

# AGENDA

**Meeting:** Salisbury Area Board  
**Place:** Salisbury Methodist Church, St Edmunds Church Street, Salisbury,  
SP1 1EF  
**Date:** Tuesday 28 November 2023  
**Time:** 6.00 pm

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Including the Parishes of: Salisbury .

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Cllr Sven Hocking, Salisbury Harnham East (Chairman)  
Cllr Ricky Rogers, Salisbury Fisherton and Bemerton Village (Vice-  
Chairman)  
Cllr Sam Charleston, Salisbury St Paul's  
Cllr Caroline Corbin, Salisbury Bemerton Heath  
Cllr Brian Dalton, Salisbury Harnham West  
Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Salisbury St Francis & Stratford  
Cllr Charles McGrath, Salisbury Milford  
Cllr Paul Sample JP, Salisbury St Edmund's

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Items to be considered		Time												
<b><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></b>														
1	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	6.00pm												
2	<b>Minutes</b> ( <i>Pages 7 - 16</i> )  To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28 September 2023.													
3	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>  To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.													
4	<b>Chairman's Updates</b> ( <i>Pages 17 - 18</i> )  The Chairman will give any updates, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highways Matters Event – 25 January 2024</li> <li>• Maltings Recap</li> <li>• Salisbury Traffic Management</li> </ul>													
5	<b>Information items</b> ( <i>Pages 19 - 46</i> )  The Board is asked to note the following Information items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community First</li> <li>• Healthwatch Wiltshire</li> <li>• Update from BSW Together (Integrated Care System)</li> <li>• Wiltshire Council <a href="#">Consultation Portal</a></li> <li>• Wiltshire Council Information Items:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cost of living Update (Sep)</li> <li>○ IV Scheme</li> <li>○ Archaeology Service Newsletter</li> </ul> </li> </ul>													
6	<b>Area Board Funding</b> ( <i>Pages 47 - 56</i> )  To note the remaining budgets and to consider any applications for funding, as detailed in the attached report and summarised below:  <b>Remaining Budgets:</b> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: #c6e0b4;">Community Area Grant</th> <th style="background-color: #c6e0b4;">Young People</th> <th style="background-color: #c6e0b4;">Older &amp; Vulnerable</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>£18,653.02</td> <td>£14,883</td> <td>£4,090.72</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <b>Area Board Initiatives:</b> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: #b4c7e6;">Ref/Link</th> <th style="background-color: #b4c7e6;">Grant Details</th> <th style="background-color: #b4c7e6;">Amount Requested</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Community Area Grant	Young People	Older & Vulnerable	£18,653.02	£14,883	£4,090.72	Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested				6.10pm
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<a href="#">ABG14 40</a>	Printing of Cost of Living Leaflet for Salisbury	£500
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**Community Area Grants (report attached):**

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
<a href="#">ABG13 92</a>	Bemerton Community Limited, St Johns Place blackout blinds and dishwasher replacement. Total project cost £4119.95	£2059.97
<a href="#">ABG13 98</a>	Bemerton Residents Association, Santas Grotto Project. Total project cost £6000	£3000

**Older & Vulnerable Grants (report to follow):**

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
<a href="#">ABG14 14</a>	Wessex Archaeology Ltd, Well City Salisbury Project. Total project cost £500	£500

**Young People Grants (report attached):**

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
<a href="#">ABG12 88</a>	Salisbury City Council, Friary Hangout casual staffing and youth development activity project. Total project cost £6332	£1770
<a href="#">ABG14 15</a>	Wiltshire Creative, SK Shlomo Breathe event and Breathe Academy Total project cost £10000	£5000

**Delegated Funding**

The Board is asked to note any funding awards made under the Delegated Funding Process, by the Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager, between meetings due to matters of urgency.

Further information on the Area Board Grant system can be found [here](#).

**7 Police and Crime Commissioner**

**6.30pm**

A presentation from the Police & Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson OBE, followed by a Q & A session.



8	<p><b>Safer Street Funding</b></p> <p>Christopher Williams of the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner’s Office to update on the Safer Street Funding Scheme, followed by any questions.</p>	6.55pm
9	<p><b>Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Update</b></p> <p>Claire Francis, Public Protection Team Leader to update on the progress of the PSPO process.</p>	7.10pm
10	<p><b>Partner and Community Updates</b> (Pages 57 - 76)</p> <p><u>Verbal Updates</u> To receive any verbal updates from representatives, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Underpasses working group update – Cllr Hocking</li> <li>• Air Quality Group –Cllr Hocking</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Speakers are reminded that they each have a 3 minute slot, unless they have previously discussed alternative arrangements with the Chairman</i></p> <p><u>Written Updates</u> The Board is asked to note the following written and online updates attached to the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighbourhood Policing Team</li> <li>• Fire &amp; Rescue</li> <li>• Salisbury BID – <a href="#">website link</a></li> </ul>	7.25pm
11	<p><b>Multiply Funding Update</b></p> <p>Update from Emily Hughes, Multiply Programme Manager, on the implementation of Multiply funding and how communities can receive support with their numeracy skills.</p>	7.35pm
12	<p><b>Area Board Priorities</b></p> <p>To receive any update for the Area Board Priorities listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities - Cllr Ricky Rogers</li> <li>• Addressing climate change - Cllr Sven Hocking</li> <li>• Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing - Cllr Caroline Corbin</li> <li>• Supporting under represented groups - Cllr Caroline Corbin</li> <li>• Improving transport and access - Cllr Sven Hocking</li> </ul>	7.45pm
13	<p><b>Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG)</b> (Pages 77 - 90)</p>	7.50pm

To note the minutes and consider any recommendations arising from the last LHFIG meeting held on 7 November 2023, as set out in the attached report.

Recommendations:

- 4b – Netherhampton Road Zebra Crossing Warning Signs – £1,250
- 4d – Devizes Road Topographical Survey – £2,000
- 4e – Provision of Tactile Paving at Dropped Kerb Crossing Points in the Vicinity of Victoria Park – £3,640.

Further information on the LHFIG process can be found [here](#).

14 **Scheme List - Salisbury Transportation Strategy (Pages 91 - 92)** 7.55pm

The Board is asked to approve the attached list of identified schemes to be submitted for consideration for funding from the Salisbury Transportation Strategy budget.

**Close & Future Dates**

Future Meeting Dates (6-8pm):

- 7 March 2024
- 6 June 2024

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# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Salisbury Area Board  
**Place:** Five Rivers Health & Wellbeing Centre, Hulse Road,  
Salisbury.SP1 3NR  
**Date:** 28 September 2023  
**Start Time:** 6.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 7.55 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Ricky Rogers (Chairman), Cllr Sam Charleston (Vice-Chairman),  
Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Dr Mark McClelland and  
Cllr Paul Sample JP

In attendance for Item 08 – Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Karen Linaker – Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager (SEPM)  
Karlene Jammeh – Area Board Delivery Officer  
Lisa Alexander – Senior Democratic Services Officer  
Mark Tucker – Director ICT (allocated to the Area Board)  
David Redfern – Director Leisure Culture & Communities – Item 08  
Parvis Khansari – Corporate Director Place – Item 08  
Andy Brown – Corporate Director Resources – Item 08

**Partners** (available during the pre-meeting networking session 5.30 – 6.00pm)  
Wiltshire Police – Inspector Tina Osborn

**Total in attendance: 45**

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<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
152	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Sven Hocking</li> <li>• Councillor Charles McGrath</li> </ul>
153	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were presented.</p> <p>It was;</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>The minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</b></p>
154	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
155	<p><u>Chairman's Updates</u></p> <p>The Chairman made the following announcements:</p> <p><u>Change to order of Items</u> The City Hall update would be taken before Area Board Funding.</p> <p><u>Silver Salisbury Event - 23 September to 7 October</u> The Silver Salisbury project was an annual celebration of International Older People's Day, being delivered locally over two weeks from 23 September 2023. Thanks to Irene and her team of volunteers for putting together the vast range of events and activities, that contribute to supporting older local residents to maintain their independence and provide opportunities for people to get out and about more.</p> <p><u>Salisbury Transportation Strategy Update</u> A meeting had been held between Members and Officers on 13 September, where it was agreed that a list of priorities would be compiled so that possible funding routes could be looked in to.</p> <p><u>Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO)</u> Attention was drawn to a public consultation on PSPOs which was currently running. Further information could be found online by following the link.</p>

	<p><u>All Things Roads event</u> A special themed event would be held on 25 January, 6.00pm at the Elim Christian Centre, Dews Road, Salisbury.</p>
156	<p><u>Information items</u></p> <p>The Board noted the Information Items as set out in the agenda pack, these were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community First</li> <li>• Healthwatch Wiltshire</li> <li>• BSW Together (Integrated Care System)</li> <li>• Current consultations: <a href="https://wiltshire.objective.co.uk/portal/">https://wiltshire.objective.co.uk/portal/</a></li> <li>• Wiltshire Council Information Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wiltshire Local Plan Review</li> <li>- Cost of living update</li> <li>- Polling Place &amp; Polling District Review Consultation 2023</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
157	<p><u>Partner and Community Updates</u></p> <p>The Board received the following verbal updates:</p> <p><u>Street Light Audit Update – Liz Batten</u> Liz noted her appreciation to the Board for instigating the Atkins review of Dark Spaces. Further work would include the use of mirrors and lights in some of the under tunnels in Salisbury to improve the visibility. Costings were not yet complete.</p> <p><u>Underpasses working group update – Karlene Jammeh</u> The group met in September and a positive outcome was the community artwork project in the Exeter St underpass, funded by the Area Board and Salisbury City Council. The project was delivered by Splash Wiltshire and a group of young people from the Friary area of Salisbury, who designed, planned and painted the artwork with Fred Fieber.</p> <p>Local residents had been very impressed by the artwork, noting that it had brightened up the underpass, making it feel safer. Thanks were given to Liz Batten for all her hard work and time on the street lights and mirrors report.</p> <p><u>Air Quality Group – Karlene Jammeh</u> The Group met recently to review the 4 themes within the Action Plan and to discuss future goals, including increased engagement with Schools, improved tree planting and no-idling in the city. The Area Board had funded a project to install 8 PM2.5 sensors in hotspots across the city.</p> <p>The Board also noted the written Updates attached to the agenda which were:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighbourhood Policing Team &amp; Road Safety Data</li> <li>• Fire &amp; Rescue</li> <li>• Salisbury BID</li> </ul>
158	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Board noted the budgets remaining for allocation at the meeting and heard from representatives in attendance who gave a brief overview of their project followed by any questions by the Board.</p> <p><b>Community Area Grants:</b></p> <p><u>Inspire Gymnastics – Purchase of equipment to support the boys section of the Club, requested £499.98</u>  The Applicant Natalie Page spoke in support of the project.</p> <p>Cllr Rogers moved the motion to award in full, this was seconded by Cllr Dalton.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Inspire Gymnastics was awarded £499.98 towards the purchase of Equipment.</b>  <b><u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24</b></p> <p><b>Older &amp; Vulnerable Adults Grants:</b></p> <p><u>Wiltshire Music Centre, Celebrating Age Project, requested £1,500</u>  The Applicant Rebecca Seymour spoke in support of the project.</p> <p>Cllr Dalton moved the motion to award in full, this was seconded by Cllr Corbin.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Wiltshire Music Centre was awarded £1,500 towards The Celebrating Age Project .</b>  <b><u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24</b></p> <p><u>Silver Salisbury – Intergenerational Project, requested £800</u>  The Applicant Irene Kohler spoke in support of the project.</p> <p>Cllr Rogers moved the motion to award in full, this was seconded by Cllr Dalton.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Silver Salisbury was awarded £800 towards The Intergenerational Project.</b>  <b><u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24</b></p> <p><b>Young People Grants:</b></p>

	<p><u>Soroptimist International Salisbury - Schools Forum combating violence against women and girls, requested £1150</u> The Applicant Liz Batten and a young person from the project spoke in support of the project.</p> <p>Cllr Rogers moved the motion to award in full, this was seconded by Cllr Dalton.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b> <b>Soroptimist International Salisbury was awarded £1,150 towards Schools Forum combating violence against women and girls.</b> <b><u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24</b></p> <p><b>Area Board Initiative:</b></p> <p><u>The Bee Trail – printing of Maps, requested £500</u> Cllr Rogers spoke in support of the Area Board Initiative.</p> <p>Cllr Dalton moved the motion to award in full, this was seconded by Cllr Rogers.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b> <b>The Bee Trail was awarded £500 towards The Map Printing element of the project.</b> <b><u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24</b></p> <p><b>Delegated Funding:</b></p> <p>There were no Delegated Funding Decisions taken since the last meeting.</p> <p>Information links: <a href="#">Area Board Grants</a> &amp; <a href="#">Grants Criteria</a></p>
159	<p><u>City Hall Update</u></p> <p>Members were asked by the Chairman to note the Resolution which had been agreed by the Board in 2020, which was:</p> <p><i>The Area Board supports the re-opening of City Hall as an historic entertainment venue as soon as is safe and practical and requests that Wiltshire Council conducts any community engagement and/or consultation should the usage change, through the Salisbury Area Board.</i></p> <p>The Chairman then invited David Redfern, Director Leisure, Culture &amp; Communities to provide an update.</p> <p>Some of the key points from the update included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Council remained committed to reopening City Hall as an</li> </ul>

entertainment venue with the view of long-term success.

- The preference would be to find a third-party provider.
- The building still required repairs before it could reopen.
- Recent work included looking at the options available, to establish the viability of each option.
- Following the soft market testing which had been carried out, the next steps would be to finalise a Prior Information Notice (PIN) and hold a City Hall Market Engagement event, to signal to the market that the Council was formally looking for a third-party provider which shared its vision for the project.
- A City Hall Project Group had been formed and was meeting regularly to continue to drive the programme of work forward.
- A dedicated webpage would be kept up to date with the latest information [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/salisbury-city-hall](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/salisbury-city-hall)

Questions and comments included:

Whilst looking for a third party, would the council carry out works on the building or would that third party be expected to make the repairs once in place?

Answer: It was understood that repairs costing in the region of £138m were made to the Bristol Beacon, which the Council was now unable to secure an operator to manage it. The Council would want to have a serious conversation with anyone interested in operating City Hall, prior to investing in any repair programme.

If there was an acoustic issue with auditorium, preventing current use, could the Alamein suite be used for holding meetings?

Answer - There were other issues with the building that meant public access was not possible at this time.

**Action: A report on what repairs were required would be compiled and circulated to the Area Board members following the meeting.**

The Structural Report states that the building was not watertight, was any work being done to prevent the issue getting worse?

**Action – A response would be obtained and provided to the Board Members following the meeting.**

In the Cabinet report from November 2022 there was no mention of a management fee or further subsidy. It had appeared the plan was to hand over all of the costs to the third party. City Hall had been run as a deficit since 1962. Farham Borough council had spent a substantial amount of money on Farnham Hall and now had an extremely successful third-party operator. Even the best of companies needed a subsidy.

Answer: Once a third-party operator had been found, the Council would consider the best way forward to get the venue up and running again.



What was the current amount needed to be spent on City Hall, as there was a figure of £11m and now of £2m, and had the Council considered the War Memorial aspect of City Hall?

Answer: The War Memorial element would always remain a consideration. Discussions had taken place with the War Memorial Trust, who had asked for assurances. The £11m figure had been associated with the Levelling Up Fund which involved larger project areas. The safety elements of the repair programme were costed at approximately £2m.

Who was on the City Hall Project Team?

