

South West Wiltshire Area Board Priorities 2013/14

ACTION LOG

| Issue prioritised by Area Board | Action identified | Latest update (17 March 2014) |
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| Improve rural footpaths and promote walking | Co-ordinated response to improving accessibility of footpaths in area and enabling better links between parishes | South West Wiltshire Public Rights of Way Improvement Programme launched on 16 January 2013, 97 people attended sessions. Parishes (using volunteers) have been asked to audit their rights of way and provide an initial response by 9 March 2014; 16 parishes responded . Area Board now considering initial funding and programme of work. Full details of scheme available from Community Area Manager. Chalke Valley Tourism Initiative funding agreed in December 2013, to create a new 'Discover Chalke Valley' website putting together local walks, cycling and riding routes and hold information about local businesses. Joint project with AONB, launch took place in February 2014. Currently recruiting volunteers to trial new routes. |
| Promote local tourism | More awareness of events / things to do across the community areas | Community blogsite launched in September 2012. Weekly mailshot sent to Community Area Network. Cycle Wiltshire Professional cycle race due to take place in Wilton on 4 May 2014. 2012 Legacy discussed at AB meeting on 17.10.12 and will be raised again on 5.2.14. Area Board re-allocated funding on 16.10.13 for joint working project with the AONB to populate new ' Discover Nadder ' website, which will include new walking routes (cycling/horse trekking routes to follow) and information on local businesses. AB agreed funding in December 2014 to assist AONB to put together ' Discover Chalke Valley '. Funding agreed in December 2013 to promote Cecil Beaton exhibition at Salisbury museum as a way of attracting people to the area. |
| Encourage volunteering/training opportunities for young people, long term unemployed and those with learning/physical | Transportation required - cost of car insurance and fuel means car ownership not viable | Plans to provide educational training more locally at Tisbury Community Campus are part of proposal agreed by Cabinet. |
| | Young people need to be able to access local, relevant training opportunities | Plans to provide educational training at Tisbury Community Campus are part of proposal agreed by Cabinet. Wiltshire apprenticeship campaign launched in Salisbury on Tuesday 9th October 2012 http://bit.ly/Orhjrj |

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| Learning/physical disabilities. | Volunteering a way into work | Volunteering item brought to Area Board in June 2012 to raise awareness. Local groups/organisations engaged to promote opportunities on new community blogsite. Area Board agreed on 6.2.13 to fund expenses for an intern to work alongside AONB on their sustainable rural tourism pilot programme in the Nadder Valley. Opportunities for volunteering through the Rights of Way Improvement Programme and Discover Chalke Valley projects. |
| Assist existing small / medium sized businesses and encourage new businesses | Support required for managing role (business mentor) | Wiltshire Business Support Service is available through Wiltshire Council partnership with Wessex Chambers. More information available at http://www.wessexchambers.org.uk/business-support/introduction.php . |
| | Favourable business rates for new businesses | Tisbury campus site will benefit from successful European funding bid for business incubation units. |
| | Support the needs of local businesses | Area Board project approved on 6.2.12, to support work of local businesses through the local business chambers/association for a series of projects that will be delivered over 2 year period. 6 month update provided at Area Board meeting on 16 Oct 13. Includes close working with the AONB, particularly in connection with sustainable rural tourism pilot programme in the Nadder Valley. |
| Broadband / mobile phone reception | Increase in downloading speeds, filling in 'not spots.' | Wiltshire Council, in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council, has agreed a deal with BT which should enable 91 per cent of homes and businesses in the Wiltshire authority area to have access to world class broadband speeds by the end of March, 2016. The remaining premises within the project area will see a significant improvement in their speeds with the vast majority receiving greater than 2Mbps. Installation of new fibre network due to begin in Wilton community area in early 2014 and Mere/Tisbury community areas in late 2014. The Area Board will receive area specific updates in the future as they are made available. More information available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wiltshireonline . Grant funding awarded to East Knoyle Village Website on 17.10.12 to complement infrastructure work. Digital Literacy grants available through the Area Board. Volunteer co-ordinators recruited in area as part of Wiltshire Online Digital Literacy programme. Ron McKinlay in Mere, Mike Lennard in Tisbury and Wilton. |
| Health issues relating to aging population | Support local initiatives | Link to Wiltshire Falls and Bone Health Strategy 2012-14 http://bit.ly/OOgwjc . Area Board granted funding for Nadder Close Gardening Club on 17.10.12 to launch group, enabling people to socialise and remain fit/healthy. Focus on health issues at AB meeting on 11.12.13. |

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| Affordable housing | Change social housing criteria | Area Board consulted on 17.10.12 on review of Wiltshire's Housing Allocations System. |
| | Local houses for local people | This led to an extraordinary meeting being held on 12.12.12 to explore issues around housing in more detail. Attendees were invited to vote and a majority voted that a priority for social housing should be given to those with a local connection to the area. This feedback from South West Wiltshire Area Board has formed part of the full Housing Allocations review. Local Councillors are currently exploring opportunities with officers for new affordable housing in the area. |
| | Key worker housing | |