

AGENDA

Meeting: DEVIZES AREA BOARD
Place: Lavington School, The Spring, Market Lavington, Devizes, SN10 4EB
Date: Monday 28 November 2011
Time: 7.00 pm

Including the Parishes of All Cannings, Bishops Cannings, Erlestoke, Bromham, Devizes Town, Easterton, Etchilhampton, Great Cheverell, Little Cheverell, Market Lavington, Marston, Potterne, Roundway, Rowde, Stert, Urchfont, West Lavington and Worton

The Area Board welcomes and invites contributions from members of the public. The Chairman will try to ensure that everyone who wishes to speak will have the opportunity to do so.

If you have any requirements that would make your attendance at the meeting easier, please contact your Democratic Services Officer.

Refreshments and networking opportunities will be available from 6.30 pm, with the opportunity to view a DVD about getting more involved in the democratic process.

Please direct any enquiries on this agenda to Alexa Smith (Democratic Services Officer), on 01249 706610 or alexa.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk

or Richard Rogers (Community Area Manager), on 07771 547522 or richard.rogers@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Laura Mayes, Roundway (Chairman)
Cllr Jeffrey Ody, Devizes and Roundway South
Cllr Jane Burton, Devizes East (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Nigel Carter, Devizes North

Cllr Richard Gamble, The Lavingtons and Erlestoke
Cllr Lionel Grundy OBE, Urchfont and The Cannings
Cllr Liz Bryant, Bromham, Rowde and Potterne

Items to be considered	Time
<p>1. Welcome and Chairman's Announcements (<i>Pages 1 - 8</i>)</p> <p>The Chairman will welcome Councillor Keith Humphries, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Protection Services. Information will be provided about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A household survey about 'What matters to you' (attached) b. A speed indicator device programme review c. Helping older and vulnerable people to live at home (attached) d. Exciting opportunities for young people's projects in the Devizes community area (attached) e. Feedback on the workshop to consider practical actions to reduce the need to drive into or through Devizes held at the last Area Board meeting. <p>2. Apologies for Absence</p> <p>3. Minutes (<i>Pages 9 - 16</i>)</p> <p>To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2011.</p> <p>4. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Councillors are requested to declare any personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p> <p>5. Partner Updates (<i>Pages 17 - 26</i>)</p> <p>To receive updates from the following partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Wiltshire Police – to include an update on Sheep Street (attached) b. Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (attached) c. NHS Wiltshire d. The Traffic Working Group e. Devizes Community Area Partnership (attached) f. Town and Parish Councils (attached) g. Young People. 	<p>7.00 pm</p>
<p>6. Devizes Traffic Model</p> <p>Julian Alexander, Associate Director at PFA Consulting Limited, will present the new Devizes traffic model.</p>	<p>7.20 pm</p>
<p>7. Wiltshire Core Strategy</p>	<p>8.00 pm</p>

Carolyn Gibson, Principal Planning Officer, will provide a brief update on the Core Strategy, including the revised timetable.

8. **NHS Update and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment** **8.05 pm**

Maggie Rae, Corporate Joint Director of Public Health and Wellbeing, and Councillor Keith Humphries will give an update about national and local changes to the NHS.

Information will then be provided about the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment in Devizes.

9. **Community Area Grant Scheme** (*Pages 27 - 30*) **8.45 pm**

Councillors will be asked to consider one application made to the Community Area Grants Scheme, as follows:

- a. Salisbury International Arts Festival, seeking £3,000 for a community project to light a white horse near Devizes and a free lantern making workshop.

10. **Evaluation and Close.** **9.00 pm**

Future Meeting Dates

Monday, 23 January 2012

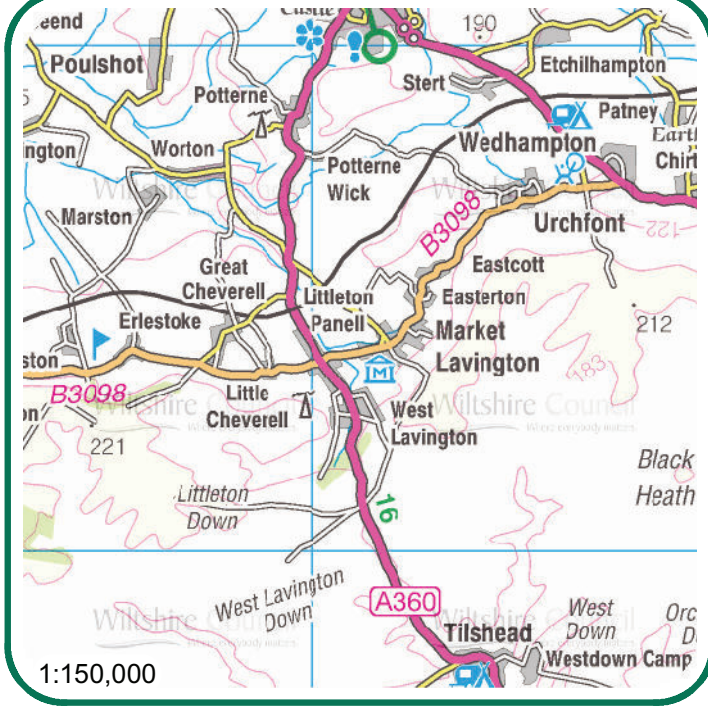
Time to be confirmed
Devizes Sports Club

Monday, 26 March 2012

7.00 pm
Bromham Social Centre

Monday, 28 May 2012

7.00 pm
Devizes Sports Club



Lavington School
The Spring
Market Lavington
Devizes
Wiltshire
SN10 4EB

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Household Survey – “What matters to you”

The Council and its partners, Wiltshire Police, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Probation Service, Wiltshire Fire and Rescue and NHS Wiltshire are undertaking a large random survey to Wiltshire residents in order to understand local people’s priorities and needs.

The survey called “What matters to you” will be going out to 20,000 Wiltshire households at random, some 3,000 from the Council’s People’s Voice panel, as well as a large list of email addresses made up of council contacts and commercial lists. Many of the residents in your community area can expect to receive or have received these through their doors or via email.

