

Nationwide Foundation support- 20th May 2009

The Mitchemp Trust has successfully secured a grant of £5000 from the Nationwide Foundation, a grant maker financed by Nationwide Building Society.

The Mitchemp Trust which provides support to vulnerable young people in Wiltshire, has received the grant towards providing an outdoor residential course that offers young people between 11 and 14 years old a chance to try new things and challenge themselves. The programme enables them to experience success, learn to go beyond their own expectations and grow in confidence, whilst focusing on the importance of team work, communication, social skills and learning about taking responsibility. David Hempleman Adams, one of the trustees and founder of the Mitchemp Trust said, "We are very grateful to The Nationwide Foundation for this donation. It will help to give young people the hope, confidence and life skills to meet the challenges in their lives, enabling them to grow into individuals who are able to make a positive contribution to society. " Lisa Parker, the Nationwide Foundation's chief executive said, " There-are now more young people in custody in Britain than ever before and statistics show that up to 80% of them will re-offend within two years of being released. We are delighted to offer this grant to the Mitchemp Trust whose work will really make a difference to the lives of many young people, thereby helping to reduce crime and make the community safer." For further information, please contact: Mark Davey, Chief Executive, The Mitchemp Trust, Tel: 07811 261516Or Leigh Pearce, Grants Officer, The Nationwide Foundation, Tel 01793 657180 Notes to editors: The Nationwide Foundation is a registered charity (no. 1065552) which makes donations to registered charities and is funded principally by contributions from the Nationwide Building Society. It is a separate legal entity from the Society and is run by an independent board of trustees. The current funding programme is called "Supporting Families". The Small Grants Programme makes grants of up to £5,000 to registered charities in the UK who work in the areas of domestic violence, support for prisoners' families and rehabilitation for young offenders. Statistics source - NACRO