

Appendix 4: Climate or Environment activities within Area Boards

These activities have been undertaken by and through the Community Area Boards and their Environmental sub-groups. Area Board funding and match funding is shown where applicable.

Area Board	Project/Action/Engagement	Status – complete/ ongoing	AB Funding	Match Funding	Total investment
Bradford on Avon	BOA Area Board held a climate themed Area Board meeting with input on local work from Parishes, Bristol Avon River Trust, Sustainable Bradford and young people from local schools.	Complete			
	BOA Area Board has supported the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Wellbeing in Nature Project which is a nature based therapy to support positive mental health	Complete	£5,000	£5,311	£10,011
	BOA Area Board has supported the Bristol Avon Rivers Trust with their River Detectives programme. This programme supports members of the public to monitor local rivers for pollution, wildlife and other metrics.	Ongoing	£1,000	£153,950	£154,950
	BOA Area Board are supporting a local river festival (getting local residents engaged in nature) This will be working in partnership with local parishes with activities along different stretches of river.	Ongoing			
Calne	Organised Environment Working Group meetings to facilitate local action in partnership with town/parishes and community groups	Ongoing			
	Hosted Energy Cafe's across the community area in partnership with Wiltshire Wildlife Community Energy	Complete			
	Promoted schemes and consultations to residents and partners including HUG2 energy efficiency upgrades, Let's Sort It recycling campaign and Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans.	Complete			

	Continued focus on local actions to improve Air Quality	Ongoing			
	Promoted events such as Calne Without Parish's Green Energy and Environment Day	Complete			
	Funded the provision of Water Quality Measuring equipment for Friends of the Marden Valley, materials for Calne Men's Shed to make bookcases for community book swaps and trees for Sustainable Calne to plant in Stokes Croft Play Area.	Complete	£3,250	£2,950	£6,220
	Funded 'experiences with nature' – a collaboration between Avon Needs Trees and Calne's Older People's and Carers Champion	Ongoing	£2,488	£5,868	£8,356
Chippenham	Held two Chippenham Climate and Ecological Emergency Forum meetings to co-ordinate activity and share information between groups and local councils.	Complete			
	Produced a survey for town/parishes to highlight local activity to reduce carbon emissions and share best practice	Ongoing			
	Promoted schemes and consultations to residents and partners including WCA Green Homes Event and Local Nature Recovery	Complete			
	Allocated funding to projects including Solar PV and storage at Yatton Keynell Village Hall and path improvements at Ivy Lane Garden.	Complete	£5,500	£10,000	£15,500
	Supported the Wessex Water Community Connector Scheme which provided £37K of funding to local projects supporting residents to protect and improve their local rivers and environment	Complete			
	Invested in new storage units at the Chippenham Uniform Exchange and new equipment for the Chippenham Shed to maintain allotments at Crickets Lane	Complete	£979	£213	£1.192
	Promoted local events such as Chippenham Town Council's Chippenham's Eco Future Fest and Zero Chippenham's Home Energy Workshops	Complete			

	Included a Chippenham Youth Council workshop with an environmental theme as part of the Local Youth Network Teen Takeover weekend.	Complete			
Corsham	Facilitated site visits to West Mill Wind Farm, Mallaby Digester in Warminster and Sewage Treatment works in Lacock and Chippenham. Visits were attended by a mix of parish and Wiltshire councillors, local residents and members of Wiltshire Climate Alliance.	Complete			
	Promoted schemes and consultations to residents and partners such as the Tree Warden scheme and changes to kerbside recycling.	Complete			
	Allocated funding to Colerne Rights of Way project to improve safe access to countryside for all.	Complete	£1,000	£1,000	£2,000
	Promoted local events such as Big Green week and Corsham Eco Fair	Complete			
Devizes	<p>The Air Quality and Sustainable Transport Group is a sub group of the area board and is responsible for taking forward the environmental work that takes place locally. Partners such as Sustainable Devizes, Cycle Friendly Devizes as well as Parish and Town Councils, we have supported a number of projects including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively promoted and participated in Street Tag including running a cycling event • Worked with the Passenger Transport Unit to introduce the new Pewsey Vale DRT service • Worked with the Passenger Transport Service to introduce a revised Town Centre bus service • Actively promoted walking and cycling • Supported initiatives such as the community Fridge, repair shops, seed swaps and community gardens • The formation and agreement of the LCWIP for Devizes 	<p>Ongoing Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Ongoing Ongoing</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>ongoing</p>			