Answer: City Hall was an Officer led piece of work, which we update on at the Area Board. The team is made up of Officers from Arts and Culture, Economic Regeneration and others including Karlene and Karen.

Would there be any involvement with Salisbury City Council (SCC)?

Answer: The Project Group would be looking at options for re-opening the venue. Another exercise involved asking SCC whether it interested in an asset transfer. Negotiations were ongoing.

SCC had no aspiration to take City Hall on without a financial package being in place, as it did not have the funds.

Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council explained that a procurement process was currently underway and that elected Members, or third parties were not able to play a part in that process. Once a third party was found, Members and Stakeholders would be consulted. The Council was seeking to find a suitable third party to operate the venue successfully. Once found the Council would look to them, drawing on their expertise in the entertainment industry to advise what would be needed to be done to the building, to make it suitable as a modern entertainment venue.

If SCC was serious about taking on the venue, then the Council would need to be sure it was equally committed to opening as a live entertainment venue.

If the Council was proposing to providing financial support to a third party to manage the venue, then would it also offer funds to SCC if it wished to take on an asset transfer?

Answer: There were discussions to be had between SCC Officers and our Financial Officers, however there has been no offer of funding to third parties.

City Hall was viewed as a public service, and they cost money. Just because something costs money you can't just close it down. Having City Hall closed was damaging the economy in Salisbury.

If the PIN process was unsuccessful what would the Council then do?

Answer: City Hall would be reopened as a live entertainment venue. There were other venues which were successful which had better designed bars for

example, as a venues profit margin was dependent on selling drinks before and after shows. It was closed right now because it was not possible to open it, as it would not be covered by insurance.

Cllr Paul Sample then made a statement about City Hall and moved a motion for the Board to consider.

The Chairman suggested that as not all members had had the opportunity to consider the new motion ahead of the meeting, that it be deferred until the November meeting for consideration.

Cllr Sample requested that the motion be put forward for consideration at this meeting, therefore a slide was produced detailing the wording.

The Chairman asked for clarification on whether the motion was suggested to come into play should the current procurement process which was underway not be successful and whether the Area Board continued to support the PIN process and attempts to procure a third party as set out in the update.

Cllr Sample agreed that it was the intention to support the current attempts to procure a third party to take on the running of City Hall as an entertainment venue, however, should that process fail to secure a third party, then the motion would come into play.

This motion was seconded by Cllr Caroline Corbin.

It was;

**Resolved:**

**That Salisbury Area Board continued to support the current PIN procurement process to secure a Third-Party Operator for Salisbury City Hall, with the view to reopening as an entertainment venue as soon as was safe to do so.**

**However, should that process be unsuccessful, the Board supported the following:**

- (1) If negotiations with Salisbury City Council fail, Salisbury Area Board would invite interested parties in the Salisbury community to discuss the management and operation of the City Hall through:
  - a. the formation of a Salisbury City Hall Trust (a registered charity) similar to the Trust which operates Portsmouth Guildhall, or
  - b. the creation of a Community Interest Company (a charitable company limited by guarantee) similar to St John's Place, Bemerton.

	<p>(2) Salisbury Area Board was committed to supporting that all future Wiltshire Council Salisbury-based meetings, including Salisbury Area Board, would be held at Salisbury City Hall.</p> <p>(3) Training in support of the Learning Disabilities community return to the City Hall thereby enabling local families much-needed support without the need to travel to Trowbridge.</p> <p>(4) Wiltshire Council should ensure that Salisbury City Hall be open during Remembrance Commemorations in November 2023.</p> <p>(5) Wiltshire Council should hand back Salisbury City Hall to the next operators in at least “as good as” condition as it inherited from Salisbury District Council in 2009.</p> <p>The motion would be forwarded to Cabinet for its consideration.</p>
160	<p><u>Ground, Tree &amp; Weed Maintenance Arrangements</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the Arboriculture report which had been uploaded as Supplement 3 to the agenda.</p> <p>On 1 April 2023 a schedule of streetscene maintenance work was delegated to Salisbury City Council (SCC). The City Council was considering how to ensure the schedule could be implemented and resourced.</p> <p>The Chairman had met with Officers at Wiltshire Council and SCC to highlight the matter and seek clarification on plans to move forward. SCC aimed to discuss the matter at its Environmental &amp; Climate Committee and would send a representative to the next Area Board meeting to clarify which areas of work sat under each council.</p> <p>The MyWilts App was highlighted as the correct way members of the public could log any issues <a href="#">MyWilts online reporting - Wiltshire Council</a></p>
161	<p><u>Area Board Priorities</u></p> <p>Karlene Jammeh, Area Board Delivery Officer and Lead Members gave an update on the Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities - Cllr Ricky Rogers had recently been to visit the Bunker and the Bemerton Heath Youth Club, which relied heavily on volunteers to run. The Salisbury Youth Forum meeting had been very successful with 17 organisations in attendance. Some topics of discussion included the Safe Places Scheme and looking at other examples across the country.</li> <li>• Addressing climate change – The group was currently discussing the Air</li> </ul>

	<p>Quality Action Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing – As mentioned earlier, the Silver Salisbury programme of events was currently running across Salisbury. Thanks were given to all of the volunteers, without whom Salisbury would not have the array of provision it does.</li> <li>• Supporting underrepresented groups - Working with partners on community conversations and the Salisbury Foody Network. With work ongoing to look at a review of the cost of living flyer, which listed all types of support available to the community</li> <li>• Improving transport and access – covered as part of the Underpasses Working Group update.</li> </ul>
162	<p><u>Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p>The Board noted the report from the last LHFIG meeting held on 7 September 2023. There were no funding recommendations to approve on this occasion.</p> <p><u>Salisbury Transportation Strategy (STS)</u></p> <p>The Chairman had attended a meeting to discuss the STS and possible options for feeding into the discussion on how funds were allocated. He would be working on putting together a list of priorities for local areas of work, for consideration.</p>

Wiltshire Council are aware of the recent congestion issues in Central Car Park. There are currently two large construction projects underway in Salisbury city centre. The River Park is being delivered by the Environment Agency, and Fisherton Gateway being delivered by Wiltshire Council.

We understand that improvement works of this scale can cause disruption, especially when running concurrently, and we apologise for any inconvenience caused to motorists in the city. However, due to the funding deadline for the Fisherton Gateway scheme, we could not delay the works until after the completion of the River Park. We are working with the Environment Agency to improve traffic management in Central Car Park and reduce congestion. We know this is especially important in the run up to Christmas. To this end the following traffic management improvements are being implemented at Central Car Park:

- Manual operation of the temporary traffic lights on busy days (Tuesdays, Fridays & Saturdays) from 10am to 4pm commencing on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. This will clear queueing traffic more efficiently than operating the traffic lights on fixed timings.
- Improvements to signage for the Millstream Approach closure diversion.
- Additional signage to discourage people using the car park as a cut through.
- Improvements to road markings to designate queueing traffic.
- Offer the short stay car park (top deck only) to our current central long stay season ticket holders for the duration of the River Park works to ease pressure on the long stay spaces. We are also looking into alternative parking for market traders to free up even more long stay spaces on busy days.

In addition to the above, and in conjunction with Salisbury Business Improvement District (BID) and Salisbury City Council, we are also implementing wider measures to support local businesses over the Christmas period:

- Ten new variable message signs (VMS) to direct visitors and shoppers to the right car parks.
- Endeavor to supply three additional Park & Ride buses and promotion of bus travel.
- Endeavour to supply marshals on Fridays and Saturdays at Brown Street and Old George Mall car parks.
- Reopening of the top floor of Culver Street Car Park, as well as enhanced cleaning.
- Communications via radio, websites, press and social media to support above measures.

These schemes represent a massive investment in Salisbury which will improve the experience for residents and visitors alike and ensure a sustainable future for the city. We are working with our partners to complete these works as soon as possible and keep disruption to a minimum, and we thank people for their patience.

To help people plan their journeys we are providing traffic management information about the projects on the council's website [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/salisbury-traffic-management](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/salisbury-traffic-management).

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## Community First - Annual Review and Celebration Video

The Community First Annual Review 2022-2023 is now available to view and download on our website. The Annual Review contains a summary of our work with people and communities over the last 12 months. This includes updates from our programmes and services, a general outline of our priorities and a summary of financial information for the year ending 31 March 2023.

<https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Annual-Review-2022-2023-FINAL-VERSION.pdf>

Alongside the Annual Review, we have also produced a Celebration Video with a summary of our work in 2022-2023 which you can view using the following link:

[https://youtu.be/l\\_7JRAxZJGE?si=ueZugKZJx4hwWb6u](https://youtu.be/l_7JRAxZJGE?si=ueZugKZJx4hwWb6u)

## Community First AGM & Awards Celebration 2023

The Community First Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Awards Celebration took place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at Devizes Town Hall. Thank you to everyone who attended the event as we celebrated our achievements in 2022-2023. The Community First Awards recognises and celebrates the outstanding achievements of groups, organisations, individuals and young people who give so much of their time and enthusiasm to support our charity and its services.

### Full List of Winners

We are sure you will join us in congratulating our winners for their well-deserved awards, many thanks also to Community First President Sarah Troughton for presenting each of our winners with a trophy and certificate.

Award Name	Winner
The Michael Jones Award for Inspirational Link Scheme or Community Minibus Volunteer	Janice Vincent (Malmesbury Link Scheme)
Community Project Funded through the Landfill Communities Fund	Roger Baker (Ashbury Village Hall)
The Martin Hamer in Special Recognition Award	Alan Fox
Most Innovative Community Run Project or Service	Darry New (Community Bus, Haydon Wick)
Robbie's Endeavour Trophy	Winterslow Youth Club
Young Carers Achievement Award - Under 12 years	Charlie
Young Carers Achievement Award - Over 12 years	Hannah

Project Inspire Achievement Award	Edward
Splash Achievement Award	Sam
Splash Volunteer Award	John Wyeth
Community First Young Leader’s Achievement Award	Will
Building Bridges Outstanding Achievement Award	Dorcas Obeney
The Arthur Laflin Volunteer Award	Jacquie Henly (Hilmarton Parish Council)

### Youth Action Wiltshire - Carols by Candlelight

Youth Action Wiltshire invites you to Carols by Candlelight to celebrate the 25-year anniversary of Wiltshire Young Carers Service. The event will take place on Friday 8th December 2023 (7pm) at Malmesbury Abbey. Drinks and canapes will be served following the service.

Proceeds will fund a programme of exciting and fun respite activities for Wiltshire Young Carers, including music and songwriting, workshops, art, wildlife and adventure activities.

To request tickets, please complete the ticket application form using the link below (a copy is included with this briefing pack) or email Ginnie Keen: [ginniekeen@gmail.com](mailto:ginniekeen@gmail.com).

Ticket prices are as follows:

- Adult ticket - £20
- Child ticket (14 years and under) - £10

Ticket application form: <https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Carol-2023-application-form-v2.docx>

### The Big Give Christmas Challenge - Wiltshire Young Carers Service



This year Community First is participating in [The Big Give Christmas Challenge](#) in support of our Wiltshire Young Carers Service.

We currently hold open cases for Wiltshire young carers, of which 14% are recognised as the most vulnerable with some in the safeguarding system. As well as the pressures of their caring role and having to balance their own school and relationship pressures alongside the additional caring role, the recent pandemic has increased stress and worry. A national survey carried out by Carers Trust showed 58% of young carers were caring for longer and 40% said their mental health was worse.

Funds raised through The Big Give Christmas Challenge campaign will provide respite activities and support plans for 15 young carers, 30 Young Carers will access remote group webinars and a further 15 young carers can access structured one-to-one mentoring and coaching programmes with our Young Carers Support Workers. This will help them with their mental health and wellbeing. With increased investment, we can receive up to 15 new young carer referrals from our partner agencies.



Your gift will help more young people feel less alone in their caring role, they will see that home life has improved, they will feel included, be better at attending school, and feel happier.

Through this national campaign, we are aiming to secure up to £4,000 in pledges from supporters and donors which will be match-funded for 7 days between **28<sup>th</sup> November to 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023**. This is a fantastic way to help make a difference for young carers in Wiltshire and one small donation e.g. £5 will have *twice* the impact during this period.

More information about our how to support our Big Give Christmas Challenge will be available on our website and social media channels from mid-November.

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## Landfill Communities Fund - Wiltshire and Swindon Highlights 2022-2023

Community First manages and administrates the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) in Wiltshire and Swindon. The LCF offers capital funding for local community, heritage and environmental projects in areas where local landfill operator sites or depots are located.

Funding for the LCF in Wiltshire and Swindon is received from landfill operators The Hills Group Ltd and Crapper & Sons Landfill Ltd. Over £5.5m of funding has been distributed through the LCF since 2002.

Entrust is the regulator of the Landfill Communities Fund and has produced statistical highlights for the LCF in Wiltshire and Swindon in 2022-2023. A copy of the PDF is included with this briefing pack and is summarised below.

- £329k - total LCF funds invested.
- 31 projects completed.
- 45 jobs were created as a result of funded projects.
- 298 people volunteer due to funding offered through the LCF in Wiltshire and Swindon
- 124,720 public visits.
- £5.77 of additional economic value for every £1 invested through the LCF.

For more information about the Landfill Communities Fund in Wiltshire and Swindon, please visit the Community First website: [www.communityfirst.org.uk/grants](http://www.communityfirst.org.uk/grants)

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## MiDAS - Minibus Driver Awareness Training

Community First offers accredited MiDAS (Minibus Driver Awareness) Training for organisations and groups, led by our fantastic Training Co-ordinator Martin Carter.

MiDAS is a membership-based scheme designed to enhance both driving and safety standards for drivers of minibuses. MiDAS is a nationally recognised standard for the assessment and training of minibus drivers. Community First is now taking new bookings for MiDAS minibus training with our Training Coordinator Martin Carter. Martin is a retired Police Advanced Driver with over 35 years' experience of driving minibuses.

The MiDAS training course includes a session on how to operate a minibus safely. This is followed by a 30-minute multiple-choice assessment with 20 questions. Trainees will need to answer 16 questions correctly to pass the theory test. Finally, there will be a practical test which incorporates a driving skills training session and an assessment drive which will last just over an hour, with the assessment taking 30

minutes. Upon completion of the theory and practical test, trainees will receive a certificate which is valid for 4 years.

Pricing is based on a minimum group size of 3 drivers per booking and starts at £105.00 per person. We are now taking new bookings for Winter 2023, early booking is recommended to secure a training place.

Please contact [mcarter@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:mcarter@communityfirst.org.uk) for more information and how to book training.

A leaflet about MiDAS training is included with this briefing pack.

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**YOUTH ACTION WILTSHIRE CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE 2023**

To avoid disappointment please apply for tickets as soon as possible as numbers are limited.

There will be a glass of wine and canapes following the service.

**Ticket Application form: Adults £20 and Children 14 years and under £10**

Name:-

Address:-

Postal Code.....

Email address:- please write clearly.....

I would like to apply for..... adult tickets at £20 each

I would like to apply for.....children tickets . £10 -14 years and under

I would like to donate (optional)      £.....

Total amount paid £..... online or by cheque

Gift Aid:- Gift Aid increases any donations (not your ticket price) by 25% at no additional cost to you. To gift Aid, please read the words below, then sign and date the form. Your address above is needed to confirm that you are a current UK taxpayer.

I agree to Youth Action Wiltshire (YAW) claiming Gift Aid on this and future donations I make to the charity. By signing this I confirm I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay the difference.

Signature.....

Date:-.....