We are also making available a large supply of the surveys through reception points in main offices, leisure centres and libraries so that any adult resident aged 16+ can partake if they want to. Naturally the survey will be available through the council’s own web site and that of our partners. Many local town and parish councils have also kindly offered to host the survey on their own websites.

Topics covered in the survey include:

- What it’s like to live in the area
- Spending priorities
- Community safety issues
- The natural environment
- Healthy living

Please could you encourage local people to take part in the survey if they are asked. Copies of the survey are available at this meeting if anyone wishes to take one away and complete it.

There is also an on line version available as shown in the survey pack - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/whatmatterstoyou and this is the preferred method of completion as it costs the council nothing and saves postage.

Contact Officer:

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Help to Live at Home

The Council has been working with the NHS and residents of Wiltshire on a major review of the services that are available to older and vulnerable people living in the county. This is called 'Help to live at Home'. The review aims to improve the experiences of vulnerable adults and carers who require support, whilst ensuring that the changes are sustainable in the future. This is an exciting time to really make a difference to the lives of people in Wiltshire.

We aim to provide an improved service to an increasing number of vulnerable people by:

- Bringing together a variety of separate services into one so that a single service is able to meet a wider range of needs. The sort of services we are including in this are personal care in the home, housing support and other services that support people in their homes.
- Ensuring these services focus on helping people learn or re-learn skills they may have lost as a result of illness, or another event that has resulted in them losing confidence and needing some help.
- Making even better use of the wide range of community services that there are in Wiltshire.
- Making sure these services are focused on doing what people want and helping people to live independent and fulfilling lives.
- Supporting sheltered accommodation schemes.

As a result of this review –

- Services to older and vulnerable people in Wiltshire will be improved with more people able to access help to help themselves through the provision of information, advice and support from within the wider community and less people dependent upon help from the Council.
- More people will be able to remain in their own homes with an improved quality of life
- Less people will require help for long periods of time – more people will be helped to become independent more quickly.
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Exciting Opportunities for Young People in the Devizes Community Area

Funding is available for innovative projects led by young people in the Devizes area. The money will be allocated to projects by public vote at the Devizes Area Board on 23 January 2012 at Devizes Sports Club.

A number of groups of young people will be shortlisted to present their ideas for projects. The amount you are asking for can be any amount from £100 up to £2,000 but must address issues for young people in this area. There is a total of £10,000 available towards these projects.

Everyone present at the meeting on Monday 23 January will be able to vote on how to allocate the funding. So even if you don't put in an application you can still come along and hear about the projects and join in with the voting.

The application process is now open and the documents you need can be downloaded NOW at www.sparksite.co.uk.

The deadline for applications is Tuesday 13 December 2011 and those chosen to present their idea will be informed by Monday 9 January.

If you have any questions or you would like any help with applications or project ideas then please do not hesitate to contact Richard on 01225 718626 or email richard.rogers@wiltshire.gov.uk. The Council has been working with the NHS and residents of Wiltshire on a major review of the services that are available to older and vulnerable people living in the county. This is called 'Help to Live at Home'. The review aims to improve the experiences of vulnerable adults and carers who require support, whilst ensuring that the changes are sustainable in the future. This is an exciting time to really make a difference to the lives of people in Wiltshire.

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MINUTES

Meeting: DEVIZES AREA BOARD
Place: Devizes Bowls Club, Long Street, Devizes SN10 5BY
Date: 3 October 2011
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 9.25 pm

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to:

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In Attendance:

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Wiltshire Council Officers

Richard Rogers (Community Area Manager) and Alexa Smith (Democratic Services Officer)

Town and Parish Councillors

Devizes Town – Ted East, Peter Evans*, Sue Evans and Simon Fisher (Deputy Town Clerk)

Bishops Cannings – G Mansell

Bromham – Jean Collen and Jo Partt*

Erlestoke – Dean Moore

Etchilhampton – M Woods

Roundway – Chris Callow*, John Parker, Rick Rowland, J Von Berg and A Wooldridge

Rowde – Peter Alfrey and Jan Barber

West Lavington – Julie Collins

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Ron Peach

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Mike Franklin

Devizes Community Area Partnership – Mary Nightingale

Gazette and Herald – Jill Crooks
Wiltshire Heritage Museum – David Dawson

Total in attendance: 103

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1.	<p><u>Welcome and Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Councillor Fleur de Rhe-Philippe, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Strategic Planning.</p> <p>Councillor Mayes explained that two late grant applications would be considered at the meeting, because the next Area Board meeting, on 28 November 2011, would be too late.</p> <p>Councillor Mayes congratulated the town for those involved in it winning a Gold Award in the Best in Bloom competition.</p> <p>Information was provided about a new free home insulation scheme and a youth club in Market Lavington. The new warm and well scheme was open to all home owners and private tenants and enabled residents to improve the energy efficiency of their homes through installing loft and cavity wall insulation. To access the scheme, freephone 0800 512012, or go to http://www.warmandwell.co.uk.</p> <p>Market Lavington Youth Club reported they held the first meeting in the old school on 23 September 2011. The group had thanked the Area Board for their grant towards the purchase of equipment and its storage and West Lavington Youth Club for their help getting the meetings up and running.</p>
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies had been received from Hilary Burn, Hugh Burn, Councillor Burton, Roger Chadwick (Devizes Community Area Partnership), Chris Saunders (Easterton Parish Council), Paula Winchcombe (Devizes Community Area Partnership) and Noel Woolrych (Devizes Community Area Partnership).</p>
3.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record.</p> <p>To follow up a question raised at the last Area Board meeting, there was no byelaw for bonfires and their monitoring relied on statutory nuisance law. Consideration of a bonfire as a statutory nuisance would depend on various factors, such as the nature of the material being burnt and the frequency of the bonfire.</p>
4.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Councillor Ody declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 10a, the</p>