	The group is now working closely on a new London Road cycle/walking path that will be built alongside the refurbishment of the London Road during 2025.				
Malmesbury	Provided funding to Sherston Magne Cricket Club to install new, Solar PV power to the pavilion. The club has been off-grid since its creation and this marks the first time the pavilion has had power. This was an entirely carbon neutral project.	Complete	£2,500	£18,500	£21,000
	Supporting eco awareness events, like Sherston Apple Day	Complete			
	Creating new cycle & active travel routes into town (via LHFIG)	Complete			
	Funding Community Fridge to help cut food waste	Ongoing			
	Signed cycle route between Sherston and Malmesbury to be officially 'opened' on 23rd September; another route to link up the Camp business estate under consideration	Phase 1 complete. Phase 2 being developed			
	River water quality testing initiated in the Sherston Avon – encourage wider testing downstream as well.	Ongoing			
Marlborough	Marlborough AB does not have the Environment as one of its named priorities however, it has stated: “As a thread through each of these priorities, Marlborough Area Board will promote projects that: Tackle climate change and support the natural environment”				
Melksham	Supported Friends of Shurnhold Fields				
	Worked with the Wiltshire Council Woodland Officers to identify sites where additional tree and hedge planting could take place				
	Supported the work at Clackers brook to increase the environmental impact.				
Pewsey	Working closely with Green Bedwyn, funding was awarded by the area board for a thermal camera to equip a volunteer	Complete	£429	£0	£429

	who had undertaken the appropriate training to carry out surveys of local properties. Energy efficiency in homes is generally poor within the Pewsey area.				
	Supported the local environment group with 2 very well attended farmers talks and looking to run more	Completed/ Ongoing			
	Supporting a local group to run a retrofit event	Ongoing			
	A 'what local parish councils can do' checklist was created by a local environmental group and we have supported this to be available for all Parish Councils in the community area	Ongoing			
	Supporting local group to complete thermal surveys of houses- aimed especially at those with young children (working with the schools) and the elderly.	Ongoing			
Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	Worked with RWB Environment Trust, town council & Infant School to develop new Vale View Garden. Invested significant grants into creation of new growing, sensory and learning space. An "alliance" of many different groups from across the town has come together to work on this space.	Ongoing			
	Worked with RWB Environment Trust, town council and colleagues from Sustainable Transport looking at creating new active travel routes across the town. Good partnership working to engage Sustrans to create feasibility studies and other background work. Significant investment from area board towards detailed design work has levered in additional funding from Landfill Tax.	Ongoing			
	Invested into a project to fit solar panels to the roof of the Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall as part of their ongoing efforts to have a greener footprint.	Complete	£5,000	£10,000	£15,000
	Area Board funded a brand-new litter picking group in Purton. This is made up of local residents and also has a "junior section" of pupils and the village's primary school.	Ongoing	£494	£60	£554
Salisbury	100s had a great and fun day at the Salisbury Transition City's People in the Park event in May 2024 which helped to	Complete			

	raise awareness of a range of local environmental and climate change issues and initiatives				
	Salisbury Green Business Accreditation Scheme continues to support local businesses for their work to be more climate friendly in their business endeavours, with 2 new businesses receiving awards in 2024 already	Ongoing scheme			
	Salisbury's Eco Hub Alliance CIO is just about to launch a new initiative offering the community free thermal imaging surveys thanks to a generous grant from the Rural Communities Energy Support Network	Launching in Autumn			
	Flood Ready Salisbury Event being planned for the autumn, facilitated by the Salisbury Area Board's Environment Action Group, this will be supported by the publication of a new helpful guide, to be produced in partnership with the Environment Agency and Salisbury City Council equipping residents with advice and support they need to be flood ready for this winter	In development			
Southern Wiltshire	Laverstock Schools Working Group helped to support the community, working in partnership with Wiltshire Council and Laverstock & Ford Parish Council, residents and schools to recommend, consult and influence a new TRO for the main road (Church Rd) through Laverstock ensuring new enforceable wait restrictions are implemented this summer. The group continues to work in partnership including with the local police team to ensure the new restrictions are enforced. The group is also supporting schools to renew green travel plans to encourage more pupils to walk, cycle, bus and scoot to school	Ongoing work			
	The Area Board will be prioritising flooding preparedness and mitigation over the coming months, reviewing and offering extra support to parishes in their flood planning work.	In development			