To pay either:

**Online Banking:-** Youth Action Wiltshire  
Sort Code:- 40-17-17  
Account No:- 51448714 Reference carol service , with your name, please

or

**Cheque:-** Made payable to Youth Action Wiltshire, and sent to Ginnie, to the address below.

Please email or post this ticket form to Ginnie Keen at [ginniekeen@gmail.com](mailto:ginniekeen@gmail.com) or post to Mrs D.Keen , The Firs Farm, Corston. Malmesbury SN16 0HB

Tickets will be emailed (or posted if you do not have an email)to you.

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# 2022/2023 Statistical Highlights



## COMMUNITY FIRST

**£329k**

**Total LCF Funds invested**



**31 Projects completed**

**Each £1 spent, added £5.77 of additional economic value**



**45 jobs created**

**as a result of funded projects**



**av 3.3 miles to landfill site**



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**124,720 public visits**





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# MiDAS: Minibus Driver Awareness Training

## Is your group or organisation looking to train new minibus drivers?

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### Bookings:

[mcarter@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:mcarter@communityfirst.org.uk)

*"Excellent course. Great trainer!"*

MiDAS Training Feedback

### MiDAS Pricing

Standard MiDAS induction £125.00  
Accessible MiDAS induction £165.00  
Standard MiDAS refresher £105.00  
Accessible MiDAS refresher £125.00

Weekdays Only  
Minimum 3 drivers per booking



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## Autistic people tell of their struggles to find mental health support

Autistic people, and their families and carers, have told us of their desperation and frustration at not being able to get support they need for their mental health.

People said they felt isolated and misunderstood, falling between the gaps in services which aren't designed to meet their needs and where staff lack training and awareness to support them.

These are the stark findings of our work hearing the experiences of autistic people, and their carers, who have accessed mental health services in Wiltshire in the last three years.

In a joint project with Wiltshire Service Users' Network (WSUN), which runs the Wiltshire Autism Hub, we listened to feedback from more than 50 people to understand what is good and what could be better about local mental health services.

### What did people tell us?

- Most people went to their GPs first to get help, but faced a long wait to be referred on to other services. Some said they could not get any support at all.
- Autistic people did not find services helpful. They didn't think talking therapies were suitable for them and sometimes made symptoms worse.
- Mental health staff lack training, awareness and understanding of autism. Sometimes this has resulted in misdiagnosis and inappropriate treatment, or no support.
- Thresholds for getting mental health help are very high or inappropriate for autistic people.
- Some people said they had used expensive private consultants or therapists in an attempt to get help.
- Carers said the Child and Adolescent Mental

Health Service (CAMHS) was overwhelmed and the waiting times very long.

- Waiting times for an autism diagnosis were seen as unacceptable, with little support or guidance post diagnosis.
- Communication difficulties, coupled with a lack of flexibility from services – such as only offering phone calls rather than face to face appointments – creates a barrier for autistic people to be able to access help.

**Stacey Sims**, Healthwatch Wiltshire Manager, said: "It is clear that autistic people and their carers have struggled to access support for their mental health in Wiltshire, and this has had a serious impact on them and their families.

"I want to thank everyone who took part for the experiences they've shared with us, and for suggesting ways to improve local services. We'll be monitoring how these services are developed in the future so they can better support autistic people, and those who care for them."

**Louise Rendle**, CEO of WSUN, said: "Research has shown that autistic people are much more likely to have anxiety, depression, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) and eating disorders than non-autistic people. This report highlights how important it is that mental health services have specially trained staff with awareness in autism.

"Adaptable services that provide reasonable adjustments will help ensure that autistic people and their families have equal access to high quality mental health provision. Too many autistic people still struggle to get appropriate support and we see through the Autism Hub the impact this has on people's lives and that of their families."

Look out for the report on our website.

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## **Update for Wiltshire Area Boards**

October 2023

### **Winter Planning**

As our health and care system continues to experience unrelenting demand challenges and operational pressures, we are continuing to work with our partners to deliver existing demand management and capacity improvement plans.

We are monitoring the impact of these plans at both a System and Place level and will take the learning into the development of our plans for the coming winter.

Operationally there continues to be significant joint working in the locality under our Home is Best programme of work which supports patients to remain at home, aims to reduce our reliance on bed-based care and improve patient outcomes and experience.

This approach helps to enable us operationally to manage the system challenges and pressures and, together, we continue to maintain a good flow of people from our acute hospitals to community settings or home.

Working in partnership across health and social care, we are on track to deliver our plans to deliver against targets including reducing the number of the non-criteria to reside in our acutes - currently maintaining a position below our trajectory of 30, significantly reducing our number of discharge to assess beds by 40 per cent, we are currently at 31, exceeding our target of 36.

We have also continued to increase our use of virtual wards - a flagship BSW scheme. A key focus for the coming months is on increasing referrals to the Virtual Ward step-up model through continuing to raise the profile of service.

We will work through the implications of pressures being relieved in one part of the system with pressure then arising in another part of the system. We have key workstreams in place to work through this jointly.

### **Community Investment Fund**

Good progress has been made with our Community Investment Fund. BSW ICB has been working with five BaNES-based third sector organisations and has awarded grants to Southside Hardship Fund, Julian House, Citizens Advice Bureau, Age UK and West of England Rural Network.

These grants will help some of our most vulnerable communities with cost-of-living support, food and clothing and warm home grants.

This is a key part of our strategy on health inequalities and a demonstrable example of how BSW ICB is working directly with our communities at a local level.

**Area Board Briefing Note – Cost of Living Crisis**

<b>Service:</b>	<b>Executive Office/Leader of the Council</b>
<b>Date prepared:</b>	<b>September 2023</b>
<b>Further enquiries to:</b>	<b>Will Oulton</b>
<b>Direct contact:</b>	<b>William.Oulton@Wiltshire.gov.uk</b>

**Introduction**

Cost of Living issues remain a concern for the Council, our partners and the communities we serve. I am proud of the way we have worked, flexibly, bringing together different services and schemes to provide support. We don't know yet the exact nature of the ongoing challenges, nor the support that central government will provide, but I am confident that we will be able to respond quickly, as we have done before, to this changing environment.

Following on from the [update](#) I gave Cabinet before the summer, and before talking about the future, I wanted to highlight some of the work that has been undertaken over the last year, and crucially the impact that this has had on individuals:

- Warm & Safe Wiltshire

The Boiler fund project supported a family to replace an oil fuelled heating system that had broken where the family was in receipt of Universal Credit and Disability benefits. The replacement was crucial as the child was homeschooled, and the cold was impacting on the families mental and physical health.

After the work was completed, the parent told officers:

*“You have given us the best quality of life – I cannot thank you enough. The whole house is lovely and warm, we can completely relax and enjoy it. I didn't realise the impact it was having on my mental health, worry about my son’.*

- Libraries

Colleagues in the Data & Insight team analysed feedback collected by Libraries staff to identify the key themes, including that:

*Libraries has created a Warm and inviting atmosphere creating a positive customer experience, which could make it easier to access to information.*

*Gratitude for warm spaces and warm packs provision for the public.*

- Boater and Traveller Winter Support Project

Public Health secured funding from the UK Shared prosperity fund and in partnership with Julian House identified boaters and travellers who needed urgent winter support at a time when there was no government funding to support this group. The fund allowed people to receive a mixture of fuel and food vouchers. The following testimony, given to officers, shows the impact it had on one family:

*A single parent with a 17-month-old baby girl, they previously worked as a carer and were determined to return to work. They were able to find employment, however after paying for childcare and travel*

*cost, they were only earning the equivalent of £3 per hour. The winter allowance helped them maintain this work over winter whilst providing a warm environment for them and their baby and enabled her to gain promotion.*

## **Household Support Fund 2023-24**

As reported previously to [Cabinet in March](#), the Council has been allocated £5,457,313 from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). This next tranche of the Fund has been provided to support households, who would otherwise struggle to buy food, pay essential utility bills or meet other essential living costs to help them with significantly rising living costs for the financial year 2023-24.

The Council has learnt a significant amount about how to best utilise this funding, and services across the council will be delivering those most in need to combat food and energy poverty. I am very pleased to say, the charities and the voluntary sector in the county have been successful in bidding for funds from the scheme, to enable them to deliver support to the homeless, older people and those facing domestic violence amongst others. This is a real example of partnership working at its best, and you can read more about [what schemes the HSF supports](#) on our webs.

## **Libraries and Warm Spaces**

I am pleased to confirm that all of our libraries will continue to provide a warm welcome over the Autumn and Winter and will be places where Warm Packs will be distributed from October onwards.

## **FUEL**

You will no doubt have heard of the challenges our established FUEL programme faced when a provider pulled out shortly before the summer holidays. I commend the hard work of the officers involved to find alternative providers to ensure that children received healthy food and activities across the summer holidays.

## **EBSS Scheme**

Officers have made the final payments under this government scheme. Stand ready to support the government should another scheme be available, and we hope to make this clear to our local MPs should the opportunity arise.

## **Gypsy, Roma, Traveller & Boater Communities**

Many in this community are not eligible for government schemes, with a most not meeting residency requirements even with recent expansions. I am, then, pleased to see that Public Health, working with outreach charity partners, will be providing fuel/food vouchers and energy saving advice from November.

## **For the future**

I am pleased that officers who have been coordinating work, will continue to meet regularly to horizon scan and respond to future issues.

As well as the plans highlighted already, officers will be updating the community directory to ensure that local people can find warm spaces and food providers in their community. This should be updated in the next few weeks.

As part of the 1<sup>st</sup> tranche of the HSF programme, just over £100,000 has been invested in 19 different food settings with the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche opening around Christmas time with, approximately, another £100,000 remaining.

I was pleased to report to Cabinet previously that Area Boards had chosen to support schemes in their areas that addressed the Cost of Living issues in their area, and I hope that they will continue to do so. I will, of course, keep the Cabinet updated.

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## Area Board Briefing Note

<b>Service:</b>	<b>Voice and Participation</b>
<b>Date prepared:</b>	<b>16/10/2023</b>
<b>Further enquiries to:</b>	<b>Sue Nash</b>
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Independent visitors (IVs) are adult volunteers who provide independent, one-to-one befriending support to children in care. Their role is to "visit, advise and befriend" the young person with whom they are matched.

The 1989 Children Act made it a duty for Local Authorities to provide IVs for those young people living in care who have little or no contact from their parents or family. In 2008, the Children and Young Person's Act extended this duty so that any young person in care could be eligible to have an IV, if considered to be in their best interests.

### Current Status:

As of the most recent update, we have successfully matched 72 young people with independent visitors.

### In Progress:

Additionally, there are currently 17 matches in progress, all of which are proposed to become active before Christmas. This will bring our total matches to an impressive 89. This remarkable increase of 21 matched young people in this financial year marks the second consecutive year of the most significant growth in our numbers, with the previous year seeing an increase of 10 matches. It's worth noting that this achievement is even more impressive when considering the 8 matches that are scheduled to close soon.

### National Context:

Nationally, our success is measured against similar schemes by the National IV Network. Specifically, we are assessed based on the percentage of young people in care who are matched with an IV across the county. With 89 matches, our matched population will stand at 17.3%. To put this in perspective, the national average, as reported in the last Freedom of Information (FOI) report by the National IV Network, was only 3.3%. The highest matching percentage in England and Wales was 16%.

### Future Projections:

In the coming months, four of our young people will reach the age of 18, causing a slight decrease in our matched population to 16.4% by the end of the financial year. Nonetheless, this remains a significant achievement and showcases our dedication to making a difference in the lives of care-experienced individuals.

### Impact on Waiting List:

An essential outcome of these matches is the reduction of our waiting list. As more young people are matched with independent visitors, our waiting list is projected to decrease to 22 individuals. This will mark the lowest number of individuals on the waiting list since we began keeping records.

Promotion of the IV Scheme:

We encourage the Area Boards to actively promote the IV Scheme by directing prospective volunteers to our website: [Independent visitor scheme - Wiltshire Council](#). This will help us continue our mission to provide meaningful support to young people in care and achieve our goals of positive social change.

Conclusion:

Our remarkable increase in matched young people, high matching percentage, and the decrease in our waiting list demonstrate our commitment to making a difference in the lives of care-experienced individuals. We look forward to your continued support and engagement in promoting the IV Scheme.

# ARCHAEOLOGY SERVICE

## WELCOME TO WILTSHIRE COUNCIL ARCHAEOLOGY SERVICE'S FIRST ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

The Archaeology Service identifies, records and protects the archaeology of all of Wiltshire, including Swindon [wshc.org.uk](http://wshc.org.uk). We provide archaeological advice mostly through the planning system, but also to landowners, universities, local groups and societies, and to the public. We also seek to inform on and promote the archaeology of the County. Our newsletter therefore aims to provide accessible and readable information about the work of the Service and some of the more notable archaeological and historical discoveries within the County in the last 18 months or so. There is also an annual Archaeology in Wiltshire conference in the spring. Keep an eye on the Wiltshire Museum's website for further details.

In this edition we have included recent archaeological projects in the County and within Swindon Borough Council that have resulted from our advice and guidance, as well as information about our Historic Environment Record, the Wiltshire Buildings Record, the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site Co-ordination Unit and the work of Wiltshire's Finds Liaison Officer.

Our team is based in the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre in Chippenham. This state-of-the-art, purpose-built, records office was opened in 2007 and cost £11 million, but it has brought together the archives service, local studies library, conservation and museums advisory service, archaeology and Wiltshire Buildings Record under one, modernist, roof.

The Archaeology Service holds thousands of archaeological reports, aerial photographs and other records, all of which may be accessed by prior appointment. Just email us in advance at [archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk)  
We hope you enjoy our newsletter.

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Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre  
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TOP  
The Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre, Chippenham. Home of the Archaeology Service. © Wiltshire Council



LEFT  
Some of the Archaeology Service team at Stonehenge. © Wiltshire Council



BOTTOM  
The fine farmhouse at 41 Green Road, Swindon. © Wiltshire Buildings Record



**'SEEING THE MONUMENTS FOR THE TREES' – A PROJECT TO CLEAR VEGETATION FROM THREE OF WILTSHIRE'S ANCIENT MONUMENTS.**



TOP: Cam's Hill ringwork before clearance looking towards Malmesbury. © Aerial-Cam. Reproduced with kind permission.

BOTTOM: Cam's Hill ringwork after clearance. © Aerial-Cam. Reproduced with kind permission.

Wiltshire has some of England's most important and well-known ancient monuments. Many are designated as Scheduled Monuments, meaning they are legally protected due to their historical and archaeological importance. However, sometimes they can be harmed by natural processes such as tree and scrub growth, and burrowing animals, which can damage important buried archaeological remains and hide our history from view.

Last winter a community project, funded by Historic England, was organised by the Archaeology Service to remove the scrub over three of Wiltshire's ancient monuments. The first monument was an Early Bronze Age (1,800 – 1,500 BC) disc barrow, a rare monument type, on Burderop Down, near Chiseldon, Swindon. Large hawthorn bushes were removed from the monument so that it can now be seen in all its glory.

The second monument was a ringwork at Cam's Hill which is thought to be one of several siegeworks around the town of Malmesbury during the 'Anarchy' period, when Stephen and Matilda contested the succession to Henry I in the 12th-century. The monument has a 1.5m deep and 4m wide external ditch and a distinctive horseshoe shaped internal bank, 18m wide and around 1.8m high. It has never been excavated, although it bears close similarity to other monuments of this period in the south of England. Vegetation was cleared by volunteers in January and March 2023 and so the monument is now far more visible to those passing by on the adjacent public footpath. It is now hoped that livestock will graze the monument and deter re-growth.