	<p>community area grant application from Wiltshire Heritage Museum. He left the room for this item and did not vote.</p> <p>Councillor Grundy declared a personal interest in the same item as a former member of the Executive Committee for Wiltshire Museum and a member of the Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society, which is closely involved with the museum. He remained in the room for this item and did vote.</p>
5.	<p><u>Partner Updates - To Include Request for Review of Parking</u></p> <p>The Chairman provided information about the request for a review of parking. A paper had been presented to Cabinet and would be taken to a Full Council meeting in November. The Area Board were waiting for data to be collected from across the county before making any decisions.</p> <p>a. The written update from Wiltshire Police was noted. Inspector Ron Peach reminded the meeting of the new non emergency telephone number for Wiltshire Police: 101. Wiltshire Police were moving to a different response model. This would have no impact on the service provided and a lot had been invested in new technology to help with the changes. A question was raised about racing cars in the Sheep Street car park. This was a common issue across the county.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Mandy Bradley would become involved in addressing racing cars in the Sheep Street car park.</p> <p>b. The written update from Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service was noted.</p> <p>c. The written update from NHS Wiltshire was noted. The Chairman explained that a representative would be invited to the next Area Board meeting as they had not recently attended.</p> <p>d. The Chairman spoke about the traffic working group. The group had completed a comprehensive cycling plan. The Quakers Walk developer was predisposed towards including a cycling route in the development. Barriers were requested on the bridleway to stop motorised traffic. The Chairman confirmed that the traffic model data was complete. The traffic working group would now develop an overall traffic plan for Devizes to ease congestion and reduce pollution. The model would also be used to assess the impact on the road network of any future development.</p> <p>e. The written report from Devizes Community Area Partnership was noted. The Chairman was pleased with the progress the Partnership had been making. She informed the meeting that ITV had also broadcast a feature on the town and it was hoped to show this at the next Area Board meeting.</p> <p>f. A question was raised under the Town and Parish Council update item about errors in the Core Strategy and communication. There would be another round of consultation in spring with an opportunity to correct the document. This would come to the relevant Area Board meeting. It was</p>

	<p>underlined that it was important to finish the Core Strategy as quickly as possible in order to prevent unwanted development. The strategic planning team were also working on improving communication with members of the public.</p> <p>g. Richard Harris, Locality Team Leader, circulated a written update about the Devizes Development Centre for Young People and CAYPIG (Community Area Young People’s Issues Group). The youth centre was very busy and had recently started Friday and Saturday opening. Street based work was taking place on a Monday in Devizes and on a Thursday currently in the Lavingtons and Potterne. Young people had taken part in the 13-19 strategy consultation. Several groups and individuals had also been nominated for awards at ‘The Event’, including a group who had taken part in Devizes Carnival. The next meeting would take place on 19 October at 7.00 pm to discuss fundraising. Please contact Richard if you would like to support the work of the youth centre: richard.harris@wiltshire.gov.uk or 01380 722598.</p>
6.	<p><u>Tackling Air Pollution together in Devizes</u></p> <p>Mandy Bradley, Service Director for Public Protection, gave a presentation about air pollution in Devizes. This included the following main points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Council’s legal obligations – Wiltshire Council had a statutory duty to manage local air quality under part IV of the Environment Act 1995. • Action so far in Devizes – monitoring air quality over the last 15 years, declaration of an Air Quality Management Area in the Shanes Castle vicinity and extended air quality monitoring at key sites around the town. • Next steps for Devizes – the next step would be to complete air quality monitoring in the form of a ‘Detailed Assessment’ and report findings to Devizes Area Board and Defra by May 2012. In the longer term, an Air Quality Action Plan would be developed by March 2014. • In the meantime Wiltshire Council was: developing a county-wide Air Quality Strategy and Action Plan, producing a guideline for developers, developing the Core Strategy to reflect the need for consideration of Air Quality, working with local transport groups to improve traffic flows and developing practical measures to encourage green modes of travel. <p>The presentation was followed by a question and answer session, which covered the issues below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was the proposal under the localism bill for the capacity to pass EU fines to a local authority – this had not yet been passed as law. Defra had been contacted and confirmed there was no intention at present to pass fines to any local authority and if this was to go ahead it would be via a very prescribed process. • Local reports monitoring air quality were completed on an annual basis. They were published online and reported to Defra.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air quality monitoring and the Core Strategy – the teams were working together and the Core Strategy would be a living document which could be updated. • Health implications of poor air quality, such as levels of childhood asthma – no local studies had been completed. <p><u>Decision</u> Mandy Bradley would work with the Director of Public Health to provide further information about the health implications of poor air quality in the local area.</p> <p>A workshop session was then held to collect ideas about how to encourage the use of green modes of travel in Devizes. Feedback would be collated and presented at the next Area Board meeting on 28 November 2011.</p>
7.	<p><u>Tourism</u></p> <p>David Dawson (Director of the Wiltshire Heritage Museum in Devizes) gave a presentation about tourism in the local area.</p> <p>Devizes Visitor Centre had now closed and David paid tribute to all the staff had done for the town.</p> <p>Devizes Area Tourism Partnership were aiming to provide visitor information points in the town, local marketing, signage, a website and to develop and market the package that Devizes has to offer a visitor.</p> <p>New measures put in place included providing advice for visitors in person, by telephone and by email: tourism@devizes.org.uk.</p> <p>Following the meeting, it has been confirmed that Devizes Library does have tourism information and leaflets and is very happy to help visitors to the town. It is being included as a Tourist Information Point.</p> <p>Related to the issue of tourism, Councillor Gamble rose the subject of the clinic site. This was a building owned by the NHS that was now empty as its functions had been transferred to the hospital. The building had been discussed as a potential venue for dementia provision, however while Councillor Gamble supported such a facility, he had concerns about using the building.</p> <p>He explained that he felt it best for the building to be demolished on visual grounds and because of asbestos. The site could then be used by coaches to access west central car park and its facilities which would attract more visitors into the town. A show of hands was taken as to whether the room was broadly in favour of the demolition of the old clinic site building and use of the space to access the car park. All but one person in the room were in favour of this recommendation (the remaining individual recommended demolishing the building and replacing it).</p>

