band of prayer warriors from a large number of local churches across the denominations. The majority of the Bridge's funding is from donations from individual, with additional support coming from Trusts and Charities such as Create. More information can be found at their website:

www.the-bridge.org.uk