The third monument was a group of four medieval lynchets at Southmill Hill, Amesbury, which survive remarkably well and are prominent features on the periphery of Amesbury. The lynchets are medieval in date and result from deliberate terracing of the steep hillslope for cultivation. The monument has been in steady decline for several decades due to unchecked scrub and tree growth, so over two days in February, volunteers, including the local scout group, cleared the scrub from one of the lynchets. It is hoped that the clearance work will recommence in autumn 2023.

The project was a great success and achieved what it set to do. As well as removing the risk of damage to these monuments from unruly scrub, all three monuments are now significantly more visible to those using public footpaths and other public rights of way. Thirty-eight volunteers participated in the project, and they all enjoyed the experience. The Archaeology Service therefore hopes to identify further monuments for clearance in the next few years...so if you would like to volunteer, we would love to hear from you!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Archaeology Service at [archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk)

BELOW: Volunteers at Southmill Hill, Amesbury. © Wiltshire Council.



**THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE MARKET TOWN OF CALNE IS REVEALED.**

Wiltshire is blessed with many historic towns and Calne is a particularly interesting example, lying on the A4, a major route to the west country before the M4 was built. The town was probably best known until the late 20th-century as the home of Harris' bacon factory which dominated the centre of the town until it was demolished in the mid-1980s. Documentary sources indicate that the town probably had Saxon origins and was a borough by the time of the Domesday Book in the 11th-century. It was an established town by the medieval period.

Archaeological evidence for the origins and historic development of the town has proved to be elusive, partly because there have been few opportunities for larger-scale archaeological investigations within the town. The demolition and redevelopment of Harris's bacon factory in the 1980s was not accompanied by any archaeological investigation, despite its location in the heart of the town.

The proposed redevelopment of a parcel of land to the rear of the Nos 8 – 13 High Street therefore provided just that opportunity. Exploratory archaeological investigation in 2016 demonstrated that medieval remains survived on the site and a detailed archaeological excavation was undertaken late in 2021 by Worcestershire Archaeology on behalf of Churchill Retirement Living.

The excavation identified a large Late Saxon (9th – 10th-century) boundary ditch, along with some lesser ditches. These are notable discoveries as it was presumed that the focus of the Saxon settlement lay around the Church of St Mary. Probably in the 11th-century, the boundaries within the site were re-aligned with the laying out of burgage plots for the medieval town, running back from the High Street. The site lay too far to the rear of the High Street to reveal the properties that the burgage plots served, but these back plots did reveal rubbish pits filled with medieval waste material. This included sherds of medieval pottery dating from the 11th- to the 15th-century and probably all locally made at kilns in Minety, Lacock and Crockerton. A notable find was a lead seal matrix, used for sealing important documents, probably reflecting the commercial use of the properties on the High Street. The remains of a lime kiln were also revealed and probably served in the construction of stone properties on the High Street.

The site was remodelled again in the 17th- and 18th-century as the fortunes of the town improved, largely based on the weaving industry, until the town became synonymous with pork and bacon with the opening of the Harris factories in the 19th- and 20th -centuries.



TOP RIGHT: Harris' bacon factory, Calne in 1924. © Historic England.

RIGHT: General view of the excavation at 8 – 13 High Street. © Worcestershire Archaeology, reproduced with kind permission.

ABOVE: The medieval lime kiln under excavation. © Worcestershire Archaeology, reproduced with kind permission.



With every historic building, the same question comes up at the end, how do you date it? When Wiltshire Buildings Record started in 1979 there was little to go on. The few books about vernacular architecture covered buildings in other parts of the country. We had help from the Salisbury office of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments but apart from emergencies they were recording only in the south-east of Wiltshire and buildings there had different characteristics from the north and west of the County. Since then, studies of vernacular architecture have increased enormously, especially, since 2009, with the assistance of tree-ring dating or dendrochronology.

The Wiltshire Dendrochronological Project started through funding provided by English Heritage (now Historic England) to train someone in the work. There were existing projects in Hampshire and Somerset which were well advanced, and Wiltshire was known to have similarly early buildings worth sampling. We already had a list of suitable medieval buildings and the project aimed to concentrate on base cruck, cruck and other early carpentry methods. This was Phase 1 of the project and we have now reached Phase 5 thanks to funding from various sources.

The results have been interesting. Overall, they have confirmed the dates we had assigned based on stylistic and documentary grounds. But they have often narrowed them down and highlighted the significance of small changes of carpentry method. There have been disappointments where the timber turned out to be elm rather than oak or came from fast-grown oak trees with a small number of wide rings which could not be matched with the master sequence.

## TREE-RING DATING - THE HIGHS AND THE LOWS



Two former farmhouses in the Swindon area, both cruck-built, illustrate the highs and lows of the outcomes. Studley Grange Farm, Lydiard Tregoze, was brought to our attention in 2021 in a derelict state. Three of our members had a look at it and reported finding a cruck truss despite its listing as late 18th-century. As a threatened building we gave it priority. Robert Howard and Alison Arnold from the Nottingham Lab gamely tackled it for us bringing a generator to power their drills. Sadly, the oak timbers of the crucks were quick grown though dates were provided for the addition of a dairy wing in 1606 and a re-used collar of 1559-84 looked likely to come from the initial ceiling of the open hall. There is documentary evidence that the farm was a grange of Stanley Abbey at Bremhill and it was first mentioned in 1460. Robert and Alison had managed to get into the roof on the far side of the cruck truss and their photo of the joint at the apex suggests construction in the 15th-century is likely.

No. 41 Green Road, Stratton St. Margaret, was a reserve building on the day that Studley Grange was sampled so for that reason it was high on the list for future sampling. This former farmhouse had been visited briefly by our Principal Buildings Historian, Dorothy Treasure. We were not very hopeful of a good result as crucks in the Swindon area have proved before to be of elm or quick-grown oak. To our (and the owner's) amazement the lower parts of two cruck trusses dated from 1271-1296. They had been used again in a wider building with new upper parts and purlins etc in 1339-1355. This is a star building, quite exceptional, and shows just how valuable tree-ring dating can be.



TOP RIGHT: The derelict Studley Grange farmhouse, Lydiard Tregoze. © Wiltshire Buildings Record.



TOP LEFT: Cruck visible on the landing of Studley Grange farmhouse. © Wiltshire Buildings Record.

LEFT: Joint where 14th-century upper timbers cap a 13th-century cruck, all smoke-blackened, at 41 Green Road, Swindon. © Wiltshire Buildings Record.



The Wiltshire and Swindon Historic Environment Record (HER) consists of a database with integrated digital mapping that holds information on all the currently known archaeological and historical monuments for the County – a fantastic resource. It contains records of over 50,000 monuments, including earthworks, finds spots, and historic buildings, and contains information about all types of archaeological investigations, as well as various sources such as aerial photographs.

To give a taste of what the HER holds, this article explores some of the notable records for the town of Corsham. Starting in the centre of the town at The Corsham School, aerial photographs of 1946 show the current School playing fields under allotments (HER record MWI74074), created as part of the 'Digging for Victory' campaign introduced in 1940. To the west of the School is Hatton Way, named after Sir Christopher Hatton, a favourite courtier of Elizabeth I. Sir Christopher, when expressing devotion for his queen, always signed his letters with a hat drawn over the word 'on'. Hatton spent about four years at Corsham House (MWI34260), now Corsham Court, a Grade I listed Elizabethan country house. Unfortunately, financial problems caused him to sell up!



TOP RIGHT: Corsham Court. Image reproduced by kind permission of the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre.

LEFT: The Grade II listed 'Pepper Pot', an 18th-century toll house. © Wiltshire Council.

RIGHT: A ventilation shaft serving the underground Pickwick Quarry. © Wiltshire Council.

## WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON'S HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD

Halfway down Hatton Way is the site of Purleigh Barn (MWI65896), a demolished 19th-century outfarm of regular courtyard plan. The farmstead and all its historic buildings have been lost. The Wiltshire and Swindon Farmsteads and Landscapes Project Report summarises the results of mapping the historic character and survival of more than 4,000 farmsteads and 2,700 outfarms and field barns in Wiltshire, all mapped onto the HER. Knowledge and protection of the surviving historic farmsteads is essential if they are to be retained as a distinctive part of the rural landscape of the County.

Another notable Corsham building is the 'Pepper Pot', a Grade II listed toll house (MWI34400) on the A4 Bath Road. This pretty building was also once a sweet shop and is now a summerhouse. To the north of the A4 Bath Road, exploratory archaeological investigation in 2016 found a Neolithic (4,000 – 2,000 BC) pit (MWI76326), containing fragments of pottery. The field also contains evidence of ponds but the most exciting feature here lies underground. This is the former stone quarrying tunnel which probably ran from Hartham Park Quarry, sometimes known as the Pickwick Quarry. Bath Stone, a warm, honey-coloured limestone, has been desirable since Roman times and Brunel's cutting of the Box Railway Tunnel, close to Corsham, revealed a rich seam of high-quality stone. The Corsham mines were extensively worked with miles of tunnels, chambers, and air shafts, and became the ideal underground storage location for the War Office during the Second World War and of further use during the Cold War (MWI31707). One of the ventilation shafts for the tunnels can still be seen above ground. So why not explore our HER for the area around where you live in Wiltshire. Visit our [website](#) or contact us at [archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk) for more information.



**AN IMPORTANT BRONZE AGE BURIAL GROUND AT NETHERHAMPTON ROAD, SALISBURY**



Aerial photography has shown that several ring ditches exist in a short stretch of the Nadder Valley between Harnham and Netherhampton. Some 35 ring ditches have been identified, and more are sure to exist, located both on the valley floor, as well as the valley slopes. Their mounds have long since been denuded, but what survives still retains valuable archaeological information about the practice of burial in the earlier Bronze Age (2,200 – 1,500 BC).

Proposed residential development immediately west of West Harnham has provided the opportunity to investigate archaeologically several of these barrows and Cotswold Archaeology and Museum of London Archaeology (MOLA) have been doing just that over the winter of 2022 and into early 2023.

MOLA excavated a double ring-ditch and a second adjoining ring-ditch. Interestingly these monuments were located on the floor of the Nadder Valley. In the heavy winter rain, the barrow got close to being flooded but it seemed to occupy, probably intentionally, a slight gravel rise so that it stayed just above the flood level. The excavations revealed large graves in the centre of each ring-ditch, both of which contained the skeleton of an individual. The graves were of considerable size, far larger than was needed to bury the one individual. Samples from the fill of the grave may tell us if there was a reason for that and if there was other material buried in the grave that has not survived to the present day, such as wood or organic material.

Bronze Age burial mounds or barrows are one of the most common monument types to be found in Wiltshire, which, along with Dorset, probably has some of the densest concentrations of such monuments in the country. Many people will be familiar with the prominent barrow cemeteries set out on the chalk ridges all around Stonehenge which only add to the atmosphere of this most prehistoric of landscapes. Those barrows, with upstanding mounds still surviving, represent only the most visible of this monument type. Many more survive only as ring-ditches, the quarries from which the mounds were constructed, but where the mounds have long since been denuded by ploughing over centuries. Aerial photography and fortuitous discoveries have shown that these barrows, in the form of surviving ring-ditches, were constructed on a wider range of geologies and topographies and not just on the chalk downland.



However, one of the burials was accompanied by a very fine pottery vessel, a highly decorated Beaker. These vessels are attributed to a migrant population that arrived in Britain around 4,500 years ago bringing with them new burial practices and these distinctive pottery vessels. It is hoped that this particularly fine example will go on display in Salisbury Museum.

Meanwhile on the opposite side of the Netherhampton Road, Cotswold Archaeology on behalf of their client, Vistry Group, has been excavating a group of five ring-ditches or barrows that form a barrow cemetery just at the base of the valley side. The barrows are marked by their different size, the width and depth of the ring-ditches, and the presence or absence of graves within or adjacent to the barrows. One grave within one of the barrows contained a fine and rare food vessel with a small handle, while one grave just outside of one barrow contained five individuals, an adult and four infants, all very tightly grouped. The implication is that they died in a single catastrophic event and analysis of the human remains will elucidate why they died and

their relationship to each other, as well as to other individuals buried in the other barrows.

Most unexpectedly, the excavation has also revealed an Early Saxon (5th – 7th-century AD) waterhole, as well as a smattering of Saxon pottery. It is not unusual for later Saxon burials to be inserted into or around the mounds of Bronze Age barrows, although at Netherhampton Road, it is not clear why this functional feature should have been placed here. That there were Saxons living nearby is attested by a very famous Saxon inhumation cemetery found in Harnham in the 19th-century. For the time being, the excavations at Netherhampton Road have been concluded. The long process of analysing the results is underway and will result in a publication that will reveal the details of this important excavation.

TOP LEFT: The Bronze Age barrows under excavation south of Netherhampton Road. © Cotswold Archaeology, reproduced with kind permission.

BOTTOM LEFT: The central grave and burial from one of the barrows north of Netherhampton Road. © MOLA, reproduced with kind permission.

ABOVE: A double-ditched barrow before excavation south of Netherhampton Road. © Cotswold Archaeology, reproduced with kind permission.

MIDDLE LEFT: Beaker vessel grave good from one of the burials north of Netherhampton Road. © MOLA, reproduced with kind permission.

BELOW: The Saxon waterhole with waterlogged timbers south of Netherhampton Road. © Cotswold Archaeology, reproduced with kind permission.







**A MYSTERY HOLE IN EAST KENNETT:  
A PREHISTORIC OR ROMAN OPENING INTO  
THE UNDERWORLD?**

The site was of sufficient interest that Professor Josh Pollard of the University of Southampton's Department of Archaeology organised an exploratory excavation of the site in late summer 2022. Much interest centred on discovering the purpose of the feature that had created the mystery hole two years earlier. The excavations stripped an area around the hole and revealed the sarsen stones surrounding the rim and slumped into the pit. At this stage, the only way to find out what lay below the sarsen stones was to carefully lift and remove them. By this stage, interest in the story was such that it attracted the attention of Professor Alice Roberts and the 'Digging for Britain' team, who filmed the lifting of the sarsen stones (Series 10, Episode 4).

Once removed and after some more careful excavation down to a depth of 2m, it became clear that this feature was not in fact a prehistoric burial chamber but a natural sink hole, the upper portions of which had been modified in the Roman period. A sink hole is formed from the natural dissolving of the soluble chalk bedrock, creating a deep fissure or hole in the bedrock. The Romans had erected the sarsens on the inner edge of this natural feature perhaps partly to form a barrier to stop livestock and children from falling into it, but perhaps also to emphasise it, as an opening into the underworld. The project emphasises the uncertainty of archaeology. As Professor Pollard so eloquently put it, it is 'what makes archaeology a vibrant and unpredictable subject!'

In summer 2020 a mysterious hole appeared in a field close to the village of East Kennett, within the Avebury World Heritage Site, and was reported to the Archaeology Service. Being archaeologists, we are always fascinated to explore any such phenomena and so members of our team quickly went to the site and undertook an initial exploration. This found that the hole comprised a substantial pit, roughly circular, around 1m in diameter, and lined by four large blocks of unworked sarsen stone. The feature appeared to have a deliberate void, and was capped by other sarsens, two of which remained in place, while a third appeared to have collapsed into the pit, so revealing the presence of the feature. A flint blade and a rim of Roman greyware were recovered from the collapsed fill but were assumed to be incidental. The initial interpretation was that this was a prehistoric cist or burial chamber. Similar examples of sarsen-capped burials are known from the wider region.