8.	<p><u>Cabinet Representative - Councillor Fleur de Rhe-Philippe</u></p> <p>Councillor Fleur de Rhe-Philippe provided a short overview of her role as Cabinet Representative for Economic Development and Strategic Planning.</p> <p>She reassured the meeting there were no strategic housing sites in the Core Strategy for Devizes. A prospective developer had requested Coate Road to be included, but this had been looked into and dismissed. If an application was still submitted, Wiltshire Council would be in a strong position to reject it. No application had been received for either Coate Road or the Merchant Venturers site.</p> <p>Having employment sites identified in Devizes in the Core Strategy was important, so that if a developer approached Wiltshire Council to express interest in the town, this could be moved quickly forward. A potential employment site had been identified at Horton Road.</p>
9.	<p><u>Member Initiative - Jubilee Celebrations</u></p> <p>The Area Board were asked to consider an initiative to provide grant funding to support events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The project was to provide a simple process for awarding grants to support street parties and other similar celebrations.</p> <p>It was commented that a straightforward guide to the insurance implications of such events would be useful.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> £6,000 of Area Board funding would be ring fenced for local events to support celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.</p>
10.	<p><u>Community Area Grant Scheme</u></p> <p>Councillors were asked to consider the Community Area Grants Report and make recommendations on the applications received.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Wiltshire Heritage Museum were awarded £5,000 towards the replacement of the boiler, on condition the application for landfill tax was also granted or alternative funding was provided.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application meets the 2011/12 grant criteria and the Wiltshire Heritage Museum was important to both tourism and heritage in the area.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Association of Kennet Passengers were awarded £2,800 towards providing</p>

	<p>a professional map of bus routes in and out of Devizes.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>While the application did not meet the 2011/12 grant criteria, the Area Board felt there was sufficient community benefit for the grant to still be awarded.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Devizes Development Partnership were awarded £2,250 towards the Christmas festival in Devizes. This funding would be taken from the Area Board funding ring fenced to support festivals.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The Christmas festival had proved to be a successful and enjoyable event for those of all ages within the Devizes area. The funding would allow an increased number of people to get involved with the workshops and celebrations. The events were free and special attention would be given to reach out to those marginalised within the community.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Crown Centre were awarded £3,190 towards installing new boilers and a heating system as well as carrying out necessary redecoration, on condition the remaining funding for the project was secured.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The Crown Centre provided a valuable and much appreciated service in the community. It promoted the social and recreational welfare of the elderly residents within the Devizes Community Area. It provided a place for people to meet for refreshments and meals six days a week and affordable rooms to hire.</i></p>
11.	<p><u>Evaluation and Close.</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked those at the meeting. The next meeting would take place on Monday 28 November 2011 at 7.00 pm at Lavington School.</p>

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Devizes Community Area Board Date of Meeting 28th November 2011



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Sgt Ian Thomas

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Adam Hall
PCSO – Paula Yarranton
PCSO – Lucy Sainsbury
PCSO – Kelly Watts

Rural North Team

Beat Manager – PC Emma Reed
PCSO – Wendy Leat
PCSO - Fiona Marno

Rural South Team

Beat Manager – PC Gareth Milnes
PCSO – Nina Marsh
PCSO - Fiona Marno

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on our Wiltshire Police Website.

□ Visit the new and improved website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

3. Police Authority Representative: Mr Christopher Humphries

Please contact via Wiltshire Police Authority Tel. 01380 734022 or
<http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

4. Performance and Other Local Issues

You will have been aware of a previous increase in reported offences of criminal damage in the Devizes area in past months. This is against a low number of reports last year. I am pleased to report that following a number of police initiatives the number of offences has now stabilised to levels that now reflect that of last year. However this will take time to work its way out of the statistics and provide a true reflection of performance. Within this there have been a number of offences of damage to motor vehicles in Longcroft Road where wing mirrors have been knocked off cars. Police have increased patrols in this area to combat this.

In order to address criminal damage in the town, local officers, supported by members of the Special Constabulary, have increased patrols on weekends to address instances of damage associated with the night time economy. I am acutely aware of the impact

that offences such as the recent damage to shop windows and cash points in Devizes over night 29th- 30th October have on our community. Investigations into these offences continue and one individual has handed themselves in, admitting damage to one of the windows. I am pleased to report that there were no reported incidents the following weekend, when extra patrols were in place.

I would also like to reassure the community of action that we are taking to combat the issue of people drinking and causing anti-social behaviour in the churchyard at St John's Church in the town. Working with partners at Wiltshire Council we are taking an enforcement approach towards certain individuals, combined with a more long-term solution. I would urge residents to report incidents to Wiltshire Police using the new 101 number. This way we have an accurate picture of events and can respond to reports at the time.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to welcome PC Emma Reed to the team. Emma joins us from Chippenham. She has previously been a Community Beat Manager in Calne. Emma will have responsibility for the Devizes North rural area, allowing PC Gareth Milnes to concentrate on the South Rural area. This will be welcome news for the North as they have been sharing a Beat Manager for some time now, a situation I have been anxious to resolve. I would like to thank Gareth for his work on the North and I am sure you would join me in wishing Emma all the best in her new role.

