



Area Board Local Priorities report

The South West Wiltshire Area Board has reviewed available local data and evidence, and integrated this with local knowledge and community conversation to agree the following local priority themes:

- ❖ **Addressing environmental issues in partnership with the Cranborne Chase AONB**
- ❖ **Strengthening youth engagement**
- ❖ **Support older people and vulnerable adults' health and wellbeing**
- ❖ **Support the local economy**
- ❖ **Renewed focus on community safety.**



Each priority theme has a series of more specific local actions that the Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager and Area Board Delivery Officer will work with the South-West Wiltshire Area Board to positively address them. The full action plan can be found overleaf. Two examples of support and change that the Area Board is leading on include:

Support older people and vulnerable adults' health and wellbeing

Digital Inclusion Sessions

£500 has been awarded by the area board to set up a series of Tech Savvy Sessions in the autumn in Tisbury and Wilton. 27 people are so far signed up, and the board may need to look to fund additional sessions in the future due to their popularity.

Intergenerational Christmas event at Nadder Centre, Tisbury – 12th December

Each year the area board looks to facilitate a fun event as part of a range of measures to tackle social isolation and loneliness in old age. This year will be a fun intergenerational event in Tisbury, in partnership with the Celebrating Age Programme and with the Salisbury Big Band providing the main entertainment.

South West Wilts Area Board work plan and local priorities

Priority and Lead Councillor	Action(s)	Target(s)	Status
Support the local economy	Using existing chamber infrastructure - look to form a South West Wilts Area Business Chamber	Increase number of businesses and employers the area board is collaborating with	Amber
Addressing environmental issues in partnership with the Cranborne Chase AONB	1. Design and deliver an environment themed conference	Local infrastructure of grassroots/VCS groups and statutory partners better networked, informed and collaborating on each others objectives, activities, impact	Amber
	2. Design and facilitate events in June 2023 on a Nature Recovery theme	2 events delivered in Tisbury and Wilton.	Green
Community Safety	Support bids to tackle speeding through villages	Ongoing response, where possible, to residents speeding concerns	Green
Support older people and vulnerable adults' health and wellbeing	1. Make A Friend Be A Friend for Wilton and Barford	Increase number of older people engaged in village activities and feeling more supported	Green
	2. Rollout the benefits of the Celebrating Age Programme of events	Increase number of older people able to access cultural activities	Green
	3. Design and deliver a Digital Inclusion Project	Help older people get online where this is helpful to their health and wellbeing	Green
Improve the area board's engagement with young people	1. Continue to support Seeds 4 Success and other existing village youth clubs, and help to support new ones	Improve the area's engagement and reach with young people	Green
	2. Explore potential for a new youth counselling initiative	Respond to growing need amongst young people for counselling support	Amber

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