Consequently, Historic England undertook geophysical survey of the site of the 'hole' and its surroundings in 2021 and identified other possible chambered features, along with several ditches belonging to a field or enclosure system, and two possible rectilinear buildings. Along with the possible cist, the possible buildings were of interest as they bore some resemblance to the plans of Early Neolithic houses.



TOP: The mystery hole at East Kennett as it first appeared in 2020. © Wiltshire Council.

LEFT: The sarsen stones after initial excavation by the University of Southampton. © University of Southampton. Reproduced with kind permission.

RIGHT: The 'sink hole' after excavation. © University of Southampton. Reproduced with kind permission.



**SOME FINDS REPORTED TO  
WILTSHIRE'S FINDS LIAISON OFFICER**



A notable feature of the Covid-19 pandemic was the increase in the number of people who took up metal-detecting as they sought new interests that could be undertaken individually and outdoors. Everyone taking up the pastime is encouraged to follow the Code of Practice for Responsible Metal Detecting in England and Wales (2017), which sets out the legal requirements as well as more general guidance on accepted best practice [finds.org.uk](https://www.finds.org.uk). There is no doubt that the results of metal detecting have contributed significantly to our knowledge of the heritage of England and Wales. Much of this is due to the work of the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) which was established in the late 1990s. The PAS encourages the reporting of all finds of archaeological objects, whether through metal detecting or not and is not limited to items of precious metal. To date, the PAS has recorded over 1.6 million objects, which has provided an extraordinary insight into the study of archaeological objects and their distribution.

TOP: Late Bronze Age gold penannular ring. Reproduced by kind permission of the Portable Antiquities Scheme.  
TOP RIGHT: Blue glass bead dating from anytime between the Iron Age and Late Saxon period. Reproduced by kind permission of the Sussex Archaeological Society.  
RIGHT: 17th-century silver cufflink. Reproduced by permission of the Portable Antiquities Scheme.



Locally, the work of the PAS is overseen by Finds Liaison Officers (FLOs) who receive, identify and record archaeological objects, plus deal with Treasure finds from England and Wales. Wiltshire has its own FLO and Sophie Hawke is based at Salisbury Museum and would be very glad to hear from you if you have any objects that you would like identified and reported on ([pas@salisburymuseum.org.uk](mailto:pas@salisburymuseum.org.uk)).

These are some typical finds from Wiltshire that have been reported over the last 18 months or so and they show the variety in age, type and material of object that are recorded. This complete gold or gold-plated penannular ring is of Late Bronze Age date (1150-750 BC). The object is oval and about 1.5cm across. The ring is mostly gold in colour, except for a brown band that appears to wrap around it. It is likely that this is the core of the object that has been heavily coated in gold and then filed away to leave the band. The ring's function remains uncertain, although it is likely that they were personal adornments, possibly worn on the ears or nose, rather than being hair-ornaments or items of exchange.

Not all objects reported are of metal. This beautiful, complete, annular, blue glass bead, around 1cm in diameter, dating from the Iron Age to early Medieval period c. 100 BC to AD 750, was found near Alderbury. This last object, found near Wroughton, is a silver cufflink, one element of a pair that would have been linked together. The cufflink, which is around 1.5cm in diameter, has stamped decoration of a pair of hearts side by side with a crown above. Cufflinks were introduced in England in the latter half of the 17th-century and those with this design are considered to have originally been produced to commemorate the marriage of Charles II to Catherine of Braganza in 1662 but continued to be used as a general symbol of love or marriage.







**THE REMAINS OF OLD SARUM'S CATHEDRAL FOUND IN NEW SARUM'S CATHEDRAL CLOSE WALL**

The Grade I Cathedral Close Wall in Salisbury started to be constructed in the later 13th-century but was not completed until the 15th- or 16th-century. It was built both as a defensive structure but also as a symbol of the status of the clergy and their lordship of the Close. It is known that permission was given in the 14th-century for stone from the Cathedral at Old Sarum to be used in the construction of the Close Wall and carved stone from the Cathedral can be seen on the Exeter Street face of the Close Wall in the form of stylised flowerheads.

The repair in 2022 of a short, leaning section of the Close Wall within the grounds of Bishop Wordsworth School along Exeter Street therefore provided the opportunity to examine its masonry makeup and to identify other masonry that might have been purloined from the old Cathedral at Old Sarum. The repair work was undertaken by the stonemasons of the Salisbury Cathedral Works Department under the watchful eye of Graham Keevil, Salisbury's Cathedral Archaeologist.

The exercise proved to be worthwhile as several pieces of very fine carved masonry were identified, mostly hidden and not visible on the face of the Wall. It also seems likely that even plain ashlar blocks came from the old Cathedral at Old Sarum. It seems odd today that, despite all the effort put into constructing a fine cathedral at Old Sarum, within a hundred years or so it was used as little more than a quarry for the construction of the Close Wall. However, it does add to the historical and archaeological importance of the Close Wall, which is also a strong architectural and aesthetic feature of the Close and the city landscape.



TOP LEFT: Salisbury Cathedral Close Wall under repair. © Wiltshire Council

TOP RIGHT: Carved stone, formerly part of the Cathedral at Old Sarum, built into the Close Wall along Exeter Street. © Wiltshire Council

MIDDLE RIGHT: Carved stone, formerly part of the Cathedral at Old Sarum, built into the Close Wall along Exeter Street. © Wiltshire Council

BOTTOM RIGHT: Carved stonework from Old Sarum Cathedral built into the Close Wall. © Wiltshire Council

Stonehenge, Avebury & Associated Sites were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage Site (WHS) List in 1986 and was one of the UK's very first World Heritage Sites. Stonehenge is the most sophisticated prehistoric stone circle in the world, and Avebury is the largest. Both stone circles lie at the heart of prehistoric landscapes containing numerous impressive and amazingly well-preserved ceremonial monuments dating back over 5,000 years to the Neolithic and Bronze Age. Together they form a landscape without parallel.

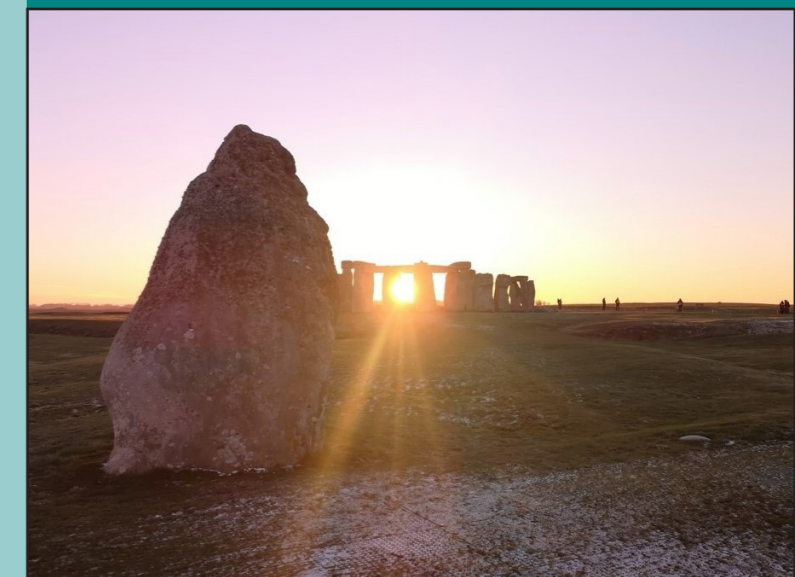
To achieve World Heritage status, sites must define what makes them to be of Outstanding Universal Value, or internationally significant, and how they intend to protect and enhance this. This is achieved through the adoption of a WHS Management Plan. In December 2022 Claire Selman joined the Stonehenge & Avebury WHS Coordination Unit within the Wiltshire Council Archaeology team. The primary aim of the unit is to coordinate the delivery of the Stonehenge and Avebury WHS Management Plan. To do so, Claire works with over 25 partners, including national organisations such as the National Trust and English Heritage, and farmers and communities living within and surrounding the WHS.

Priorities within the [Management Plan](#) cover what may at first seem a surprising span of topics extending beyond archaeology to subjects including woodland management, dark skies preservation and arts projects. Together, the Management Plan's actions work to preserve the site's buried archaeology, relationship with the landscape and accessibility for visitors. No two days within the Coordination Unit are the same from meeting with partners viewing activity on site, to engaging with visitors at local events and organising Partnership Panel and Steering Committee meetings.

Claire recently spent some time exploring the WHS through the range of services available at the Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre, which you can read about in a blog post [here](#). Her discoveries included viewing some of the 1,114 entries on the Historic Environment Record from Stonehenge and Avebury. Each record builds a picture of life across the ages on this site, from Neolithic flint tools to Bronze Age round barrows, Saxon pottery and more.

TOP: Stonehenge with a near Winter Solstice alignment, December 2022. © Wiltshire Council.

RIGHT: Attending Open Farm Sunday on the edge of Avebury WHS, June 2023. © Wiltshire Council.



The opportunity to support the management of these iconic sites has led Claire to discover even more about our County and its heritage, and there's a wealth of monuments to explore beyond the stone circles themselves. To help plan a visit to the World Heritage Site, Claire recommends the walking trails on National Trust's Avebury and Stonehenge Landscape pages and the historical information on English Heritage's Stonehenge pages.

There are currently 33 UK World Heritage Sites, and 1,157 in total globally. The UK's World Heritage Sites demonstrate the breadth of what World Heritage can be, from natural sites like the Lake District to industrial sites such as The Slate Landscape of Northwest Wales and even an entire city, Bath. Discover them all at: [UNESCO World Heritage Centre - World Heritage List](#) To find out more about the Stonehenge, Avebury & Associated Sites World Heritage Sites, visit our [website](#) and follow @StoneAveWHS on Twitter.



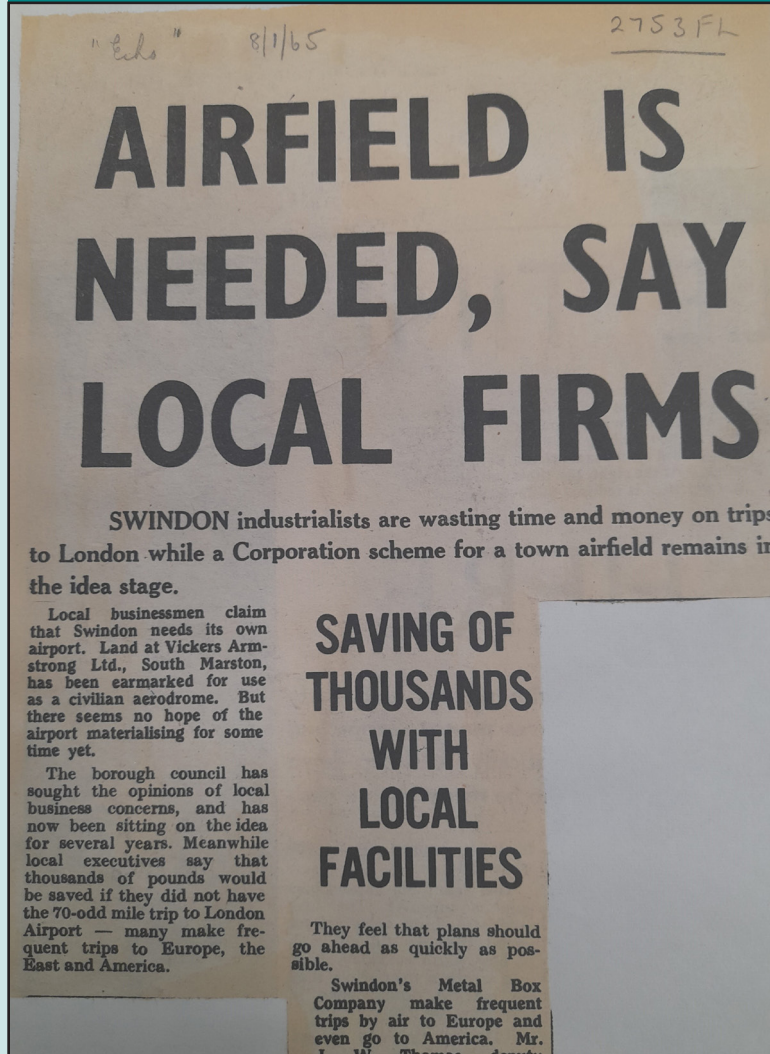


**PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES – AN IMPORTANT SITE OF SWINDON'S 20TH-CENTURY INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE REVEALS ITS ANCIENT PAST.**

In 1985 Honda started work on building their new car plant at South Marston, Swindon, providing a much-needed boost to the local economy and employment. The car plant itself replaced the site of an aircraft factory, first developed in the late 1930s as a 'shadow' aircraft factory, and then as an active manufacturing facility from 1940. South Marston Aerodrome was constructed at this time to serve in the Second World War. Phillips & Powis Aircraft Ltd, Short Brothers, and Vickers-Armstrong-Supermarine all produced aircraft at the site, including the iconic Supermarine Spitfire. Having been considered but been rejected as a possible municipal airport serving Swindon in the 1960s, the airfield came to end when Honda bought the site for their new venture. However, the runway still exists, running through the site, and was used by Honda as a test track. One of the attractions to Honda was the skilled engineer workforce of Swindon arising from its role in the railway industry. However, after 35 years, the Honda factory itself came to an end and the site is now being redeveloped again.

This redevelopment has provided the opportunity to explore the archaeology of the site preceding its 20th-century history. Remarkably, despite two significant phases of development to construct South Marston Airfield and then the Honda works, evidence for Late Iron Age (200 BC – AD 43) and Roman settlement, surrounded by extensive field systems, has come to light, some surviving under the airfield runway! Oxford Archaeology has been undertaking exploratory investigations and more detailed excavation at the site prior to development.

The evidence points to a small rural settlement that lies just off Ermine Street, the Roman road that links the local small town of Durocornovium (Wanborough) with the important regional centre of Corinium (Cirencester). The buildings might have been of slight construction and left little trace but finds of box tile, brick and tegula suggest a significant building lay nearby. A corn drier was found alongside some stone-lined pits, suggesting an area devoted to crop processing. Finds from the settlement include quern stones from grinding corn, whetstones for sharpening tools and two Roman shoes! The excavations are on-going and further discoveries are expected. The results will continue to add to the extraordinary history of this site on the edge of Swindon.



TOP: Newspaper cutting from 1965 about South Marston Airfield. © Swindon Echo, 8 January 1965. Reproduced by kind permission of the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre, document reference 2753FL.

LEFT: Aerial view of Iron Age and Roman deposits under the runway. © Oxford Archaeology. Reproduced with kind permission.

ABOVE: Excavating an Iron Age feature. © Oxford Archaeology. Reproduced with kind permission.

