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## HEALTH & CARE STUDENTS COLLECT A PRETTY PENNY FOR CHARITY

A group of Health and Care students have continued their fundraising for the Yeovil Night Shelter by creating a trail of donated 1p and 2p pieces around Yeovil College.

The Level 1 students, who are studying for a BTEC Introductory Diplomas in Health and Care, went around the College asking staff and students for donations of copper coins. They promoted their project using colourful sandwich boards they had made in class and managed to collect £60 worth of 1p and 2p pieces.

Once they had collected the coppers, the seven students lined them up in front of the College's Leonardo Building. It took nearly two hours for the students to lay out the hundreds of coins for their penny trail.

This is the group's third fundraising enterprise. They have already raised money through a karaoke event held at Yeovil College and bag packing at Asda. Asda kindly matched the amount collected by the students at their Yeovil store, raising nearly £400 for the Yeovil Night Shelter.

Form tutor and lecturer Denise Hodgson said "*This group has been very committed and is really doing an excellent job of raising money for the Night Shelter. The Shelter relies on donations for 90% of its income, so the students' work really does make a difference. The students are showing great compassion for people in need. Their fundraising adds another dimension to their learning and helps them understand the practical importance of their course and the Health and Care sector.*"

The students are already planning further fundraising events, including another karaoke event for students at Yeovil College and a summer fun day in June.

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