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CARE STUDENTS PACK BAGS FOR CHARITY

A group of Yeovil College students have raised nearly £300 for charity by packing bags at Asda supermarket in Yeovil.

Seven BTEC Introductory Diploma (Level 1) Health and Social Care students spent one Friday packing bags and collecting loose change from customers at the store on Preston Road in Yeovil.

Jayde Berkley (17) of Yeovil, Sophie McAllister (18) of Yeovil, Sophie Gaylard (16) of Beaminster, Francesca Wells (17) of Yeovil, Joanna White (17) of Yeovil, Leanna Nottley (17) of West Coker and Charlotte Saywell (16) of Yeovil raised a total of £294.95 from collection tins. The money will go to the Yeovil Night Shelter. So far, the students have raised £800 for the Shelter and are well on the way to their £1000 target.

The students have been working with Health and Care lecturer Denise Hodgson to raise money for the Shelter through a number of events and initiatives over the last few months. She said *"This was an absolutely excellent result after just one day's work. We would like to say a very big thank-you to Asda, for their kind permission to fundraise in their store, and to their customers – they were so generous in supporting this very worthy cause."*

Asda Customer Service Manager Joyce McClelland said *"We were pleased to work with the Yeovil College students. They worked very hard and greeted the customers really, really well."*

The students already have many more events planned for later this year, including car washing and a car boot sale. Their next big event is a fun day for Yeovil College staff and students, due to take place later this month. Everything raised will go to the Yeovil Night Shelter, which relies on public donations for 90% of its income.

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Photo 1 - Health and Care Students prepare for a day's bag packing in aid of Yeovil Night Shelter. L-r Charlie Saywell, Francesca Wells, Sophie Gaylard, Sophie MacAllister, Jayde Berley, Leanna Nottley, Joanna White, June Eaton (Asda's Events Co-Ordinator) and Health and Care Lecturer Denise Hodgson.