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## Salisbury Area Grant Report

### Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Salisbury Area Board. These could include:
  - community area grants
  - youth grants
  - older and vulnerable people grants
  - area board initiatives
2. To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

### Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2023/24	£ 31,653.00	£ 24,422.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 12,999.98	£ 11,539.00	£ 3,609.28
Current Balance	£ 18,653.02	£ 14,883.00	£ 4,090.72
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 13,593.05	£ 8,113.00	£ 3,090.72

### Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1440</a>	Area Board Initiative	Salisbury Area Board	Printing of Cost of Living Leaflet for Salisbury	£500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>                      The area board is working in partnership with the city council and a wide range of community groups, charities, faith settings and organisations to ensure those most in need have access to information regarding cost of living support and local warm spaces. This new leaflet will be hand delivered in targeted areas of the city where there is a known need for additional support and also located in public spaces across the city.</p>					

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1392</a>	Community Area Grant	Bemerton Community Limited	St Johns Place blackout blinds and dishwasher replacement	£4119.95	£2059.97
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>St Johns Place is looking to install additional black-out blinds for use when films and presentations are being shown particularly during the day. In addition, our dishwasher needs to be upgraded to a professional one to handle increased volumes of visitors.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1398</a>	Community Area Grant	Bemerton Residents Association	Santas Grotto	£6000.00	£3000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Santas Grotto will be a permanent fixture that can be utilised for other events through the Year</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1414</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wessex Archaeology Ltd	Well City Salisbury	£500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Well-City Salisbury is about connection – to the arts, to heritage, to our local area, to the landscape and to each other. This partnership project supports people with low to medium mental health needs in the Salisbury area on their wellbeing journey through free 8 week long creative courses and volunteering opportunities. The project has been supported by The National Lottery Community Fund but we have a level of match funding to meet. We are giving an overview of the entire project but are asking for your support to continue the Art Club a new direction for the project which gives the vulnerable adults the opportunity to connect further. Art Club was created in response to participants feedback. After completing the 2 courses allowed per year, many of the participants needed a space to continue to take part and engage with creative activities and further build friendships and connections with place and each other. Art Club is now run by artists and our project co-ordinator. Each month participants come together to try out a new artistic technique whilst catching up with other participants for further social interaction. The Art Club is in addition to our original project plan/application. Due to its success we strongly wish to continue providing this additional club. The main project primarily uses a model where participants are referred onto a course by their GP practice, support organisation, community group or school wellbeing team. However, we also welcome self-referrals. Over the past two years we are very proud that Well-City Salisbury has become embedded in the Salisbury Wellbeing offer. We are hoping to gain continuation funding to keep Well-City part of the community and increase its scope by offering course at locations throughout Wiltshire. Our courses are facilitated by staff from our partner organisations – ArtCare at Salisbury District hospital, The Salisbury Museum, Wessex Archaeology and Wiltshire Creative – alongside local artists experienced in supporting people with mental health needs. Courses are available for both vulnerable adults (over 20s) and young people (14-19). The courses are really varied including creative writing, heritage walks, art classes etc. We would like to increase the courses and offer some more practical courses as our recent photography course was really well received and the participants gained a great deal through learning new skills</b></p>					



<a href="#">ABG1288</a>	Youth Grant	Salisbury City Council	Friary Hangout casual staffing and youth development activity	£6332.00	£1770.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b></p> <p>The Friary Hangout is a youth space created by young people on the Friary with the support of the SCC communities team. It evolved from outreach and consultation conducted by the Communities Team and community development staff from Communities first as part of the Wiltshire Community Foundation Funded Stronger Families Programme. Young people asked for this space and a group of 10 young people took part in a young leaders programme with Communities First and took a lead on shaping the nature of the provision. 1) Casual staffing support – because of increased attendance to this provision in our small space and the layout of the centre in relation to the MGUA we need 4 staff members to safely staff this weekly . This means we need to pay for a casual assistant which is not accounted for in our establishment staffing. We have had various failed attempts at securing volunteers for the hangout and the people who have come forward are parents of the young people attending and have not been able to leave personal issues outside the space. Having a reliable casual staff member for this session will make the activity sustainable and able to respond to increases in need. 2) Activity access to the city and beyond. This element of what the hangout is and can be has evolved from our work as part of the Wiltshire Community Foundation funded Stronger Families Programme and our switch to an asset-based approach to our work. Because our provision is youth led we are always looking for new ways to respond to their ideas and to address the barriers they identify to us. We have developed much stronger relationships with cultural and sports partners across the city and are finding many opportunities to support young people on the Friary into activity that supports their interests, develops their skills, gives them access to experiences they could not otherwise afford and overcoming some of the barriers they feel in building a sense of belonging to our city. This activity could include taking part in a city wide project, travelling to an event to represent their group, accessing a facility such as the underground studios for a workshop or training from e.g. Communities First. All of this activity would be decided on by the young people who attend the hang out, with our Youth Community Development Officer (Megan), and it is therefore difficult to predict how many sessions or trips this may include. We can estimate 2 to 4 projects or trips - depending on costs of the youth-led plans We have 24 young people living on the Friary Estate registered with the Hangout and weekly attendance of between 12 and 20 young people.</p>					

<a href="#">ABG1415</a>	Youth Grant	Wiltshire Creative	SK Shlomo Breathe event and Breathe Academy	£10000.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b></p> <p><b>Wiltshire Creative Young Ambassadors are a group of young people who are passionate about championing the voices of young people through the arts. They support Wiltshire Creative in their priorities for young people as well as plan and deliver activities and events for their peers. The young ambassadors decided as a team that there was a lack of accepting places young people could go to and wanted to make an opportunity for young people to come together. They researched and identified an event with accompanying outreach work they wish to present to highlight an issue of importance in their community, their proposal is as follow in their own words: Breathe, by award winning artist SKShlomo is a show about connecting people through music to fight against poor mental health and suicide, it grows an awareness of mental and Health and suicide in a positive and fun way. You get to listen to award winning artist SK Shlomo’s story through music, connecting people through beats and music to come together regardless of who you are or where you come from. A series of workshops will take place in schools, colleges and through open access sessions involving young people in music making and other artforms to celebrate who they are and to shine a positive light on Mental Health and have fun. Not everyone wants to talk about it, so these workshops offer another way to connect and support each other through these challenges. After the workshops will be SK Shlomos performance of Breathe at Salisbury Arts Centre, in the show the artist tells their story of exploring their identity as non-binary, mixed race and neuro-diverse with experience of mental health challenges and suicide. The show is uplifting and joyful rather than dark and depressing, connecting the audience through beats and music to come together to raise awareness of mental Health issues and to fight against suicide. The workshops are for young people aged 12+ and will take place in schools, colleges and open sessions for anyone, these are free to take part in. If you have taken part in a workshop you are then invited to a session on the day of the show to rehearse to be part of the live performance. Participants then get the opportunity to perform in the show. All workshop participants will be offered free tickets to the event, there will also be a special ticket reduced ticket offer of £5 for under 18s making it easier for them to attend. ‘This project is important because today mental health is a big issue and many people suffer from poor mental health. Breathe creates awareness of it in a positive fun way, giving people confidence that they maybe they can talk about, maybe they can fight it, that they can unite against it’. Young Ambassador This project fits several of the Area Board priorities: • youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities This project engages young people together to connect and make a positive experience • supporting positive mental health and wellbeing Bringing awareness to the issues but not in a dark way, encouraging people to talk about it and understand it is possible to fight it together. • supporting under represented groups Gets everyone together regardless of race or identity. Connecting people, reaching out to everyone. Don’t need to worry how you identify, to be yourself, be who you want to be. Don’t need to fit into a specific box. We anticipate in reaching up to 100 young people through the workshops and more through the performance event itself. We are keen to understand what went well and what didn’t work so we will reflect on this using information collected in the following ways: Participant feedback Audience feedback More music opportunities, more opportunities taken up. Data tracking Post workshop/event survey Audience numbers Young Ambassador reflection</b></p>					

## Background

3. Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council’s website.
4. Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:
  - Community Area Grants (capital)
  - Youth Grants (revenue)
  - Older and Vulnerable People Grants (revenue)
5. The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

## **Main Considerations**

6. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young persons funding guidelines have been adhered to.
7. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
8. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

## **Safeguarding Implications**

9. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

## **Public Health Implications**

10. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

## **Environmental & Climate Change Implications**

11. Grant funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

## **Financial Implications**

12. Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

## **Legal Implications**

13. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

## **Workforce Implications**

14. There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

## **Equalities Implications**

15. Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.
16. Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

## **Proposals**

17. To consider and determine the applications for grant funding.

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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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## Salisbury Area Board - Youth grants report

The Salisbury Area Board’s youth panel met on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November, including attendances from Cllr Sven Hocking, Karlene Jammeh (Area Board Delivery Officer), Kathryn Evans (Assistant Headteacher) and students from Wyvern St Edmund’s school.

Grant applications were reviewed that provide positive activities for young people aged 13-19 or up to 25 with SEND and seek to address the local priorities for Salisbury:



- ❖ Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities
- ❖ Addressing climate change
- ❖ Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing
- ❖ Supporting under-represented groups
- ❖ Improving transport and access

**The total remaining in the Youth grants fund for 2023/24 is £14,883.00.**

Two Youth Area Board grant applications for Salisbury were presented to the panel and the following recommendations have been made to the Salisbury Area Board:

Application	Project cost	Amount Requested	Amount recommended	Rationale
Salisbury City Council - Friary Hangout casual staffing and youth development activity	£6,332.00	£1,770.00	£1,770.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The panel agreed that this is a valuable initiative, which will engage and make a positive difference to young people who live in The Friary</li> <li>• The panel liked that the young people will have a voice in what activities and trips they would wish to take part in</li> <li>• 6/6 young people on the panel have recommended the full amount of £1,770.00 to be awarded</li> </ul>
Wiltshire Creative - SK Shlomo Breathe event and Breathe Academy	£10,000.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The panel were in agreement that this inclusive event will address a range of very important subjects and support young people going forward</li> <li>• The workshops will engage a high number of young people, and they particularly liked that the application was written and the project planned by the Youth Ambassadors</li> <li>• 6/6 young people on the panel have recommended the full amount of £5,000.00 to be awarded</li> </ul>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£16,332.00</b>	<b>£6,770.00</b>	<b>£6,770.00</b>	

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## Salisbury Area Board - Older and Vulnerable Adults grants report

The Salisbury Area Board’s Health and Wellbeing group met on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, including attendances from Karlene Jammeh (Area Board Delivery Officer), Helen Dowse (Carers Champion), Irene Kohler (Older People’s Champion), Anne Trevett (Chair of Safer and Supportive Salisbury), Pip Loach (Senior Prevention and Wellbeing Officer) and Kate Darbyshire (Senior Resident Engagement Officer).

Grant applications were reviewed and extensively discussed by the panel of volunteers and officers that benefit and improve older and vulnerable residents’ health and wellbeing in Salisbury and seek to address the local priorities for Salisbury:



- ❖ Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities
- ❖ Addressing climate change
- ❖ Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing
- ❖ Supporting under-represented groups
- ❖ Improving transport and access

**The total amount remaining in the Older and Vulnerable Adults grants fund for 2023/24 is £4,090.72.**

Two Older and Vulnerable Adults grant applications for Salisbury were presented to the group and the following recommendations have been made to the Salisbury Area Board:

Grant application	Project cost	Amount requested	Amount recommended	Rationale
Well City Salisbury	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The panel agreed that this project is a valuable initiative to engage and bring together older and vulnerable residents in the Salisbury community</li> <li>• There is evidence that the project has positively impacted and supported residents with mental health needs</li> <li>• The panel have recommended for Well City to investigate and access additional funding moving forward for the sustainability of the Art Club</li> <li>• The panel recommend the full amount of £500.00 to be awarded</li> </ul>
Area Board Initiative - Cost of Living Leaflet for Salisbury	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As there is no qualifying or suitable body to make the application, an Area Board Initiative has been submitted by Cllr Ricky Rogers for this project which meets the grant funding criteria</li> </ul>



**Salisbury Area Board - Older and Vulnerable Adults grants report**

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The panel agreed the leaflet supported older and vulnerable adults last year during the cost-of-living crisis. The panel will support and provide feedback to improve the content of the leaflet for this winter</li> <li>• The panel recommend the full amount of £500.00 to be awarded</li> </ul>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,000.00</b>	<b>£1,000.00</b>	<b>£1,000.00</b>	



WILTSHIRE POLICE

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# Community Report

Salisbury Community Policing Team

November 2023

**Keeping Wiltshire Safe**

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Agenda Item 10

# Your CPT – Salisbury

**Inspector:** Insp Tina Osborn

**Neighbourhood Sergeant:** Sgt Lisa Lovatt

**Neighbourhood Officers:**

PC Hannah Cranham / PC Harry Murphy / PC Rachel Gunn / PC Susan Malkinson /  
PC Matt Boon / PC Kelvin Ramsey

**PCSOs:**

Alexander Heath / Charlotte King / Jennifer Moss / John Taylor / Valerie Brown /  
Geanina-Mariana Tablet / Matt Murray / Simon Ward / Rebecca Fudge

# Performance – 12 Months to September 2023

## Force

- Wiltshire Police recorded crime reports a YoY decrease of 1.5% in the 12 months to September 2023 and continues to have one of the lowest crime rates in the country per 1,000 population.
- Wiltshire Police has seen a 0.8% decrease in violence without injury crimes in the 12 months to September 2023.
- In September 2023, we received:
  - 11,113 '999' calls, which we answered within 17 seconds on average;
  - 16,306 '101' calls, which we answered within 1 minute 37 seconds on average;
  - 8,322 CRIB calls, which we answered within 19 minutes 52 seconds on average.
- In September 2023, we also attended 1,657 emergency incidents within 11 minutes and 33 seconds on average.

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Crime Type	Crime Volume	% of Crime
<b>Totals</b>	<b>42,814</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Violence without injury	7,389	17.3
Violence with injury	5,943	13.9
Criminal damage	4,694	11.0
Shoplifting	4,170	9.8
Stalking and harassment	4,001	9.3
Other crime type	16,617	38.8

## Salisbury CPT

Crime Type	Crime Volume	% of Crime
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,135</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Violence without injury	847	16.5
Violence with injury	685	13.3
Criminal damage	613	11.9
Shoplifting	468	9.1
Stalking and Harassment	425	8.3
Other crime type	2,097	40.8

### Stop and Search information for Salisbury CPT

During the 12 months leading to August 2023, 97 stop and searches were conducted in the Salisbury area of which 47.17% related to a search for controlled drugs.

During 58.5% of these searches, no object was found. In 41.5% of cases, an object was found. Of these cases 54.3% resulted in a no further action disposal; 21.4% resulted in police action being taken; 27.7% resulted in an arrest.

Of the stop and search subjects who defined their ethnicity:

- White – 61 stop and searches
- Mixed – 1 stop and search

# Performance – Hate Crime Overview

## Force

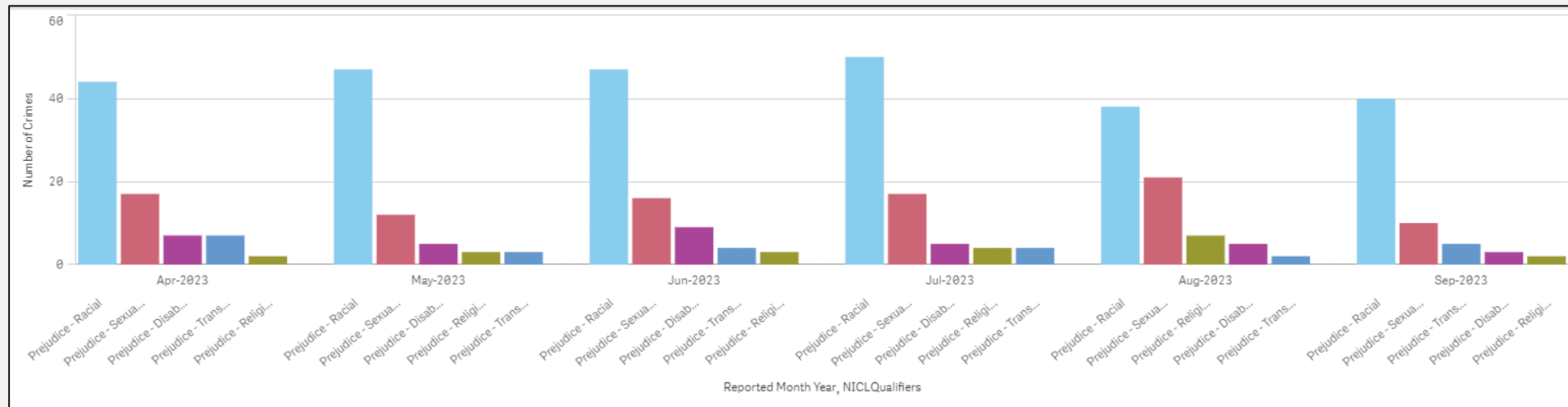
Monthly hate crime volumes remain within nominal bounds with no exception. Year on year trend

Data is reporting increases in Transgender and Sexual Orientation related hate which follows National trends.

