

# Create-Editorial

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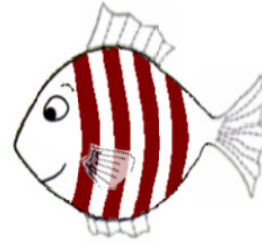
## Finance ReDirect Goes Large!

The New Year brought exciting expansion opportunities at the office. Three new posts were created to manage the ever increasing workload. The posts were filled and the new people are settling into their posts well.

We are however, saying goodbye to one person who

has been involved from the start of the project. Ruth Sturman has acted as trustee and chairperson of the Create Charity giving her valuable insight and experience with enthusiasm. However, Ruth has decided to resign from her role as she is getting married in May. We wish her and her future husband every happiness and thank her for

the contribution she has made over the years.



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## HILLSTOWN COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

Recently Create have been able to assist Hillstown Community Action Group, with a grant of £500.

Hillstown are extremely grateful for the grant made 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.

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 Hillstown 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.

## 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](http://www.the-bridge.org.uk).

The photograph below shows some of the staff trying to look natural in front of the camera.

