

Welcome to the Amesbury Area Board

Congratulations to all Parish Councillors who took up office in May 2021.

Parish / Parish meetings / Town Council	Unitary Division
Amesbury Town Council	Amesbury East and Bulford, Amesbury West, Amesbury South
Berwick St James	Till Valley
Bulford	Amesbury East and Bulford
Durnford	Till Valley
Durrington Town Council	Durrington and Larkhill / Avon Valley
Enford	Avon Valley
Figheledean (elections to be held)	Avon Valley
Fittleton cum Haxton	Avon Valley
Great Wishford	Till Valley
Milston	Avon Valley
Netheravon	Avon Valley
Orcheston	Till Valley
Shrewton	Till Valley
South Newton	Till Valley
Stapleford	Till Valley
Tilshead	Till Valley
Wilsford-Cum-Lake	Till Valley
Winterbourne Stoke	Till Valley
Woodford	Till Valley

There is an online map of Wiltshire's divisions here:

[Wiltshire Electoral Divisions and Area Board Map 2021 \(arcgis.com\)](http://arcgis.com)

Whether you are a returning Councillor, or new to the role, we hope the information below will help you to strengthen the relationship between your communities and your Area Board.

What is an Area Board?

Area Boards are a way of working to bring local decision making into the heart of the community.

The Area Board comprises the Wiltshire Council elected members for the divisions within that Community Area, along with the Community Engagement Manger, who is an officer of the Council. Through a combination of formal and informal meetings and engagements, the Area Board seeks to improve the local community by jointly addressing local issues.

Key stakeholders who participate in the Area Board are from the health service, fire and rescue services, police, town and parish councils, community and voluntary groups and the public.

Important local issues include road safety, the local environment, activities for young people and older people and the health and wellbeing of the local community. With support from the Community Engagement Manager, the Area Board leads on local engagements, bringing together discussions with partners and local stakeholders to seek solutions to local issues, whilst encouraging and empowering communities to do more for themselves. The boards are consulted on matters which affect the communities they represent and the unitary councillors are able to award funding to local priorities; ensuring that local projects are tailored to the needs of the community.

The Area Board also oversees the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) process – this will be the subject of a separate communication.

Grant Funding

Area Boards have funding available to support community organisations and projects within their Community Area.

Area Board grants are split into 3 funding schemes:

Community

Providing **capital** funding to help provide facilities and equipment for projects that are important to the local community.

Youth

Providing **revenue** funding for projects that provide positive activities for young people aged 13-19 or up to 25 with SEND. A positive activity can be any educational or recreational leisure-time activity including arts, sports, leisure and informal education.

Health & wellbeing

Providing **revenue** funding to support projects that benefit and improve older and vulnerable residents health and wellbeing.

Highway Safety Improvements

Capital funding for Highway Safety Improvements is also available through the CATG process.

For details of grant levels and how to apply, please refer to <https://apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboardgrants>

Useful Sources of Information

Wiltshire Council Website – Area Boards :
<https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=174>

Our Community Matters

Our Community Matters is an interactive notice board for news, events and volunteering opportunities for communities across Wiltshire. <https://ocm.wiltshire.gov.uk/amesbury/>

Key contacts for Amesbury Area Board

Unitary Councillors



Cllr Mark Verbinnen

Amesbury East and Bulford

Lead for Children and young people, Arts and Culture.

Chair - Amesbury Youth Forum

Lead for youth activities, Mental health & digital inclusion for younger people.

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Lead for Housing and development

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Cllr Dr. Monica Devendran

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Chair - Health and wellbeing group.

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Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling
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Cllr Graham Wright
 Durrington
Chair - Amesbury Area Board
Chair - Community Area Transport Group (CATG)

Lead for Climate Change and environment

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Cllr Kevin Daley
 Till Valley
Vice Chair of Health and Wellbeing group
 Lead for Stonehenge Steering group / A303
 Support for loneliness and isolation, particularly villages.

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All Councillors are working to tackle loneliness and isolation.

Supporting Officers

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Dates for your diary

Formal Area Board meetings	10 th June 6.30pm online 23 rd September 6.30pm venue TBA 16 th December 6.30pm venue TBA 31 st March 2022 6.30pm venue TBA
CATG	TBA
Youth Forum / Local Youth Network	8 th June 6pm online
Health and Wellbeing group	29 th June 6.30pm online

Area Board model May 2021

The Area Board model was first introduced in 2009 and has delivered significant success in developing stronger communities since its inception. The overall aims of the Wiltshire Area Boards remain the same, however, an evolved framework has been created that builds on the strengths of the model and enables Area Boards to use more flexible, informal methods to engage with local residents.

Over recent years multiple Area Boards have piloted different approaches using events, workshops and surveys, with the data clearly showing that this varied approach to resident engagement reaches a wider cross section of the community. This leads to a more consultative and collaborative approach and one that promotes local intelligence gathering to inform decision making.

The new framework allows Area Boards to tailor their approach to their communities, considering what their local priorities are, the partners involved and the outcomes they wish to achieve. It will importantly offer more opportunities for our residents to engage with us on issues important to them. The model promotes each Area Board to develop its network of community led activity through business meetings, community engagements such as events, workshops and surveys and a wide range of sub-groups.

Figure 1 shows how Amesbury Area Board will function. Four Area Board business meetings, with multiple Area Board **engagements** taking place at other times during the year, which focus on specific local priorities. These engagements will include small informal visits and meetings by the CEM and Councillors. In addition, working groups of the board such as the local Youth Forum, Health & wellbeing group and the community area transport group (CATG) will continue to meet and link with the Area Board.

Figure 1 - The Area Board model

