



Youth Bus Update – May 2015

It was a busy week for everyone on the Youth Bus over half-term as we welcomed lots of extra people on-board. Parents and young people were urged to come and see our new and improved bus and to find out what's on offer in the Evesham area.

The **road show of services aimed at children and young people** aged from 0-19 years-old was a big success with lots of interest from young people, parents and residents. We teamed up with Outside Youth Centre, Wychavon Early Help and the County Council's Early Intervention Team to make a wide range of information available for anyone who dropped by.

The road show schedule included some of our regular stops such as Middle Littleton, Bridleway Views and Badsey, alongside new locations such as the Market Square in Evesham and Tesco Superstore. A big thank you to all of the staff from the other agencies that helped out during the week. This was a pilot event so we are hoping to build on this with more joint ventures in the future.



The photos that follow give you an idea as to what we've been up to and where we've been. At the top you can see that Evesham Sea Cadets came to see what the bus had to offer. The display boards for Outside Youth Centre provided a great illustration of what

they do and they accompanied us throughout the week; we also promoted new volunteering opportunities at the centre. We also parked the bus in Market Square and got lots of interest from people passing by.



We have been busy encouraging **young people to complete the online positive activities survey**. This was put together by the County Council to get feedback on current youth facilities in Worcestershire that they have commissioned. The consultation ran until 22 May and young people were busy completing it at sessions on the bus.

From chatting to them we heard lots of good comments about our service and we look forward to the results. The County Council received 715 completed surveys from young people across the county during a two week period, which is really impressive. We'll update you when we know more.

The Youth Bus delivered some **drugs awareness sessions**, including some focused work on cannabis and the effects it has on the body and mind. We engaged with over 75 students at South Worcestershire College and had some interesting discussions with the key focus on staying safe. The feedback was very positive and we hope to return to cover more subjects throughout the year.



We recently caught up with **Chad and Dennis** when they were **filming in Inkberrow** to ask them a few questions about their current college film project about the bus. **Here's what we asked...**

A bit about yourself...

Chad Morrison: I'm 17 years old and study Creative Media Production at South Worcestershire College. I enjoy playing different types of games such as video games, card games and table top games; I also like 3d modelling and drawing.

Dennis Sheridan: I am a creative e-media student. I'm 18 years old and enjoy gaming and I hope to one day join the industry and be a game designer.



What made you decide to do your film project on the Youth Bus?

Chad: We attended Takeover Day which was run by the Youth Bus team. They explained the project and it sounded like a brilliant opportunity for me to expand my skills and experience.

Dennis: I thought it would be a good experience to build on my skills in filming and editing.

What are the main elements that you want to highlight within your film?

Chad: The recent improvements, what is on the bus and how the service engages with young people in rural areas.

Dennis: What the Youth Bus is about, the facilities it offers and who the service is there to help and support.

What do you think about the Youth Bus and the service it provides to young people?

Chad: It's a brilliant service and gives support and confidence to young people who use the services.

Dennis: It's a good opportunity for young people to socialise and enjoy life. The staff are really friendly and provide support to all young people.

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