

South West Wiltshire Area Board - Priorities and Projects 2014/15

UPDATE

Priority set through JSA event	Theme	Latest update (22 January 2015)	Area Board Project?	Lead Councillor	Funding committed	Brief outline
Lack of transport to outlying villages and threat to current transport provision	Children and young people	Area Board members currently seeking to secure use of minibuses previously used by Wiltshire Council youth workers for future youth activities in the community.				
Changes in youth service could result in loss of important skills, relationships and leadership	Children and young people	Local Youth Network management group in process of being formed to set priorities into the future. Community Youth Officer has held launch events for three 'ChatLYNs', one for each community area. Maintaining contact and communication with existing youth activity providers in the community. Specific youth grant funding now available through Area Board.				
Improve the number of first aid trained people in Towns and Villages and access to lifesaving equipment such as community defibrillators.	Community safety	New community-led first aid training initiative being piloted in Teffont. Community Area Manager is liaising with group to encourage scheme to be rolled out across community areas. Public defibrillators already available in Mere. Tisbury and Wilton have explored the possibility but currently rely on first responders. Berwick St John also interested in starting training scheme for key identified people in parish. Area Board project proposal funding agreed at AB meeting on 10.12.14, to hold three launch sessions. Due to initial interest shown, further funding proposal to be considered at AB meeting on 4.2.15.	Local first aid project	Cllr Green	£450 (2014/15)	Three 'introduction to first aid' launch sessions, including using a defibrillator. Local volunteers will share local initiatives at these sessions to encourage other parishes.

Development of cultural activities for young and older generations to do together instead of by specific age ranges	Culture	Youth Advisory Group previously had this as their main priority, leading to an intergenerational quiz event and cricket fun day. Will be discussed with the newly formed Local Youth Network. The Area Board is also keen to engage local groups who want to link with the younger generation - approached by Tisbury bell-ringers who would like to offer a trial session for young people.	Inter-generational quiz event	Cllr Wayman	£415 (2013/14)	Event took place at Nadder Hall, Tisbury in June 2013 bringing together mixed-age teams for a social activity.
Better promotion of culture and arts activities to communities	Culture	Salisbury Museum and CC&WWD AONB linking up re. a Beaton walking route that will be added to 'Discover Chalke Valley' website. Exhibition launched on 23 May 2014 and ran until 19 Sept 2014. Widely promoted throughout community areas. Reviews in both local and national media have been very positive and exhibition is now set to be taken overseas.	Cecil Beaton exhibition	Cllr Deane	£5,000 (2013/14)	Supporting Salisbury museum by contributing towards the cost of marketing the exhibition, in return for a specific focus on promoting tourism and supporting local businesses in the Chalke Valley and the South West Wiltshire area
Develop apprenticeship opportunities in the area.	Economy	Area Board has approached Balfour Beatty Living Places re. possible apprenticeship scheme in local highways team. Corporate aspiration for Tisbury Community Campus is that one third of 'staff' will be apprentices. Working with DEVELOP to explore, promote and encourage other apprenticeship opportunities in the area.				
Continuing support for businesses in the area	Economy	1 year update provided at Area Board meeting on 26 March 2014. 18 month meeting held in Sept 2014 and reports included in agenda pack detailing projects delivered.	Joint working initiative with local business chambers/ association	Cllr Wayman	£42,000 (2012/13)	Series of projects and activities delivered over a two year transitional period, after which they expect to be financially self supporting.

		Websites now live, content continues to be added. Promotional campaign ongoing. www.discovernadder.org.uk and www.discoverchalkevalley.org.uk	Discover Chalke Valley and Discover Nadder	Cllr Wayman	£9,800 (2013/14)	Funding used to populate the sites which contain local walking/cycling/riding routes, details of local B&Bs, businesses, things to do etc.
		Business Incubation Units will be made available through Tisbury Community Campus. COB currently leading consultation for local people to provide input into how units are designed and what the offer(s) will be.				
Focus on education in the area to develop and improve skills required for the local jobs market and attract businesses.	Economy	Provision for education (further education and adult community courses) is an integral part of plans for Tisbury Community Campus. Currently liaising with Yeovil/Wiltshire College about potential future delivery.				
Make sure there is a balance between environmentally friendly building, affordability and housing density	Environment	Wilton Community Land Trust already well established and involved with Wilton Hill development.				
Area Board project	Environment	Finger post funding agreed for; Sedgehill & Semley, Broad Chalke, Mere, Swallowcliffe, Sutton Mandeville	Finger post funding	Cllr Deane	£4,000 (2014/15)	Parish and Town Councils able to make one application in the financial year for a replacement finger post, up to £550 can be requested (including £200 Highways fee for removing/re-inserting the post)