CRIME & DETECTIONS (November 2010 – October 2011 compared to previous year)

Devizes	Crime				Detections	
	November 2009 - October 2010	November 2010 - October 2011	Volume Change	% Change	November 2009 - October 2010	November 2010 - October 2011
Violence Against the Person	353	282	-71	-20%	45%	59%
Dwelling Burglary	43	69	26	60%	7%	13%
Criminal Damage	277	328	51	18%	12%	15%
Non Dwelling Burglary	108	155	47	44%	3%	3%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	60	117	57	95%	2%	2%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	16	26	10	63%	19%	12%
Total Crime	1332	1518	186	14%	25%	26%
Total ASB	1202	1341	139	12%		

Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed better than peers for All Crime and for Violent Crime in the previous 12 month period (Oct 2010 - Sep 2011)

*Total Crime comprises all Crime Groupings listed above and also includes Theft and Handling, Fraud and Forgery, Robbery and Sexual Offences

** Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution

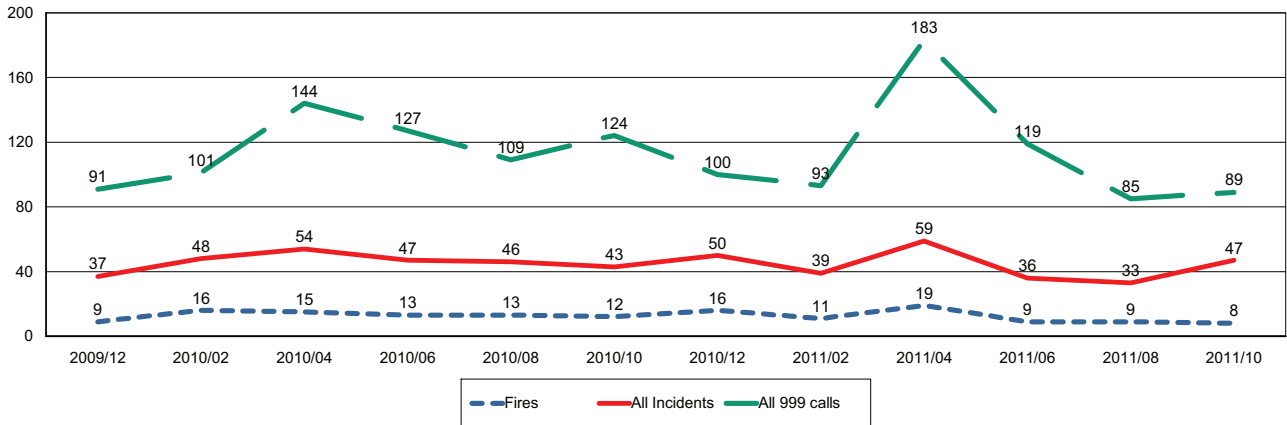
Inspector Ron Peach 28th November 2011
Area Commander



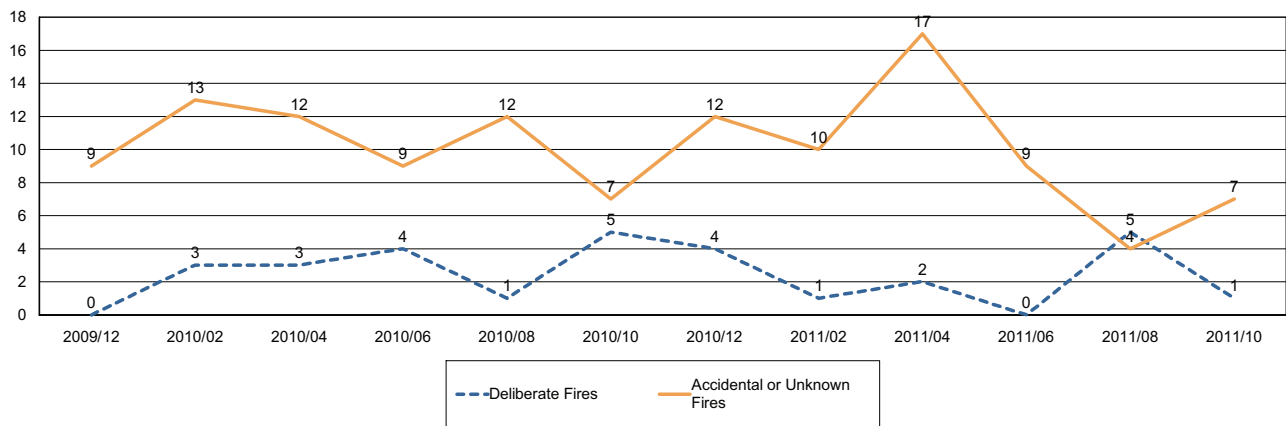
Report for Devizes Area Board

The following is a bi-monthly update of Fire and Rescue Service activity up to and including October 2011. It has been prepared by the Group Manager for the Board's area.

