

SOUP! – How it works

SOUP! is a powerful tool to start conversations, enjoy yourself, make new contacts and improve where you live.

At each SOUP! lunch there are four presentations on local Wells projects. These range from charities, culture, regeneration, community, social justice, social enterprise, education, to technology and more.

Each presenter has four minutes to share their idea, showing how it will benefit the Wells community. No PowerPoint or other technology is allowed, but passion is welcome! Audience members can ask each presenter up to four questions about their project.

After the presentations, the audience is encouraged to discuss and debate before voting. They then vote on which project they think will benefit Wells and the surrounding area the most. Whichever presenter gets the most votes wins half of the money collected at the door, to support their project going forward. This can be as much as £350, including match-funding by sponsorship from a local business. The runners-up share the other half. So, all four go away with new funds but most importantly have been given a platform to spread their word!

The winning good cause is invited back to a future SOUP! to share what has been achieved due to the funding and the impact SOUP! has had.

SOUP! Support

Wells SOUP! is supported by Waitrose, Morrison's, Burns the Bread, Santé Wine Imports, Wells Blue School – all of whom provide the food and beverage – and Mickey in the Market the flowers for the tables and St Andrews Press for all the photocopying.

We are also extremely grateful to the companies who have 'match funded'/sponsored SOUP!:

Basil Powell Shoes, Belleview B&B, Bishops Eye, Bowleys Garage, Burns the Bread, Charlie Bigham's, Changing Rooms, Chubb Bulleid, DH James, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, Lodestone Estate Agents, Old Mill Accountants, Pilgrim Financial, Probusiness Accountants, Protec, RMW Knight Surveyors, Somerset Community Foundation, Studley Jewellers, Swan Hotel, The Laundry, Twenty One Café & Kitchen, Wells Health Practitioners, Wells Funeral Services.

Please email soup@wellsindependents.org if you have any queries about SOUP!

SOUP! Funding

Since SOUP! was introduced to Wells, the following 81 causes have received funding:

Connect Youth
The Lawrence Centre
Safe Systems Consultancy
Counsellors Collective
Beanstalk
Somerset Guild of Craftsmen
YMCA Mendip
Strawberry Line East
Mothers Union
Parkinson's UK
TS5C
City of Wells Almshouses
Somerset Sight
Wells Little Theatre
Wells Macular Group
Wells City Carnival
Freewheelers 'Blood Bikes'
Wells Swimming Club
Wells Museum
Mendip MS Group
Horrington Cricket Club
MIND in Somerset
Wells Millennium Tapestry
City of Wells Lions Club
Heads Up
Marie Curie
Sustainable Wells
Wells Beat Diabetes
PromiseWorks
Ageing Well (Age UK Wells)
We Hear You
Wells St John Ambulance
Children's World
Wells Neighbourhood Watch
Herbal Brue Wells
Making Space Wells
Wells Community Shed
Wells Theatre Festival
Wellspring Music
Wells Community Fridge
Citizens Advice Mendip
Wells Art Contemporary
Vineyard Food & Drink for the Needy
Headway Somerset Performers
Somerset & Wessex Eating Disorder Association
Project Linus
GlastonburyFM
Wells Air Cadets
City of Wells Dementia Action Alliance
Somerset Area Bereavement Care
Count Me In
Somerton & Wells Guide Dogs for the Blind
Friends of Mendip Hospital Cemetery
Cruse Bereavement Centre
Wells Home Library Centre
Wells Bipolar Support Group
Wells City Band
Connect Centre Outreach
Mid-Somerset Self Help Tinnitus Group
Wells Community Chernobyl Link
Somerset Levels Carriage Riding for the Disabled
Wells in Mosaic
STAR (Somerset Trust for Arts & Recreation)
Wells MacMillan Cancer Support
Children's Hospice South West
Wells Art Practice
Society of Disabled Artists
Hope for Tomorrow
Alzheimer's Society
Stoma Heroes
Blue School Plastic Free Eco Group
Friends of Wells Cathedral
Somerset Prostate Cancer Support Association
Mendip Fibromyalgia Support Group
Dogs for Health
Wells Skatepark Community Group
Somerset Arts Well
Project Factory
Wells Food Bank
Wells Community Network
Wells Group for the Visually Impaired

How to apply to present at Wells SOUP!

SOUP! is a great way to raise money, tell people about your work, build community support and get connections to local resources that can help you carry out your project.

Once again, we are putting out an open call for groups from right across Wells and the local area to present at SOUP! This call is open to all charities, not for profit organisations, Community Interest Companies, social enterprises and individuals. The only condition is that any money raised is spent in Wells or the immediate surrounding area. We don't need a massive amount of information, just:

The name of your group	
What type of Group it is (charity or other organisation)	
The purpose of the group	
How you would you use the money from SOUP!	
Contact name	
E-mail address	
Postal address	
Phone number	
Web address	

Faith groups can apply for community projects but not to promote their beliefs. Organisations that are not selected to present and those that do not win the top award on the day will still be eligible for selection at future Wells SOUPs.

You can apply to present at Wells SOUP! by writing to soup@wellsindependents.org

For details about future SOUP! dates, please refer to the SOUP! page on www.wellsindependents.org