Keeping local facilities open to help social networks develop and to combat social isolation	Health and Wellbeing	Public Rights of Way Launch event held on 16 January 2014; 97 people attended. 'Stage 1' funding agreed by Area Board on 26 March 2014. 18 parishes have responded so far, providing an audit of local footpaths and setting local priorities. All who responded have been offered a scheme as part of Stage 1. See separate spreadsheets for progress report. Stage 2 funding agreed by the Area Board on 8.10.14, widening the types of schemes available.	Public Rights of Way Improvement Programme	Cllr Green	£7,500 (2013/14) + £7,500 (2014/15)	Joint initiative with Public Rights of Way team (WC) and local parishes/volunteers. To enhance the local rights of way through improving accessibility; schemes could include replacing stiles with kissing gates, new stiles, linking existing rights of way, new surfacing etc.
		Training for snow wardens and those using the tailgate spreaders took place in October 2014 to ensure pilot scheme is completely live for winter 2014. Final routes determined and salt to be delivered to agreed locations. Purchase of push-along devices complete, relevant Parish Councils have been contacted to arrange delivery. Master plan presented at Area Board meeting on 10.12.14	Community Winter Weather Response Scheme	Cllr Deane	£11,894 (2013/14) + £5,000 (CATG 2014/15)	6 tailgate spreaders and 10 push-along devices to be used in a strategic way to cover all of the parishes within the Mere, Tisbury and Wilton areas that do not have their own devices and do not already have roads/areas cleared by Wiltshire Council, in order to enable people to still access services in times of bad weather.
		Area Board grant funding to support local facilities - Bishopstone Village Hall awarded £1,400 on 4 June 2014 towards heat pump for hall. Quidhampton Village Hall awarded £600 on 4 June 2014 towards new kitchen equipment and £1,450 on 10 Dec 2014 towards refurbishment of toilets. Mere & District Railway Modellers awarded £2,000 on 4 June 2014 towards restoration of Mere Band Hut.				

Reaching out to older people who are isolated to provide community support and access to services.	Health and Wellbeing	Health Fair event took place on 8 October 2014. Special emphasis on showcasing local groups/organisations that promote social interaction and activity.				
		Local memory groups invited to promote their work at Health Fair event. Seven new Dementia Friends completed session in Mere on 5 November 2014. Dementia Awareness presentation to businesses in Tisbury due to take place in February 2015, and Wilton in March 2015. Our Time project awarded community area grant of £4,500 on 23 July 2014 towards residency workshops for 65+.				
		Good Neighbours scheme invited to promote their work at Health Fair event. Local events advertised through community blogsite/newsletter.				
		Area Board funded project on 8 October 2014 to purchase plaques for grant recipients, to raise awareness of the grants scheme and engage more groups to come forward for funding.	Area Board plaques	Cllr Green	£2,300 (2014/15)	A supply of plaques that can be given to grant recipients, in order to provide a permanent feature that promotes the work of the board and encourages other groups to apply in future
		Digital Literacy scheme promoted and supported. Grant funding provided to enable internet provision in community buildings - South Newton Village Hall awarded £2,000 on 4 June 2014 towards digital equipment. Wilton Community Centre awarded £964 on 4 June 2014 towards wi-fi and equipment.				

Work with the council and housing associations to encourage more developments in villages per se to protect rural services that will disappear unless more people live in our villages	Housing	Area Board members holding regular briefings with Housing officers to progress new build bungalow schemes in local communities, as part of Council housing new build programme. Cllr Deane currently exploring possibility of establishing Community Land Trust in the Donheads with local Parish Councils.				
Improve transportation and parking links across the community in order that people can access facilities and opportunities	Leisure	Cllr Deane in discussions with Tisbus about how the Area Board can best provide support into the future. Parking has been carefully considered for new campus in Tisbury, which will include an improved leisure facility. CONSIDER AT CLLRS MEETING IN JAN 15.				
Maintain and enhance public and community transport services especially for the elderly	Transport	Cllr Deane in discussions with Tisbus about how the Area Board can best provide support into the future. CONSIDER AT CLLRS MEETING IN JAN 15.				
Need to establish greater control over the flow of HGV and agricultural traffic on all routes.	Transport	Tollard Royal Parish Council recently started Lorry Watch scheme. Cllr Deane has been liaising with highways team to address the impact of road closure at Melbury Abbas. Large vehicles using Dennis Lane instead of the A350; matter raised with colleagues from Dorset at Wessex Cross Border Working Group on 20.11.14.				
More innovative and sustainable forms of community transport to help people access services, activities and jobs	Our Community	Cllr Deane in discussions with Tisbus about how the Area Board can best provide support into the future. CONSIDER AT CLLRS MEETING IN JAN 15.				