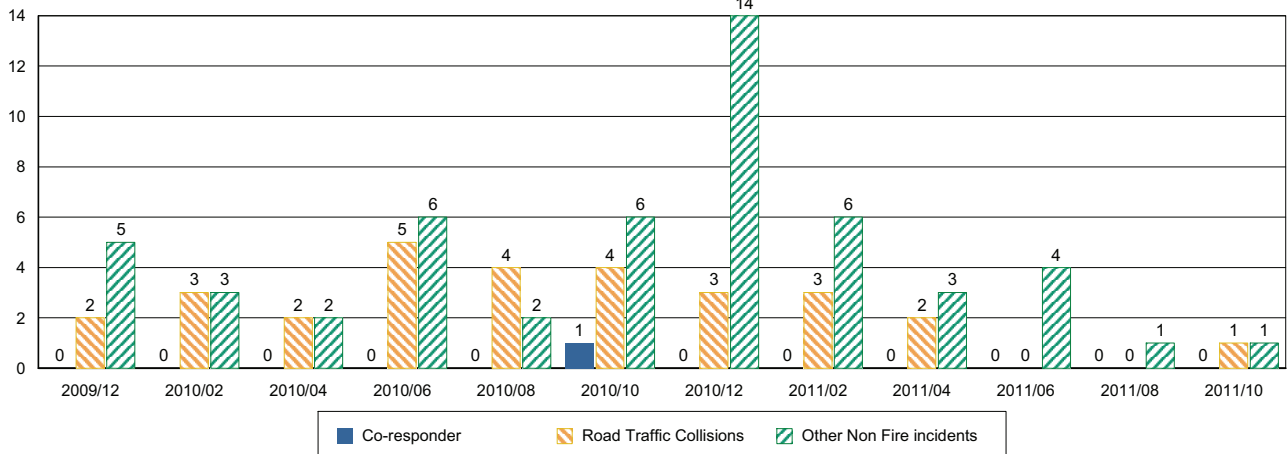
Incidents and Calls



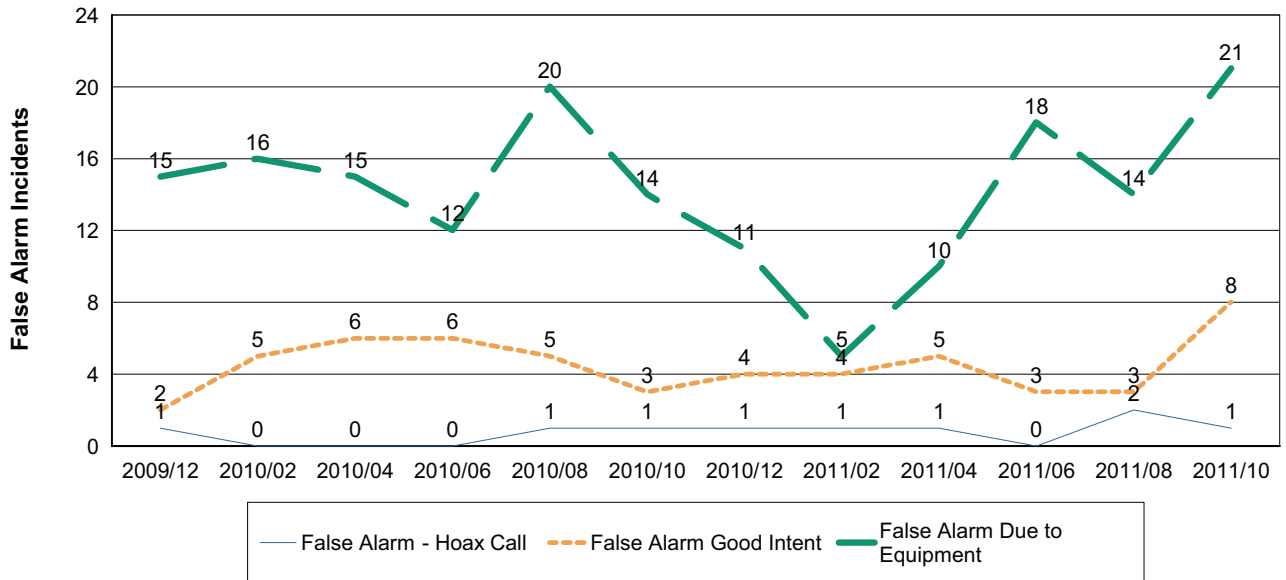
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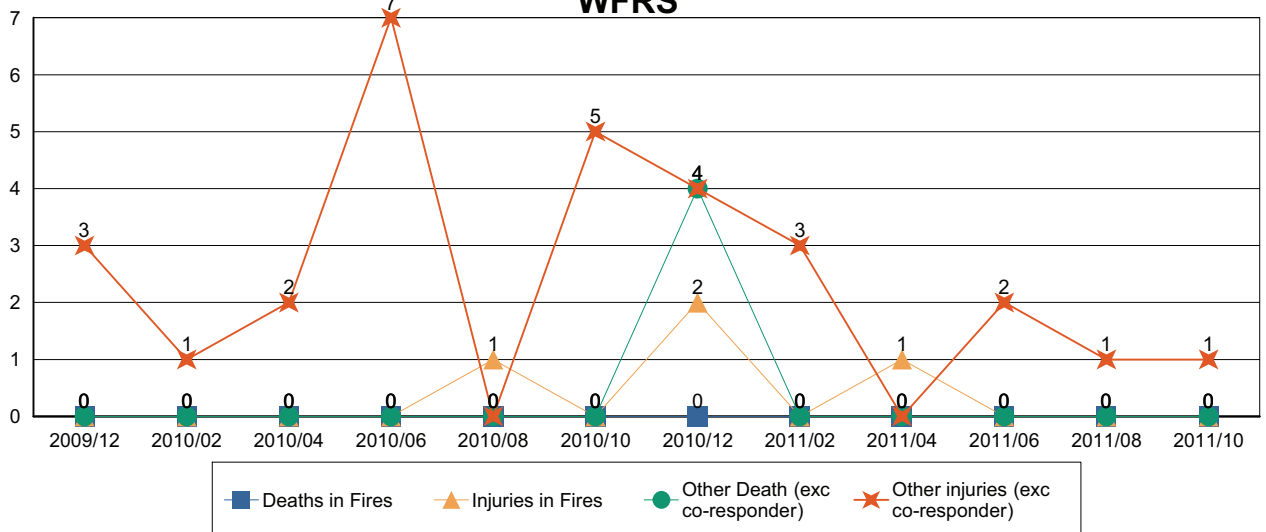
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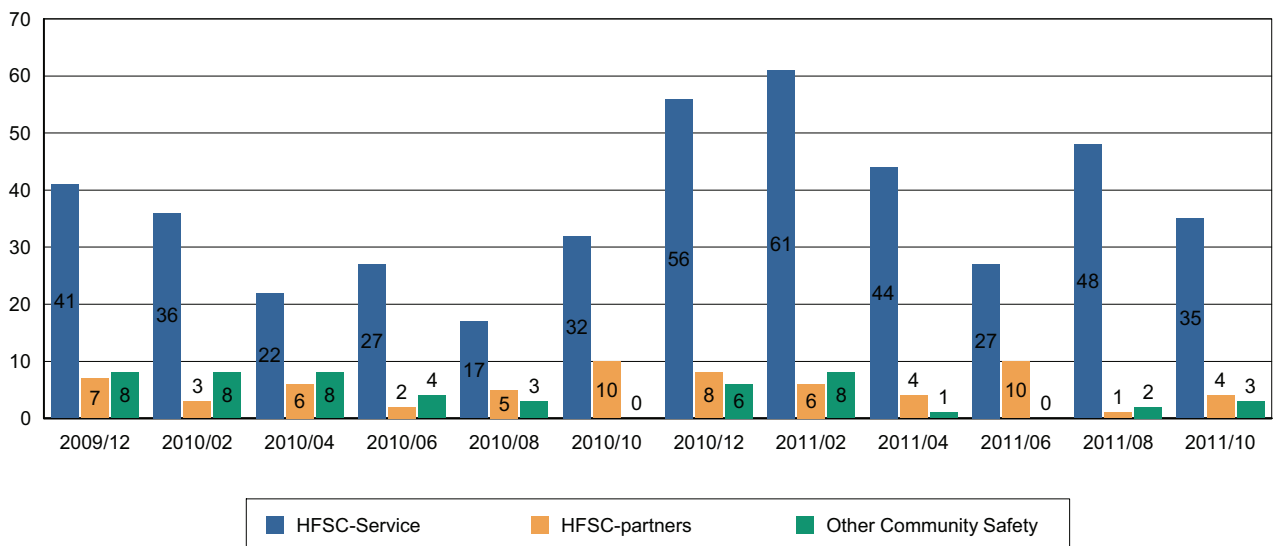
Number of False Alarm Incidents



