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Cc: Angie Biggs <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Wrington Vale Rotary Club support for application 063842

I am writing on behalf of Wrington Vale Rotary Club in support of the licence application 063842 for Mendip Activity Centre.

We support this application as we have been working closely with Mendip Activity Centre since 2018 organising community events that have raised considerable funds for local charities. These events form a major element of our annual fund raising activities and have raised in excess of £29,000 for charities such as Charlie's Memory, Somewhere to Go, YMCA and the Salvation Army. Additionally we organise activity weekends with Mendip each year for local Young Carers to give them some respite from the daily challenges they face.

Last year in partnership with Mendip Activity Centre we ran a very successful mini-family-festival. A camping weekend with an outdoor cinema on one night and live music on the second night plus a range of outdoor activities. The event raised thousands to support the youth activities we run each year, including paying for the Young Carers weekend and many other local activities for young people in Somerset.

The event was an evolution of previous family events and was an extremely successful weekend with positive feedback from all the families attending and the local community. We invited local bands to play and were supported by many local businesses who were keen to contribute resources and funds for charitable causes. We strive to ensure the events we organise are of great value and accessible to as many people as possible.

I am always being asked if we are running the event again next year and I have to say we are waiting on the result of this licence application as it is no longer financially viable to run the event using a Temporary Event Notice.

Over the years the team at Mendip Activity Centre have donated huge amounts of time and resources to support our fundraising efforts. Without this licence for community events our charitable fundraising efforts in 2024 will be severely limited. Therefore the Rotary Club of Wrington Vale fully supports this application.

Yours Sincerely
Nigel Oakley
President In Waiting, Wrington Vale Rotary Club