

Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team Activity Trail

1. Purpose of the report

1.1 To propose and agree that the C&TP committee pursue additional Area Board funding to pay for an outdoor activity trail in Malmesbury during the summer school holidays.

2. Background

2.1 WOLT provide a range of outdoor challenges and activities for young people. MTC were in discussion with WOLT about setting up a multi-location activity trail for a weekend in Malmesbury with a range of activities like tree climbing, rope walking over water, a climbing wall, and axe throwing. Unfortunately, COVID 19 put an end to discussions.

2.2 During a recent conversation WOLT have suggested the following:

2 days over a weekend, a bank holiday perhaps.

The event can be tweaked to fit the budget that is available. If we were to look at the groups going to **10 sites**, 5 of which have WOLT staff running activities

- Climbing wall
- River cross challenge
- Axe throwing and / or archery
- Problem solving challenges (minefield crossing)
- Pioneer challenge – build a large catapult / flood challenge

The other 5 venues would involve the participants getting certain information –for example a signed leaflet / brochure from the tourist information centre.

We would encourage participants to come in teams of 4 – 8. We would need to agree on a lower age range (either 5 or 7 years).

If we have teams starting at different venues, and have a morning and afternoon start we could cater for 30-40 teams a day (thus between 120-320 people per day).

We would use our on-line booking software to take bookings. This can be used to take any charge you may want to add for the participants.

Cost of the WOLT: £1600 plus vat per day. £3200 plus vat for the 2 days

2.3 It's unlikely we will use all the funds we have allocated for projects this year so we can reallocate some money and apply for additional funding.

3. Proposal

3.1 That the Community and Town Promotions Committee agree to explore what WOLT can provide for a reasonable budget and then see what funding can be secured from the Area Board to make it happen

4. Costs

4.1 It's not clear what the costs would be yet.

5. Risks

- 5.1 The usual risks that come with outdoor work and the weather and WOLT youth work though they are insured.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 That the committee agree to explore what WOLT activities we could put on in Malmesbury, at what cost, and whether we can get necessary funding.

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