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# press release

## New Partnership for Youth Centre

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Young people within South Petherton are to benefit from new opportunities through a partnership between South Petherton Parish Council and local Youth Work project REACH.

REACH based in Bower Hinton, offers quality youth work and education packages to schools and council organisations in South Somerset and has successfully tendered to run youth work sessions in South Petherton from April 2012 for 12 months.

Opportunities for young people in the village will continue to grow and develop at a time when many services across the County are being cut. The project will offer 2 youth club evening sessions based at South Petherton Youth Centre and one evening per week of street based youth work in the village. Support will also be given to the successful Youth Parish Council as part of the package.

Dan Palmer, Director of the REACH project said “this is an exciting time for us to be able to explore the needs of young people in the South Petherton area and to work in collaboration with the Parish Council, local secondary schools and partner organisations. At a time when young people are facing increased challenges with increased youth unemployment and cuts to provision, we look forward to pulling together some exciting projects, youth work evenings and opportunities for trips and visits out of the area. We will also be here to provide support for young people with a qualified youth work team and strong links to other support services.”

The Youth Centre based in Lightgate Lane will continue to open with an intermediates youth night on a Tuesday evening (school years 7 – 9) and seniors evening on a Thursday night (school years 9 and above). Sessions will include a range of opportunities including activities, youth work training, cooking and hot food and space for young people to relax, feel safe and to learn. Full information of the session opening including times will be on the REACH and South Petherton Parish website

South Petherton Parish Council said” Realising the importance of youth provision we have again provided funding for our youth club after the County Councils funding ceased. We are very excited to working with REACH and looking forward to the results we are sure they will bring.”

Youth workers contactable at REACH either be email [info@reachyouth.co.uk](mailto:info@reachyouth.co.uk) or telephone the office (01935) 823171.

Ends.

Pictured: