

## Area Board Project

### 1. What is the Initiative?

Establishing a Silver Surfers group at Grassacres to introduce more older people to the use of the internet for a range of activities from communicating with relatives and friends to shopping, contacting services etc. Purchase of three laptops and funding of wi-fi

### 2. Where is the initiative taking place?

At Grassacres day centre, Westbury.

### 3. When will the initiative take place?

As soon as possible

### 4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/links to Community Plan/Community Issue?

- The recent Wiltshire Voices project which focussed on the issues around growing old held a number of focus groups to discuss issues raised by older people. Many said they would like to be able to keep in touch with relatives and friends via the internet.
- The Westbury Community Plan in its Community Safety section has a priority of increasing contact between young & old, e.g. young people to support older people with computing skills.
- Improving internet provision in Wiltshire is one of Wiltshire Council's key areas for investment as outlined in the council business plan 2011-2015. One of the aims of the Wiltshire Council Wiltshire Online digital inclusion project is: To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to become digitally literate and confident users of technology.

### 5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

To enable more older people to become computer literate with the aim of aiding communication and reducing social isolation

### 6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

Grassacres management and committee members

### 7. Costs/quotes/ match funding? (total cost £5k require 1 quote, total cost £5k-25k require 3 quotes)

Laptops costs £300 each. Three computer mice will be needed at £5 each. Wi-fi connection. Total needed is £1000

### 8. Additional information

