**Powys**

The Children First project in Newtown, is called ‘Newtown Together’. The project began in December 2017. They have a dedicated project co-ordinator, who works two days per week to support the project. ‘Newtown Together’ is based around the Flying Start footprint in Newtown.

The vision for the project was developed by the local youth club and stakeholder group. The vision is for a:

A safe and healthy community, where all children and young people feel supported, valued and proud of where they live, with opportunities to fulfil their potential and have a positive future

Newtown Together currently have the following projects:

* **Raising Aspirations**

A project which engages with all Year 6 pupils from 3 primary schools on a monthly basis to inspire young people towards the world of work and their future aspirations.

* **Reach Out**

A social Isolation project for young people in Newtown. This is a peer led project and started at the end of last school term where some of the young people in Youth Club raised awareness of social isolation in the high school.

* **Kindness project**

This project is led by the Youth Club, children write kindness cards and pass these on. The Youth club also have a Christmas walk taking place in conjunction with the Youth Club and the Local primary school to spread the kindness message on one of the housing estates.

* **Bring, Buy Sell swap**

A uniform event, where families finding it increasingly difficult to fund uniforms were able to benefit from a Bring, Buy, Sell Swap school uniform event.

* **Play Sessions**

Regular play sessions take place, where children and families can access play opportunities.

* **Street Games.**

The project is engaged with ‘Street Games’ who have now held a multi-agency training event in Newtown.

Newtown Together has developed these projects in consultation with children, young people and families and through a multi-agency stakeholder group. The stakeholder group meets on a monthly basis to discuss the issues in Newtown and to develop programmes to support the identified need.