Death & Injuries in incidents attended by WFRS



Home Fire Safety Checks and other domestic safety



NHS Update – November 2011

On behalf of NHS Wiltshire, the Stroke Association is holding a Focus on Stroke event on **Wednesday 2nd November at the Sports Club, London Road, Devizes. Starting at 10am**, the event will include presentations from health and social care, and the voluntary sector. It is also an opportunity for those who have had a stroke and their carers to contribute to the development of stroke care in Wiltshire.

As part of the stroke awareness campaign, NHS Wiltshire's message is for people to maintain a healthy lifestyle, understand the risks, and improve awareness of what to do if a stroke is suspected. So people are encouraged to:

- Learn about the warning signs of a stroke and how to take action.
- Know their personal risk factors for blood pressure, diabetes, and cholesterol – your GP can help you understand these.
- Be physically active and exercise regularly.
- Avoid unhealthy weight gain by keeping to a healthy diet.
- Drink alcohol sensibly.
- If you smoke, seek help to stop now, and avoid breathing in other people's smoke.

As a vital way to help identify whether someone has had a stroke, NHS Wiltshire actively promotes the FAST message. FAST is the acronym to help assess three symptoms:

Facial weakness – can the person smile? Has their mouth or eye dropped?

Arm weakness – can they raise both arms?

Speech problems – can you understand what they are saying? Are they speaking clearly?

Time to call 999

A stroke is a 'brain attack'. It happens when the blood supply to a part of the brain is disturbed or cut off, damaging brain cells and affecting body functions such as the control of limb movement. Studies show that if the patient is treated immediately the risk of long-term damage is reduced, which is why FAST is so important in spotting the signs.

It's also important for people who have had a stroke to engage in exercise, because a stroke often results in reduced strength, mobility and fitness. Strokes also affect moods and can cause social isolation. NHS Wiltshire is therefore working with Wiltshire Council to introduce exercise classes for stroke survivors at leisure centres across the county.

Exercise professionals have received stroke training to run exercise after stroke classes and gym based sessions. The pilot programme is underway at Castle Place Leisure Centre, Trowbridge, and further classes will be offered in Chippenham, Salisbury, Devizes and Marlborough from January 2012.

Don't forget your flu jab

Flu is a highly infectious illness that spreads rapidly through the coughs and sneezes of people who are carrying the virus. If someone is at risk of complications from flu, it's really important they have their annual flu jab.

Anyone can get flu, but it can be more serious for certain people, such as:

- people aged 65 or over
- people who have a serious medical condition
- pregnant women

People in these groups are more vulnerable to the effects of seasonal flu (even if they are usually fit and healthy) and it's recognised that they can go on to develop a more serious illness, such as bronchitis and pneumonia, which could result in a stay in hospital. Flu can also make existing medical conditions worse, so it's important people to take up the offer of a vaccination.

The best time of the year to get a flu vaccination is now - the autumn. It's free and it's effective against the latest flu virus strains. Even if someone has already had a flu jab in previous years, they need another one this year to keep immunity up to date. The flu jab may only protect someone for a year, because the viruses that cause flu are always changing. This year's seasonal flu vaccination also includes a vaccine to protect against swine flu. See your GP about the flu jab if you're 65 or over, or if you have any of the following problems (however old you are):

- a serious heart complaint
- a chest complaint or breathing difficulties, including asthma, bronchitis and emphysema
- serious kidney disease
- diabetes
- lowered immunity due to disease or treatment such as steroid medication or cancer treatment
- if you have a problem with your spleen or you have had your spleen removed
- if you have ever had a stroke

It's also important to get your flu jab if you are pregnant. Your GP may advise you to have a flu jab if you have serious liver disease, multiple sclerosis (MS) or some other diseases of the nervous system. If you think you may need a flu vaccination, check with your GP, practice nurse or your local pharmacist. If a nurse visits you regularly, ask about getting your flu vaccination. Most GP surgeries arrange vaccination sessions in the autumn.

If you have any questions at all, please ask your GP.



DEVIZES COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP

Update for Devizes Area Board November 2011

Community Area Plan – Consultation results

The thematic groups of DCAP have been studying the data from the replies to this year's public consultation questionnaire, and have been drawing out the key themes and priorities for the future. DCAP intends to consult local groups about these proposed priorities before adding detailed strategy to the Plan. DCAP will particularly be consulting groups of people whose voices were under-represented in the initial survey replies (e.g. young adults). DCAP will also be producing a newsletter in December.