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Data from the victim satisfaction survey reports that Hate Crime victims have an 84.5% overall satisfaction rate with the service they receive from Wiltshire Police (data currently only available to March 2023).

### Force Hate Crime (6 months to September 2023)





# Local Priorities & Updates

Priority	Update
Non-dwelling burglaries	Whilst we have seen a significant reduction in non-dwelling burglaries over the last couple of months in the Broadchalke and Dinton areas, we are aware that there has been a few reports in Redlynch, Landford and Downton. These have predominately involved business premises and outbuildings. High visibility targeted patrols are being carried out in these areas.
ASB	ASB continues to be a priority in the Alderbury and Longhedge area. High Visibility patrols are being conducted at certain times to deal with any incidents and provide reassurance to the community. The police are working very closely with partner agencies including the Parish Councils, and local community groups to address some of the issues and concerns raised.
Off road motorbikes/ quadbikes	Reports have been received regarding the use of off road motorbikes and quadbikes being ridden in the Wilton area which is causing a danger to road users. Targeted patrols are being conducted in this area, to identify the perpetrators and deal with them robustly.
Rural Crime	Rural crime continues to be a focus for the team especially now we are in the poaching / hare coursing season. We are continuing to conduct proactive operations with our neighbouring forces and our Rural Crime Team in tackling rural crime.

# Local Priorities & Updates Continued

Priority	Update
ASB regarding catapults	We have received several reports of youths using catapults in the Bemerton Heath and Redlynch areas. These incidents on occasions have caused damage to vehicles and windows. Local officers are working with partner agencies in order to identify those responsible and adopt a joined up approach in dealing with the individuals robustly.
Community Speed Watch	The teams continue to support, where capacity allows, the positive work the Community Speed Watch teams do across the area.
Business Crime	The Neighbourhood team have been working closely with are partner agencies to provide reassurance to our business community in the City Centre and deter shoplifting offences. High visibility patrols have been carried out in the City and Southampton Road.
Vulnerable checks	Officers conduct regular visits to our identified vulnerable people to both reassure them following reported concerns and to deter visits by criminals who wish to exploit them. We have been working closely with Wiltshire Council Housing on evidence to support several injunctions which we have now got in place. These premises are visited regularly by the teams to provide support to those who are most vulnerable.

# Useful Links

For more information on Wiltshire Police's performance please visit:

- PCC's Website - <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/>
- HMICFRS Website - <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/>
- For information on what crimes and incidents have been reported in the Salisbury Community Policing Team area visit <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/>

# Get Involved

Keep up to date with the latest news and alerts in your area by signing up to our **Community Messaging service** –

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**Find out more information on your CPT area at:  
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## DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

### WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD REPORT

#### Community Safety Plan

DWFRS Community Safety Plan can be found on the DWFRS website;  
<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

#### Prevention

We are committed to making a real difference to the lives of people in Dorset and Wiltshire. Our aim is to reduce the level of risk and harm to our communities from fire, targeting those most at risk. We do this primarily through our Safe and Well visits.

A Safe and Well visit is **FREE** and normally lasts about one hour covering topics such as:

- Using electricity safely
- Cooking safely
- Making an escape plan
- What to do if there is a fire
- Keeping children safe
- Good practice – night time routine and other points relevant to you
- Identifying and discussing any further support the occupier may need

Are you or anyone you know:-

- Over the age of 65?
- Need a smoke detector?
- Have a long-term health condition?
- Suffer from poor hearing or sight loss?
- Would you struggle to escape in the event of a fire?

If you can answer yes to more than one of these questions, then please call us on 0800 038 2323 or visit <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>

## Protection

On-going interaction by Protection Team members with Local Authorities, Private landlords and tenants regarding fire safety-related matters: external cladding systems; fire detection and warning systems; fire resisting doors (& self-closers); combustibility/fire resistance of construction materials; commercial and residential sprinklers systems and water-mist suppression systems

### **General Enquiries**

If you have a general fire safety enquiry regarding commercial property, please email [fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk) and the Fire Safety Team will respond in office hours.

### **Fire Safety Complaint**

If you wish to tell us about fire safety risks in commercial premises, such as locked or blocked fire exits, you have three options:

- You can email the fire safety department at [enforcement@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:enforcement@dwfire.org.uk)
- Call 01722 69 1717 during office hours (9am-5pm).
- Call our Service Control Centre on 0306 799 0019 out of office hours (5pm-9am)

## On Call Recruitment

Have you always wondered if you could join the fire service, but haven't had the opportunity to find out more? Have you found yourself seeking your next challenge, keen to give back to the local community or wanting to learn new skills including leadership and teamwork? Then becoming an on-call firefighter is for you.

As a paid position, on-call firefighters commit anywhere between 60 to 120 hours per week, during which time they must be able to respond to the station immediately.

Many have 'normal' jobs during the day, then upon their return home make themselves available overnight or during the weekends. Some of our crew respond from their workplaces during the day, and we are very grateful to their employers for releasing them to perform their vital duties.

Anyone over 18 years old can apply (although you can also apply once you are 17½) you must be able to respond and attend the fire station within 5-8 minutes, you have a good standard of physical fitness (i.e. you are generally active), and you must have the right to work in the UK.

Further information on becoming an On Call Firefighter can be found at [www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/) or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.

## **Recent News & Event**

### **Businesses urged to plan for new fire safety legislation**

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is supporting Business Safety Week, which runs between 11 and 17 September.

This campaign by the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) helps businesses understand their fire safety responsibilities and therefore remain safe, legal, and compliant.

To find out more about this, please visit:-

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/news/businesses-urged-to-plan-for-new-fire-safety-legislation/>

### **Student accommodation**



#WelcomeToLifeAtUni

There are things you can do to improve your safety and security as a student, especially if you're moving into new accommodation.

Every year, around 350 18-24 year olds are injured in accidental house fires started by cigarettes, smoking materials and cooking. Therefore, you need to make sure that you're familiar with the basics of fire and gas safety, as well as home and personal security.

To find out more information, please visit :-

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safer-housing/student-accomodation/>



## Storms and power cuts



When stormy weather is forecast, there are things we can all do to make sure we're prepared and staying as safe as possible.

For information on ways to stay safe in adverse conditions, please visit:-

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/storms-and-power-cuts/>

## Demand

Deliberate Fires						
	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23
Salisbury	4	5	0	2	1	1

Accidental Dwelling Fires						
	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23
Salisbury	2	3	1	6	2	2

Automatic Fire Alarm's Domestic						
	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23
Salisbury	15	7	6	5	19	24



Automatic Fire Alarm's Non Domestic						
	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23
Salisbury	13	16	10	11	9	15

Road Traffic Collision's						
	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23
Salisbury	5	1	4	2	6	3

### **Incidents of note**

Major fire in Tidworth. [Tidworth fire: 20 fire appliances at scene of large blaze - recap - Wiltshire Live](#)





**DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE**

Salisbury Fire Station Open Day Aug 2023. [Dozens gather for Salisbury Fire Station Open Day | Salisbury Journal](#)





**DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE**

## **Funeral of Mark Hillier.**

On November 10<sup>th</sup> the funeral service for Watch Manager Mark Hillier was held. Mark served at Pewsey and Salisbury Fire Stations. Family, friends, and colleagues lined the streets of his home village of Pewsey before travelling to Salisbury Fire Station. The Funeral cortege then moved onto Salisbury Crematorium for a private ceremony with close friends and family. RIP Mark.



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**DORSET & WILTSHIRE**  
**FIRE AND RESCUE**



## **Salisbury BID Area Board update**

### **What is a BID?**

- A BID (Business Improvement District) is a business-led, not-for-profit organisation formed to improve a defined commercial area.
- Funded by businesses, for the benefit of those businesses, a BID enables a coordinated investment into the area and delivers projects and services which are in addition to those already provided by the Council.
- A BID is a not-for-profit company, which can only be formed following consultation and a ballot in which businesses vote on a BID proposal.
- Following a successful ballot, a BID is created for a maximum 5-year term and operates within a legislative framework.
- During the term, all businesses defined within the business plan will be required to pay the mandatory BID levy, irrespective of whether they cast a vote in the ballot.
- BIDs were first established in Canada and the US, and now exist across the world. There are over 320 BIDs in the UK, including Winchester, Southampton, Bath and Bournemouth.

### **About Salisbury BID**

- Following an extensive consultation in 2014, businesses in Salisbury city centre voted to become a Business Improvement District (BID).
- Salisbury BID encompasses and is funded by over 500 levy-paying businesses within the ring road of the city.
- Business premises with a rateable value of £10,000 or above pay 1.5% of their rateable value into Salisbury BID through an annual levy, with funds amounting to £350,000 per year. These funds are allocated to projects and services which support the business environment.
- The BID is governed by a voluntary Board of [Directors](#), all of whom are levy-payers from different sectors in the city.
- Salisbury BID successfully renewed for a second term in 2019, following a record-breaking ballot result.
- This successful ballot gave Salisbury BID the mandate to continue working in the city for another 5 years. 66% of eligible businesses voted in the BID's renewal ballot, with 90% voting in favour to keep the BID

The main 3 priorities from [Salisbury BID's Business Plan \(2019 – 2024\)](#) are as follows;

#### **1. [Welcoming & Enhancing](#)**

The visitor experience is an increasingly important element to the success of city centres. Salisbury BID works with partners to enhance the overall appearance of the city, whilst developing the crime prevention and safety initiatives to ensure Salisbury remains a safe and welcoming place.

#### **2. [Promoting & Supporting](#)**

Salisbury has so much to offer, and we are working to maximise its potential. Through seasonal experiences, promotional activities and marketing campaigns, the BID works to promote businesses and the city to visitors and residents to increase footfall and spend in the city.

#### **3. [Representing & Influencing](#)**

Cities operate more efficiently when businesses and local authorities work together, and the BID will continue to encourage stronger partnership working. As an established partner representing businesses in the city, the BID is a strong voice to champion business needs.

As well as keeping business members up to date with the work the BID's delivering, a key element of the BID's role is to keep businesses up to date with latest city news and opportunities for businesses.

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Wiltshire Council are aware of the recent congestion issues in Central Car Park. There are currently two large construction projects underway in Salisbury city centre. The River Park is being delivered by the Environment Agency, and Fisherton Gateway being delivered by Wiltshire Council.

We understand that improvement works of this scale can cause disruption, especially when running concurrently, and we apologise for any inconvenience caused to motorists in the city. However, due to the funding deadline for the Fisherton Gateway scheme, we could not delay the works until after the completion of the River Park. We are working with the Environment Agency to improve traffic management in Central Car Park and reduce congestion. We know this is especially important in the run up to Christmas. To this end the following traffic management improvements are being implemented at Central Car Park:

- Manual operation of the temporary traffic lights on busy days (Tuesdays, Fridays & Saturdays) from 10am to 4pm commencing on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. This will clear queueing traffic more efficiently than operating the traffic lights on fixed timings.
- Improvements to signage for the Millstream Approach closure diversion.
- Additional signage to discourage people using the car park as a cut through.
- Improvements to road markings to designate queueing traffic.
- Offer the short stay car park (top deck only) to our current central long stay season ticket holders for the duration of the River Park works to ease pressure on the long stay spaces. We are also looking into alternative parking for market traders to free up even more long stay spaces on busy days.

In addition to the above, and in conjunction with Salisbury Business Improvement District (BID) and Salisbury City Council, we are also implementing wider measures to support local businesses over the Christmas period:

- Ten new variable message signs (VMS) to direct visitors and shoppers to the right car parks.
- Endeavor to supply three additional Park & Ride buses and promotion of bus travel.
- Endeavour to supply marshals on Fridays and Saturdays at Brown Street and Old George Mall car parks.
- Reopening of the top floor of Culver Street Car Park, as well as enhanced cleaning.
- Communications via radio, websites, press and social media to support above measures.

These schemes represent a massive investment in Salisbury which will improve the experience for residents and visitors alike and ensure a sustainable future for the city. We are working with our partners to complete these works as soon as possible and keep disruption to a minimum, and we thank people for their patience.

To help people plan their journeys we are providing traffic management information about the projects on the council's website [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/salisbury-traffic-management](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/salisbury-traffic-management).

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	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>		
<b>1.</b>	<b>Attendees and apologies</b>			
	Present:	Councillor Sam Charleston (SC) – Wiltshire Council – Chair Councillor Brian Dalton (BD) – Wiltshire Council Councillor Sven Hocking (SH) – Wiltshire Council Councillor Paul Sample (CPS) – Wiltshire Council Councillor John Wells (JW) – Salisbury City Council Marc Read (MR) – Salisbury City Council Peter Durnan (PD) – Cycle Opportunities Group Salisbury Patricia Podger (PP) – Elizabeth House Margaret Willmot (MW) – Salisbury Area Greenspace P/Ship Pam Rouquette (PR) – Salisbury Walking Forum Jo M (JM) – Local Resident Graham Axtell (GX) – Wiltshire Council Paul Shaddock (PS) – Wiltshire Council		
	Apologies:	Councillor Caroline Corbin (CC) – Wiltshire Council Councillor Mark McClelland (MM) – Wiltshire Council Councillor Charles McGrath (CM) – Wiltshire Council Councillor Ricky Rogers (RR) – Wiltshire Council Councillor Alan Bayliss (AB) – Salisbury City Council Lynne Davies (LD) – Salisbury City Council		

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2.	<b>Notes of last meeting</b>			
		<p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed at the Salisbury Area Board meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023.</p> <p>The Salisbury Area Board minutes can be found at:</p> <p><a href="https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=168&amp;MId=15010&amp;Ver=4">https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=168&amp;MId=15010&amp;Ver=4</a></p>	That the update is noted.	Area Board
3.	<b>Financial Position</b>			
		<p>There is currently £7,300.62 still unallocated.</p> <p>SC and SH advised the group that following this meeting a list of schemes and potential scheme costs would be sent to the Director of Highways as part of a bid for funding from the Salisbury Transport Strategy to deliver them.</p>	That the update is noted.	Area Board

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4.	New Issues / Issues Requiring A Decision		
a)	<p>Issue No: <a href="#">12-21-5</a></p> <p>Request for the provision of an improved pedestrian crossing facility at the junction of Stratford Road and Waters Road.</p>	<p>Outline designs of three potential options were shown at the previous meeting of the group. Following the last meeting two further options have been drawn up based on the suggestions made by SH to provide additional dropped kerbs in Waters Road where the road narrows (Option 4) and by RR to provide a larger pedestrian refuge (Option 5) The estimated costs of the options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Option 1 – £34,700</li> <li>• Option 2 – £48,430</li> <li>• Option 3 – £38,850</li> <li>• Option 4 – £9,565</li> <li>• Option 5 – £28,800</li> </ul> <p>The group are to discuss the options and if they wish to progress any to delivery.</p>	<p>The group discussed the possible options. CPS commented that ensuring pedestrians was the key design consideration at this location and advocated the merits of undertaking a trial scheme at this location. The group was open to the potentially undertaking a trial scheme.</p> <p>SC stated that the intention was to put a request for £50,000 forward to the STS funding pot which would cover the cost of delivering the most expensive option listed, subject to the group deciding which option, if any, they ultimately wished to pursue.</p> <p>That the update is noted.</p>

