

## **Hill Stories pilot project report — Nick Fogg and Mike Smart**

1-day pilot workshop on 9th August 2018 at Hope Bagot church site

9 x young people aged 10-18 years took part

In partnership with South Shropshire Youth Forum, and with support from Caring for God's Acre

### **Achievements**

- Lots of interest from young people wanting to take part
- Delivered 1-day pilot workshop as planned
- Young people interested in, and engaged with, landscape, wildlife, heritage (see feedback)
- Young people interested in and engaged with, digital media
- Lots of thoughtful, creative, and imaginative, responses from the young people
- Hope Bagot community very welcoming and supportive
- Very positive feedback from all the participants
- Young people keen to explore more of the local area following the workshop (see feedback)
- Young people keen to see the project develop
- #ShropshireHillStories and #HillsStoriesHopeBagot created
- Digital stills, video, and audio, shared online via Instagram for a wider audience, including #shropshirehills #shropshirecountryside #shropshirewildlife #hopebagot

### **Lessons learned**

- More time needed for planning and post-production (see additional time in-kind)

### **Feedback from the young people who took part**

#### **What have you enjoyed most about the project?**

"(Learning) when the church was made and to learn about the (yew) tree" Calvin (age 10)

"Getting to use the camera and take different shots" Simon (age 12)

"Exploring and capturing the local area" Alex (age 16)

"Filming the scenes and taking photos" Paran (age 18)

"Looking at the multiple landscapes near the church" Emily (age 13)

"Learning about the yew tree and the graveyard. Learning new things" Ethan (age 14)

"Filming the church" Josh (age 12)

#### **What have you learnt or tried for the first time?**

"Measuring the circumference of the yew tree to see how it was growing." Isaac (age 14)

"Using a sound machine" Paran (age 18)

"Making videos with a camera" Josh (age 12)

"Using a proper digital camera. Short films of going A to B of exciting views" Alex (age 16)

#### **What skills have you improved?**

"Photography" Emily (age 13)

"Getting the best scenes and filming steadily" Isaac (age 14)

"Filming steadily" Alex (age 16)

"My camera skills" Ethan (age 14)

#### **What are you most proud of?**

"The photos I took" Emily (age 13)

"My story that I wrote" Paran (age 18)

"Making a video of the church" Josh (age 12)

"My pictures" Calvin (age 10)

"My drawing" Nick (age 10)

"Some of the videos and lighting" Isaac (age 14)

"The "artsy" in/out of focus shots" Alex (age 16)

"My photographs and videos" Ethan (age 14)

"Making a tidy job of the sound record" Simon (age 12)

#### **We hope to develop the project for the future.**

##### **Is there anything you'd change? Or add? Or like to do more of?**

"I'd like to explore more of the surrounding landscape" Emily (age 13)

"Explore more. Editing, uploading." Isaac (age 14)

"Have more time to edit videos" Josh (age 12)

"Having more time to learn editing skills" Simon (age 12)

"Everything was good, no changes needed" Paran (age 18)