Thematic Groups

- The Health & Social Care Forum met in October with renewed vigour, after a break of several months. It was beneficial to have Maggie Rae, Director of Public Health for Wiltshire in attendance for part of the meeting, along with representatives of NHS Wiltshire and Wiltshire Council. Key data from the results of the DCAP public consultation was discussed. Maggie Rae was keen to support initiatives in which the community felt empowered to be part of the solution to local challenges. A subsequent meeting would focus on wording the suggested Health & Social Care priorities for the new Community Area Plan. There was also discussion about preparation for the handover from the PCT to Clinical Commissioning Groups in 2013. A 'legacy document' would ensure continuity of priorities.
- The Economy Group had been in abeyance since the departure of Mitch Roberts earlier in the year. Tony Sedgwick had now offered to facilitate a group in the short-term, to enable the draft of the Economy / Employment section of the new Community Area Plan.
- The Housing & Built Environment Group had submitted an addendum to its initial comments on the draft Wiltshire Core Strategy, focused specifically on new potential areas of development which had emerged since the draft Core Strategy was produced.
- The Transport Group met in October. It discussed progress of the proposed Cycle network, including promising reports of discussions about the requested change of status of some footpaths to mixed used bridleways. There was a continuing debate about the best location for new cycle racks in the vicinity of the Market Place. There was also support for continued dialogue with local schools about travel plans and cycling options. On behalf of Kennet Passengers Kate Freeman presented the work which had taken place ahead of the production of maps showing bus routes and bus stops. The meeting was updated about current sources of travel information since the closure of Devizes Visitor Centre, and the availability of the new traffic model. Some members offered to be part of a 'pinch-point' team, observing bottlenecks within Devizes.

The next DCAP meeting takes place on Monday 5th December at 5.30pm at Browfort. This will be Roger Chadwick's last meeting as the DCAP Chairman, as professional commitments now prevent him from continuing in the role. We thank him for his commitment to DCAP over many years and wish him well.

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DEVIZES COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP

PARISH COUNCIL FORUM

Update for Devizes Area Board November 2011

The Parish Council Forum met on 1st November 2011 and eight parishes were represented. It is encouraging to see more Parishes participating and worthwhile conversations taking place. There are currently two vacancies for members to represent PCF at DCAP meetings.

Parish Clerks had been canvassed about the possibility of gathering for an information sharing event. The feeling was generally positive, so it was hoped that an event could be arranged in the new year, particularly as there were a number of new clerks.

A response had been received regarding inaccuracies in the data in the draft Core Strategy and the meeting was updated on the timeframe for further consultation and legislation. Discussions took place about the timescale for preparation of Neighbourhood Plans, some Parishes sensing a great need for these to be ready to complement the Core Strategy. Nevertheless, the legislation for NPs would not take effect until April 2012.

The news of the excellent quality of the new traffic model was received enthusiastically. The Parish Council Forum wished to ask the Area Board to show the presentation of the model as widely as possible.

Clarification was sought on insurance implications of Parishes applying for funding for Jubilee celebrations that may subsequently be organised in conjunction with (or by) other organisations.

PCF members shared differing experiences of the level of work being carried out by Parish Stewards, particularly in the clearance of weeds and overgrown verges. It was hoped that a Wiltshire Council representative would be available to speak at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council Forum will take place on Tuesday 10th January at 6.30pm at Browfort.

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Report to	Devizes Area Board
Date of Meeting	28th November 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider an applications seeking 20011/12 Community Area Grant Funding

- 1. Salisbury International Arts Festival** – Funding towards the running of free lantern making workshops and for these to be processed up to the White horse to light it up. They are seeking £3,000.

Recommended for consideration for approval as it meets the grants criteria. However there are a number of points included in this report that Councillors may wish to explore before making a decision.

A condition will also need to be put on any award made that it is dependent upon the application to Roundway Parish Council for funding being confirmed.

1. Background

- Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (15 April 2011). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- The emphasis in the coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement. With this in mind Community Area Grants should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- Area boards will not consider applications from Town and Parish Councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from Town and Parish Councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the Town/Parish Council.
- Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting
- All applicants are encouraged to contact Charities Information Bureau who is working on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- Paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies are available upon request
- The 2011/12 funding criteria and application forms are available on the Council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or paper versions are available from the Community Area manager
- Devizes Area Board has been allocated a 2011/12 budget of £58,192 (plus £114 carried forward from 2010/2011) making a total of £58,306 to use for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. Up to 20% of the budget can be applied for by Devizes Community Area Partnership for

running costs. 50% of this was agreed at the July meeting (£5,819)

- Should the Board approve the applications before it at this meeting, a balance of £27,773 will remain or £22,954 assuming DCAP are awarded their full running costs. This figure takes into account that £6,000 has also been ring fenced to support Silver Jubilee Celebrations

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2011/12• Devizes Community Area Plan
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2. Main Considerations

- Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2011/12 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- Councillors will need to assure themselves that there is sufficient community benefit to support the award of a grant
- There are six rounds of funding during 2011/12. Two more will take place after this one.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

- Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Devizes Area Board.
- Should the Board approve the applications before it at this meeting, a balance of £27,773 will remain or £22,954 assuming DCAP are awarded their full running costs. This figure takes into account that £6,000 has also been ring fenced to support Silver Jubilee Celebrations

5. Legal Implications

- There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

- There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Salisbury International Arts Festival	Funding to run Lantern making workshops and to process up to Devizes White Horse to light it up	£3,000 towards a project costing £8,770

- 8..1. Officer recommendation is that this application be considered for approval as it meets the grants criteria. However Councillors may wish to explore the following points before making a decision.
- Devizes Area Board made an award of £2,250 at its October meeting to support the Christmas festival with lantern making and a lantern parade as the core feature.
 - The key purpose of the Area Board grants is to support smaller local community organizations and groups with a particular emphasis upon tackling deprivation. The Salisbury International Arts Festival has a turnover of @£1million
 - Match funding for the project is mainly coming from Roundway parish Council to whom an application for a £3k grant has been made. However this has not been confirmed and any award would have to be conditional on this being agreed. The only other contribution to the project is the use of existing SIAF storage space and volunteer time (To be confirmed).
- 8..2. Salisbury International Arts Festival will be working with Pa-Boom (Skilled artists working with sculpture, fire, light and pyrotechnics) and Dave Buxton
- 8..3. Demand for the project has come through discussions with artists and local community members. They have identified the importance of the White Horses within Wiltshire and the plan is to light up as many as possible.
- 8..4. The project will be promoted widely and will contribute to tourism in the area as well as linking to the community plan by supporting local distinctiveness and pride
- 8..5. It is estimated that 700 to 1,000 people will be involved in the Devizes area.

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