

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

ITEM 10

**SOUTHERN WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD
(29 November 2012)**

Community Area Transport Group (CATG) Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To update on the progress of agreed 2012/13 CATG schemes
2. To inform Parish Councils that new schemes/issues can be submitted for the CATG to consider in the new financial year via the issue system.
3. To update Parish Councils on the process for maintaining and/or improving bus shelters.
4. To update on the review underway into the Speed Indicator Device deployment.

1. Southern Wiltshire Area Board – CATG schemes for 2012/13

CATG submitted schemes for consideration	Parish	Update	Total cost £	CATG £	PC £	Other £	Update
30MPH written on road through Ford Look at GATEWAYS into FORD	Laverstock & Ford	AB approved	£2,300	£1750	£250		Completed
Milford Mill Road –reduce speed and traffic, improved footway facilities over Milford Mill Bridge	Laverstock & Ford	AB approved	£1,500	£1000			December construction
Footpath from Whaddon to Grimstead	Alderbury/ Grimstead	AB approved	£10,000	£3,176	£3500	£3,570 PIGS	Nov/Dec Construction
Red surfacing at entrance to Whitparish on A27	Whiteparish	AB approved	£3,000	£2,500	£500		Jan/Feb Construction *weather permitting
Gateway improvements at entrance to village at A30 end of Firsdwn	Firsdwn	AB approved	£3,800	£3,000	£800		TBC
Gateway improvements and treatments to improve safety at junction at Homington (part of larger request to be added to list next year)	Coombe Bissett & Homington	AB approved	£2260	£2,000	£260		Jan/Feb Construction *weather permitting
Signage to improve safety on Gunville Hill at Church	Winterslow	AB approved	£500	£250	£250		February installation
Issues to be kept on the list for consideration next year							
School traffic in Laverstock	Laverstock & Ford	KEEP ON LIST					
Road safety improvements through Homington (part 2 of project listed above)	Coombe Bissett & Homington	KEEP ON LIST					
		TOTAL	£23,360	£13,676	£5,310	£3,570	

2. CATG List for next year

For the CATG to continue to be successful it requires active participation from Parish Councils. There are currently only 2 issues on our CATG list to consider next year. We would like to remind communities that they can request highways improvements to be considered for funding by the CATG next year (subject to confirmation of funding).

The best way to do this is via the [issues system](#). To access the issue system go to our website www.wiltshire.gov.uk/southernwiltshireareaboard, then “report an issue in your community”.

We would like to receive submissions by 31 March 2012.

3. Bus Shelters

In recent months, the Area Board has received enquiries about the maintenance and improvement of local bus shelters. Wiltshire’s Highways Department currently do not have a budget to provide maintenance for the shelters and are proposing that Parish Council’s consider taking ownership of the facility.

In December 2011, Wiltshire Council’s Parish Newsletter set out the following information about Parish Council’s taking on their local bus shelters.

“Wiltshire Council wishes to give local communities the opportunity to look after these local facilities in a way that best meets local needs. This is in line with the policy to transfer assets to local communities.

Bus shelters provide a clear benefit to the local community. The use of buses in Wiltshire is increasing year on year and a surprisingly wide cross section of the community goes shopping or to work that way. Some people, particularly young people, rely entirely on public transport for independent travel. Even people who don’t use buses benefit because they reduce congestion and parking problems. In some places the local bus stop provides an informal meeting place and somewhere to display community information.

There are already many bus shelters in Wiltshire that were erected by town or parish councils and are successfully maintained by them, and over the last ten years more bus shelters have been built along main bus routes by Wiltshire Council or its precursor authorities. Returning these shelters to local communities would allow local councils to use their own suppliers and give complete local control over design, cleaning and maintenance. It could also create opportunities to do so more economically using local knowledge and resources.

The idea works – the bus shelters in Royal Wootton Bassett were recently taken over by the town council with real benefit to the community. A legal agreement between the two councils confers full ownership of the shelters on the town council. The town clerk, Johnathan Bourne, says “In taking over the ownership of bus

shelters we have been able to shape maintenance of our shelters to meet local requirements”

Where shelters are fitted with lights and real time bus information units connected to the street lighting power supply, Wiltshire Council will continue to own and look after these electrical items after the local council takes ownership of the shelter. This will avoid the local council becoming liable for the safety, maintenance or running costs of such items. The advertising (Adshel) shelters in Salisbury will continue to be owned and maintained by Clear Channel Ltd under the long term contract entered into with the former district council.

To find out more or discuss the possibilities contact Steve Ibbetson on 01225 776655 or email steve.ibbetson@wiltshire.gov.uk.”

Where community ownership does not take place, the issue can be **placed on the CATG list**, and it is likely that local funding will be required from the community in order to carry out the project, if prioritized by the CATG.

4. SID deployment review

The issues with the deployment of SIDs in the community area have been well documented at recent meetings. Please find attached an update on the review outcomes.

To recap, the agreed schedule was as follows:

Wk	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Ad-hoc site: Milford Mill Road 25m S of Nursing Home													
			Redlynch B3080 (Folly End Drive)											
				Firsdow - Firs Road										
						Ford - C287								
								Whiteparish - A27 Romsey Rd						
											Redlynch - Grove Lane			
													Britford - A338	

Nb. Ad-hoc site to be reviewed/changed at 6 months.

Recommendations:

1. To note the above.

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