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<p>b)</p>	<p>Issue No: <a href="#">12-22-05</a></p> <p>Request to provide upgrade the Zebra crossing equipment on the A3094 Netherhampton Road to improve its conspicuity and address safety concerns around its visibility.</p>	<p>The group previously discussed this request to improve the Zebra crossing on Netherhampton Road alongside the alternative suggestion at <b>Item 5j</b> to upgrade the Zebra crossing to a signal-controlled facility.</p> <p>The results of the traffic survey undertaken in September 2023 recorded the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile approach speed to the Zebra crossing to be 28.9mph. Zebra crossings are considered to be an appropriate type of crossing facility where the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile approach speed to them is below 35.0mph. In consideration of this criterion the existing Zebra crossing on Netherhampton Road remains an appropriate type of facility for that location.</p> <p>Now the results of the traffic survey are known the group as to discuss whether they wish to support the request to provide the <a href="#">Simmons Signs Modupost</a> system or the request to upgrade the crossing to a traffic signal controlled facility.</p> <p>The Simmons Signs Modupost system would cost £12,000. Funding of £5,000 has been found from a S106 contribution that could be allocated towards this project. It should be noted that the approximate cost of introducing a traffic signal-controlled facility is in the order of £100,000-£120,000 (although might be higher depending on any site-specific issues identified during the design process). Any proposal to upgrade the pedestrian crossing would need to be subject to a bid to the substantive LHFIFG fund.</p> <p>If a decision is made to proceed with the Simmons Signs Modupost system, the request submitted by former Cllr Wills also asked if there were other measures that could be considered to highlight the presence of the Zebra crossing.</p>	<p>JM commented that she felt that the repainting of the Zebra crossing markings has had a positive impact in encouraging motorists to stop and allow pedestrians to use the crossing facility. JM encouraged the group to support the provision of both warning signs and SLOW markings. BD also supported their provision.</p> <p>BD indicated that whilst he was very keen to now see the Modupost system installed he was prepared to wait to see if its provision could be funded using STS funding. PS comments that an answer would be known in advance of the next LHFIFG meeting. PS If STS funding could not be used then LHFIFG could be allocated at the next of the group to allow the Modupost system to be provided.</p> <p>That the Area Board approves the allocation of £1,250 to allow this work to be undertaken.</p>	<p>Area Board</p>
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		<p>To highlight the presence of the Zebra crossing warning signs could be placed in advance of it. The estimated cost of providing two warning signs, complemented with SLOW road markings, is £1,250 [Note: This figure includes a 25% contingency].</p> <p>If the group wished to just go with the warning signs without the SLOW road markings, then the estimated cost of the works would be £625. [Note: This figure includes a 25% contingency].</p>		
c)	<p>Issue No: <a href="#">12-23-03</a></p> <p>Request to upgrade the existing Zebra crossing on Netherhampton Road to a traffic signalled controlled facility.</p>	<p>Please refer to the update for <b>Item 4b</b>.</p>	<p>That the update is noted.</p>	<p>Area Board</p>

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<p>d)</p>	<p>Issue No: <a href="#">12-23-07</a></p> <p>Improved crossing facilities in the vicinity of No. 18 Devizes Road</p>	<p>Investigations ongoing. Although in principle a Zebra crossing could be provided in the vicinity of No. 15 Devizes Road it would potentially mean relocating the bus stop clearway some distance from the shelter or back into the layby which would then potentially mask pedestrians using a relocated crossing. A traffic survey has been ordered to determine the vehicular approach speed to the potential location of the Zebra crossing so that the required amount of forward visibility of the crossing can be determined.</p> <p>A topographical survey will be required to produce a scheme design at this location. A cost estimate for a topographical survey has been requested. It is anticipated that the survey will cost in the region of £4,000.</p> <p>The group are to discuss this issue.</p>	<p>The group indicated a preference for relocating the Zebra crossing in the vicinity of No. 15 Devizes Road.</p> <p>The group asked PS to obtain a quote for a topographical survey and that would be happy to spend up to £2,000 on a survey, with the survey to focus on the area in the vicinity of No. 15 Devizes Road as a priority.</p> <p>That the Area Board approves the allocation of £2,000 to allow this work to be undertaken.</p>	<p>Area Board</p>
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<p>e)</p>	<p>Issue No: 12-23-12</p> <p>Request for accessibility improvements to Pinewood Way (Bemerton Folly), Victoria Park and the Bishopdown Sports Field</p>	<p>SCC have had accessibility audits undertaken to public open spaces that they own/manage at <a href="#">Pinewood Way (Bemerton Folly)</a>, <a href="#">Victoria Park</a> and the <a href="#">Bishopdown Sports Field</a>. The audits have identified issues at eight dropped kerb crossing points in the vicinity of the above facilities. The audits identified eight dropped kerbs across the three locations that didn't have blister tactile paving provided at them and this might result in visually impaired pedestrians walking straight out to the road.</p> <p>There is no legal requirement to have tactile paving at dropped kerb crossing points, albeit design guidance recommends the user of tactile paving at informal crossing points to assist visually impaired pedestrians in crossing roads. The change in footway level around a dropped kerb is also used by visually impaired pedestrians to identify that there is a dropped kerb in the vicinity. It is unlikely that a lack of tactile paving at the locations identified will result in visually impaired pedestrians inadvertently walking into the carriageway. At vehicle crossovers there is no requirement either legal or in design guidance to provide tactile paving. The lack of tactile paving at such locations doesn't result in visually impaired pedestrians walking into the carriageway.</p> <p>If the group wish to provide tactile paving at the locations identified in the audits, it will cost £910 per site. [Note: This figure includes a 25% contingency].</p>	<p>The group discussed this issue and agreed to proceed with addressing the issues with the dropped kerb crossing points in the vicinity of Victoria Park at this time on the basis that this was the most well used of the facilities.</p> <p>Four dropped kerbs crossing points in the vicinity of Victoria Park were identified as needing tactile paving, therefore the cost of undertaking this work would be £3,640.</p> <p>That the Area Board approves the allocation of £3,640 to allow this work to be undertaken.</p> <p>Addressing the issues in the vicinity of Pinewood Way (Bemerton Folly) and the Bishopdown Sports Field would be considered again at a future meeting of the group.</p>	<p>Area Board</p>
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5.	<b>Other Issues</b>			
a)	Issue No: <a href="#">12-20-2</a>  The provision of additional cycle parking stands in Salisbury City Centre.	Proposals to provide three parking stands in Pepys Walk were submitted to the Old George Mall Manager. The proposals are still being considered by the Old George Mall landlords. The Old George Mall Manager has indicated the proposals were discussed at a landlords meeting in October 2023 and he is expecting a decision on whether the cycle parking stands can be installed in November 2023.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
b)	Issue No: <a href="#">12-21-3</a>  Request for the provision of a pedestrian crossing point on the A354 Coombe Road in the vicinity of Portland Avenue.	Works were programmed to be completed during week commencing 25/09/2023. Unfortunately, works were delayed due to poor weather at the end of September preventing the coloured surfacing works from taking place. Works, subject to weather, have provisionally been programmed to take place during week commencing 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2023.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
c)	Issue No: <a href="#">12-22-07</a>  Request to provide a bus stop hardstanding in Stratford Road	Works commenced onsite in July 2023 but had to be suspended due to the discovery of a previously unrecorded street lighting power cable. The lighting column needs to be relocated by the Street Lighting Team to enable the new kerb line to be installed. Further inspection by the Street Lighting Team has identified an issue the mains power supply. This has been raised with SSE to address awaiting programming of this work by SSE. Once complete the column will be relocated and Milestone will programme the remaining works to be completed as soon as possible after the relocation of the lighting column.	That the update is noted	Area Board

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d)	<p>Issue No: <a href="#">12-22-10</a></p> <p>Request for the installation of ANPR cameras to enforce School Keep Clear markings at the Somerset Road School Campus</p>	<p>Unfortunately, the consultation period for the TRO amendment required to allow ANPR camera enforcement of School Keep Clear (SKC) markings in Salisbury has not yet commenced. To reduce the costs to the group this TRO amendment is being undertaken alongside other TRO work in Salisbury. The legal work on the other TRO has taken longer than expected to complete. It is estimated that the TRO consultation will now commence in November 2023.</p> <p>As previously advised the cost of providing the power supplies, new poles to mount the ANPR cameras and the installation of the ANPR cameras is estimated to £8,500. [Note: It is intended that funding for this scheme will be put forward for funding from the STS].</p>	That the update is noted.	Area Board
e)	<p>Issue No: <a href="#">12-22-12</a></p> <p>Accessibility improvements to Winchester Street Underpass</p>	<p>Revised proposals presented to DIGS who supported them. SH has raised some concerns about the revised proposals around will they sufficiently slow cyclists. Proposals to be reviewed and issues raised addressed with SH. Subject to those concerns being addressed the proposals will be sent to National Highways for approval in December 2023.</p>	That the update is noted	Area Board
f)	<p>Issue No: <a href="#">12-23-01</a></p> <p>Request for the installation of a bus shelter in Castle Road</p>	<p>The group previously decided that they did not wish to fund the provision of a bus shelter at this location until the wider discussion around alternative sources of funding had taken place. It is intended that this scheme will be submitted for funding from the Salisbury Transport Strategy (STS)</p> <p>No further action to be undertaken with respect to this issue until is it known whether the provision of the shelter can be funded from the STS.</p>	That the update is noted.	Area Board

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g)	Issue No: 12-23-02 Waiting Restriction Requests (2022)	Design work commenced. Draft proposals to be circulated to local members for comment in November 2023. Subject to the proposals being supported draft TRO schedules will be passed to the TRO Team to process.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
h)	Issue No: <a href="#">12-23-05</a> Request to upgrade the section of St. Mark's Path between St. Francis Road and Wessex Water Site	Design work ongoing. Proposals to be brought to the next meeting of the group for a funding decision.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
i)	Issue No: <a href="#">12-23-08</a> Improved dropped kerb provision in the York Road / Sidney Street area	Following SH's suggestion at the previous meeting to undertake further investigatory work to determine if the roots were under the surface or if the surface had just been disrupted by them. Wessex Tree Care have been commissioned to undertake a further survey of the roots in York Road. Awaiting the results of the survey.  Results of the survey to be reported to the next meeting of the group.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
j)	Issue No: <a href="#">12-23-10</a> Request to enforce prohibited right turn from Friary Lane into St. Ann Street.	No further action to be undertaken with respect to this issue at this time. The group have previously discussed this issue and acknowledged that ANPR enforcement could not be considered at this time. The group asked that this issue be kept open and reconsidered if and when the Council receives the powers to undertake enforcement action against moving traffic offences. It is likely to be April 2024 before the Council knows whether it will receive these powers.	That the update is noted.	Area Board



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k)	Waiting Restriction Requests (2021)  Requests for new or amendments to existing waiting restrictions.	Proposals with the TRO Team to undertake the necessary legal work. Formal TRO Consultation period expected to take place in December 2023.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
l)	Provision of improved access to <a href="#">Middle Street Meadow</a> , Harnham	Land purchase at this location ongoing between Wiltshire Council and the Environment Agency. It is anticipated that the purchase will be completed December 2023.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
m)	Safer Salisbury Street Lighting Improvements	Atkins still undertaking formal street lighting assessments at the locations identified. Results of the assessments expected in November 2023. Results of the assessments and proposed improvements to be circulated once available.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
n)	Various improvements to the Bishopdown Estate	Graham Axtell has advised that the works to improve the five dropped kerbs that he previously identified as being able to be improved using existing highways maintenance budgets will be undertaken in Quarter 4 of the financial year.	That the update is noted.	Area Board

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6.	<b>Closed Issues</b>			
a)	Issue No: <a href="#">12-20-5</a>  Request to address local concerns around an increased use of Milford Mill Road by vehicular traffic and its continued use by HGVs	Works completed in October 2023. Issue has been closed.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
b)	Issue No: <a href="#">12-22-09</a>  Request for the installation of buildouts on Milford Mill Road	At its September 2022 meeting the group decided not to support the request to provide buildouts in Milford Mill Road. However, the group committed £3,000 to provide improved signing and lining in the area. To reduce the costs of these works to the group the works will be undertaken alongside the works detailed at <b>Item 6c</b> . Works completed in October 2023. Issue has been closed.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
c)	Request for the extension of the existing 20mph speed limit along Milford Mill Road	Works completed in October 2023. Issue has been closed.	That the update is noted.	Area Board

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7.	<b>Other Items</b>			
a)	Highway Maintenance Update	<p>GX advised the group of the following:</p> <p><b><u>Planned Carriageway Schemes:</u></b></p> <p><u>Surfacing/Reconstruction:</u> Windsor Road, Windsor Street and Hamilton Road – Programmed for March 2024.</p> <p><u>Micro Asphaltting:</u> Works in Denison Rise and Beatrice Road – Programmed for March 2024. Works for Wessex Road (part of) – Programmed for March 2024.</p> <p><u>Reactive Patching (Sites Submitted To Date):</u> Castle Street (near junction with Blue Boar Row) – Not currently programmed. Devizes Road – Not currently programmed.</p> <p><u>Additional Funding Sites:</u> Pembroke Road (part of) – Programmed for November 2023. Castle Road – Programmed for March 2024.</p> <p><u>Footway Resurfacing:</u> Assisi Road – Not currently programmed.</p>	That the update is noted.	Area Board
8.	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b>		13 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	

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### **1. Environmental & Community Implications**

1.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the LHFIG during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent, and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

### **2. Financial Implications**

2.1. All decisions must fall within the Highways funding allocated to the Salisbury Area Board.

2.2. If funding is allocated in line with LHFIG recommendations outlined in this report, and all relevant 3<sup>rd</sup> party contributions are confirmed, Salisbury Area Board will have a remaining highways funding balance of £410.62 in the LHFIG allocation available for the 2023/2024 financial year.

### **3. Legal Implications**

3.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

### **4. HR Implications**

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

### **5. Equality and Inclusion Implications**

5.1 The schemes recommended to the Area Board will improve road safety for all users of the highway.

### **6. Safeguarding implications**

There are no specific safeguarding implications related to this report.



# Agenda Item 14

Further to the recent meeting and the LHFIF below is the list of schemes identified as being submitted for funding from the Salisbury Transport Strategy. The figures are largely based on the notes taking our meeting a couple of weeks ago.

- Improved pedestrian crossing facility at the junction of Stratford Road and Waters Road - £50,000
- Provision of ANPR cameras to enforce school keep clear markings in Bishopdown Road and Somerset Road - £10,000
- Provision of bus shelter in Castle Road - £7,000
- Provision of ANPR camera to enforce No Right turn from Friary Lane into St. Ann Street - £30,000 [Note: This scheme could not be taken forward until the DfT approve the Council's application to take on powers to deal with moving traffic offences.]
- Provision of additional cycle parking stands in Salisbury City Centre - £10,000
- Installation of Modupost System at Netherhampton Road Zebra crossing - £15,000
- Installation of bus stop hardstanding in Stratford Road - £10,000
- Upgrading of St. Mark's Path between St. Francis Road and Wessex Water Site - £40,000 [Note: Estimated cost as detailed design work has not yet been commenced]
- Purchase of land at Middle Street to improve access to Middle Street Meadow - £5,000
- Salisbury City Centre Street Lighting Improvements - £20,000
- Underpasses Schemes - £60,000

**Total Requested £257,000**

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