

**Safe and Sound (Wyre Forest)**  
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This month's news is that a community safety project for youngsters, which is managed by Safer Wyre Forest and their partners The ContinU Trust, has been shortlisted for a national award.

The Community Ambassador Project is a finalist for the Young Person's Safety Award category of the Suzy Lamplugh National Personal Safety Awards 2017.

The Awards celebrate and recognise the hard work of individuals and groups, who, through their work and commitment to personal safety, make a real contribution to keeping people safe.

There are more than sixty 14 and 15 year olds involved in the Community Ambassador Project. The youngsters take part in a year of events. They work to communicate positive messages within their schools about community safety, citizenship, wellbeing and health. One of the Ambassadors' main roles is to convey personal safety messages about keeping safe when out and about. They take part in campaigns such as National Personal Safety Day, Safer Internet Day, Anti-Bullying Week and the White Ribbon Campaign, which raises awareness of domestic abuse.

The project involves The Bewdley School and Sixth Form Centre, King Charles I School, Stourport High School, Wolverley CE Secondary School, Baxter Business and Enterprise College, Hagley Roman Catholic High School and Haybridge High School and Sixth Form. It was set up in 2014 and is funded by a grant from the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner.

There are many positive outcomes for youngsters who take part in the project. They enjoy helping people and making a difference, whilst gaining confidence and learning new skills.

The Awards will be presented in London on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, so by the time this column goes to press the result will be known! We wish the Community Ambassadors every success and congratulations on being such worthy finalists.

The Community Ambassadors are currently producing a film to raise awareness of their role within their schools. Their website [www.communityambassadors.org.uk](http://www.communityambassadors.org.uk) showcases the work they have been doing.

The Suzy Lamplugh Trust website also features advice on staying safe [www.suzylamplugh.org](http://www.suzylamplugh.org) and for more information about North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership please visit [www.nwcsp.org](http://www.nwcsp.org). Follow Safer Wyre Forest on Twitter #SaferWyreForest and like our Facebook page Safer Wyre Forest