South West Wiltshire	Over 60 residents and partners attended Big Green Week events 2023, supported and led by the Area Board. The Wilton Community Area event was held in partnership with business owners from The Guild shopping village and the Tisbury event was brilliantly facilitated by Tisbury parish council and local groups which resulted in a week long series of fun and informative engagements	Complete			
	An Area Board environment priority for 2024/5 is to design and deliver an event to showcase all that is already happening in South West Wilts, involving all relevant stakeholders, to include a mapping and gapping element to inform future work.	In development			
	Nadder Community Energy (NCE) CIC launched its third share offer to support its Solar Power for Schools project	Ongoing			
	NCE Community Benefit Fund is being used to fund training for volunteers to give free energy efficiency advice and fuel debt advice to local householders as part of the Warmer at Home scheme	Ongoing			
	NCE is launching a new community grant scheme for local groups to undertake activities linked to sustainability and net zero	In development			
Stonehenge community area	Supported Woodford Village Hall to install new significantly more efficient heating system to reduce energy usage	Completed	£1,320	£1,320	£2640
	Supported Enford Recreation Ground and Village Hall energy reduction project which included new smart thermostat installation	Completed	£1,781	£1,781	£3562
Tidworth	Still working on Biodiversity Audit – mapping exercise identifying all wildlife within the community area boundary in order to inform decisions around projects to support via the environment group over the coming years	Ongoing			

	Supported Ludgershall Memorial Hall with replacement, more efficient boiler to reduce energy consumption	Completed	£5,000	£5,725	£10,725
	Chute Village Hall were supported with funding for "Hive Eco Central Heating Thermostat"	Completed	£175	£175	£350
Trowbridge	The Area Board have supported the Friends of Southwick Country Park to make improvements to accessibility throughout the Country Park. These improvement have been gratefully received by users of the Country Park.	Complete	£479	£0	£479
	The Area Board have supported Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to improve disabled facilities at Green Lane Wood Nature Reserve. This has enhanced the accessibility of the nature reserve.	Completed	£5,000	£12,474	£17,474
	The Area Board have funded enhancements to South Field for Biss Meadows Country Park	Completed	£2,820	£2,850	£5,670
	Trowbridge Area Board approved funding to Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to deliver their Blue Influencers scheme in the local community area. This programme engages members of the public to be involved in monitoring rivers, ponds and similar stretches of water and reporting on the conditions etc	Ongoing	£4,600	£24,600	£29,200
Warminster	Warminster Area Board provided funding for the Bradley Road Community Garden redesign. This is a well used and loved green space for the community.	Ongoing	£2,000	£10,313	£12,313
	The Area Board provided funding for Grovelands Countryside and Wildlife site maintenance. This has enabled volunteers to keep on top of the wildlife site and ensure accessibility	Ongoing	£2,500	£2,900	£5,400
	Funding was provided to the Tynings allotment and leisure gardeners project.	Ongoing	£1,203	£1,203	£2,406
	The Area Board hosted an Environment Watch Day event which was very well attended by the local community.	Completed			
Westbury	Westbury Community Area Environmental Day – large community showcase event originally planned for June	Ongoing			

	2024. Still planned to proceed but postponed until Spring/Summer 2025				
	Westbury Community Area Pollinator Corridor project – creating pollinator friendly spaces across the community area. Looking to expand to more areas in all villages and in Westbury itself	Ongoing	£3,000	£0	£3,000
	Supported Westbury Leigh Community Hall with funding towards more efficient heating and energy usage through new efficient boilers and thermostat	Completed	£2,839	£9,606	£12,445
TOTALS		TOTAL	£60,357	£280,799	£341,156