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# No hide- new wild

By Winston Brown

**A new community project for disadvantaged young people in Market Drayton is to be launched later this year.**

Police, Shropshire Youth Offending Service (YOS), Fordhall Farm and the Greenwood Trust at Coalbrookdale, Telford, are joining forces to create an education project for young people aged between 15 and 19.

The project involves building a wildlife hide at Fordhall Farm for use by schools, youth groups and others who wish to explore the countryside.

Talks are ongoing and the plan is to involve young people not currently in education, employment or training, known as Neets.

Ray Phillips of Shropshire YOS said: "About six months ago, I approached Charlotte Hollins at Fordhall Farm to discuss ideas on providing reparation work for young offenders.

"She came up with the idea of creating a hide on one of the woodland trails at the farm which can then be made available to individuals, schools and youth groups who might want a site where they can study wildlife.

"We spoke to Market Drayton Police and the Greenwood Trust, who both thought it was a great idea and wanted to become involved.

"The trust will design the hide, the young offenders we supervise will make it in our workshops and then we'll get together with local volunteers from Market Drayton to erect it on site."

The Greenwood Trust promotes skills involving wood crafts and it is hoped their involvement in the project will lead to the creation of wood carvings for the hide by young people.

Charlotte said: "We were trying to find ways of creating a wildlife hide on our farmland trail and because the young offenders have a woodworking area at their workshop, we thought this could be a great partnership project.

"We benefit by getting a fantastic hide and the young people benefit by building something they've never built before.

"The great thing about the project is knowing just how much everyone involved will get out of it."

## Donation

The project has been boosted by a £300 donation from the West Mercia Police Community Fund, a charity funded by the police, public donations and the sale of seized property.

Sergeant Lisa Bradbury of Market Drayton Police, who applied for the donation, said: "The project aims to identify disadvantaged youngsters and then encourage their participation in building a hide on the farm. Once built, the young people would participate in maintaining and improving it."

## Vandals use a wine bottle to break window

About £100 worth of damage has been caused to a car whose window was smashed while parked outside a Market Drayton supermarket.

Vandals used an empty wine bottle to smash a passenger side window of a white Vauxhall Corsa which was in the Netto car park in Stafford Street on Sunday.

Police believe the incident happened between 12.30am and 7.40am, nothing was stolen from the car and the bottle used to smash the window was recovered.

Anyone with information can contact Market Drayton Police on 0300 333 3000.

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