

AGENDA

Meeting: Devizes Area Board
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Date: Monday 21 June 2021
Time: 6.30 pm

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CLlr Kelvin Nash, Devizes East (Chairman)
CLlr Iain Wallis, Devizes North (Vice-Chair)
CLlr Tamara Reay, Devizes Rural West
CLlr Dominic Muns, The Lavingtons
CLlr Simon Jacobs, Devizes South
CLlr Laura Mayes, Bromham, Rowde and Roundway
CLlr Philip Whitehead, Urchfont and Bishop Cannings

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	Time
<p>1 Welcome</p> <p>To welcome those present to the meeting.</p>	6.30pm
<p>2 Apologies for Absence</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>3 Minutes (<i>Pages 1 - 30</i>)</p> <p>To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 15 March 2021 and 18 May 2021.</p>	
<p>4 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>5 Chairman's Announcements (<i>Pages 31 - 34</i>)</p> <p>To receive the following announcements through the Chairman:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Board Operational Model 2021 onwards. A new model with 4 business meetings a year and informal engagement events or activities when required. • Procedural Note All decisions (such as grant awards) at this meeting will be ratified by the Leader of Wiltshire Council following the meeting. This is to comply with legal requirements as the meeting is being held online. • Devizes Seagulls Cllr Laura Mayes to update. • Could you volunteer as a Co-Ordinator for Devizes Link Scheme? Are you outgoing and friendly with a warm telephone manner and great organisation skills? Are you a good listener and communicator? If you have some spare time and would like to get involved in volunteering, then this could be for you. Co-Ordinators will typically operate from home receiving requests from clients or other services. For more information, please contact Peter Evans on 01380 722499 or email peter4devizes@hotmail.co.uk. 	6.35pm
<p>6 Partner Updates (<i>Pages 35 - 48</i>)</p> <p>To receive updates from the following partners:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Police • Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service • Schools updates • Healthwatch Wiltshire • CCG B&ANES, Swindon and Wiltshire • Town and Parish Councils • Devizes indies 	
7	<p>National Grid VIP Project</p> <p>To receive an update from the National Grid Visual Impact Provision team on their project in the Devizes Community Area.</p>	7.10pm
8	<p>Community Engagement Manager (CEM) Delegated Decision <i>(Pages 49 - 52)</i></p> <p>To agree a revised CEM Delegated Authority to award funding in between meetings.</p>	7.20pm
9	<p>Community Area Status Report and Area Board priority setting. <i>(Pages 53 - 68)</i></p> <p>Area Board discussion on the findings, recommendations and next steps detailed in the Community Status Report.</p>	7.25pm
10	<p>Appointments of Lead Members to Outside Bodies and Working Groups <i>(Pages 69 - 88)</i></p> <p>To agree the appointments of Lead Councillors for 2021/22 to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside Bodies • Working groups and • Any focus areas 	7.35pm
11	<p>Open Floor</p> <p>Residents are invited to ask questions of their local councillors.</p>	7.45pm
12	<p>Community Area Transport Group (CATG) <i>(Pages 89 - 102)</i></p> <p>To consider the update and any recommendations arising from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG).</p>	7.50pm
13	<p>Youth updates and grants</p> <p>To receive any updates on local youth work and consider the following application for youth grant funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Adventure Trust, £2987.73 towards supportig 	7.55pm

disadvantaged young people through the pandemic and beyond.

14 **Health and Wellbeing Group**

8.05pm

To receive an update on the Devizes Health and Wellbeing Group and consider the following applications for Health and Wellbeing funding:

- Devizes Rotary, £150.00 towards their Be Active Tea Dance.
- Wiltshire Museum, £900.00 towards their Common Ground project.
- Devizes Rotary, £1579.56 towards their Devizes Be Active Event 2021.

15 **Area Board Funding** (*Pages 103 - 106*)

8.20pm

To consider the following applications to the Community Area Grants Scheme:

- Area Board Initiative – Devizes mens Shed, £150.00 towards reopening the shed.
- Seend Parish Council, £1000.00 towards repair of a bus shelter.
- Wharf Theatre, £1260.00 towards a new boiler.
- Bromham Parish Council, £5000.00 towards resurfacing Bromham Bike Track with tarmac.
- Erlestoke Parish Council, £1500.00 towards a SID for Erlestoke.

16 **Urgent items**

Any other items of business which the Chairman agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.

17 **Close**

8.30pm

The next ordinary meeting of the Area Board will be held on 6 September 2021.

MINUTES

Meeting: Devizes Area Board
Place: Online Meeting
Date: 15 March 2021
Start Time: 6.30 pm
Finish Time: 9.00 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Simon Jacobs (Chairman), Cllr Laura Mayes (Vice-Chair) and Cllr Philip Whitehead

Wiltshire Council Officers

Dominic Argar (Assistant Multimedia Officer), Andrew Jack (Community engagement Manager) and Tara Shannon (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

Town and Parish Councillors

Erlestoke Parish Council
Devizes Town Council
Little Cheverell Parish Council
West Lavington Parish Council
Worton parish Council

Partners

Wiltshire Police
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

Total in attendance: 53

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
87	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting, ran through the procedures for remote meetings and invited Members to introduce themselves.</p>
88	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Georgina Keily-Theobald, Headteacher, Downlands School • Ralph Plummer, Headteacher, Lavington School
89	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were considered. It was;</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2021.</p>
90	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Richard Gamble and Cllr Peter Evans both declared an interest in agenda item 16, Area Board Funding. In particular the grant application from the Wiltshire Museum as they were trustees, and the application from the Devizes Development Partnership as they were directors. Therefore, they would not vote on those items.</p>
91	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman, along with Cllr Laura Mayes, made the announcements as detailed within the agenda.</p> <p>In addition, under the Last Area Board before the May elections announcement the Chairman thanked everyone who had been involved in the last 4 years. Particular thanks were passed on to the retiring councillors who were not standing again at the May elections and a brief summary given of some of the work they had undertaken during their tenure. The retiring councillors were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Peter Evans, • Cllr Sue Evans, • Cllr Richard Gamble and • Cllr Anna Cuthbert. <p>Cllr Nigel Carter (Devizes Town Council), Cllr Wes Parfitt (Chair of Little</p>

	Cheverell Parish Council), Cllr Julia Ford (Chair of West Lavington Parish Council), Cllr Stan Jonik (Chair of Erlestoke Parish Council) and Liz Starling (Clerk of Worton Parish Council) also passed on thanks and good wishes to the retiring councillors.
92	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Updated were received from the following partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• Wiltshire Police</p> <p>Inspector Tina Osbourn gave an updated to the meeting and detailed overall crime figures for December 2020 to February 2021 at 251 incidents. Further breakdowns on these figures could be found in agenda supplement 2. Priorities were detailed as school engagement and speed enforcement operations working alongside community speed watch and known speeding sites.</p> <p>• Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS)</p> <p>Station Manager David Geddes was in attendance and apologised that he had been unable to attend the previous meeting. The DWFRS were consulting on their community safety plan which could be viewed at http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/. Prevention work was continuing and Safe and Well visits could be requested at https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/ for those over 65 or with long term health conditions. The DWFRS were also checking on the fire safety of business as they reopened after lockdown, supporting the vaccine rollout and looking to recruit on call firefighters. More information could be found at www.dwfire.org.uk/workingfor-us/on-call-firefighters/.</p> <p>• Schools Updates</p> <p>Mark Lascelles, Headteacher at Dauntsey's gave a brief update. Mr Lascelles stated that the schools were glad to been able to reopen and it was also good for the bus companies and school suppliers. It was stated that the school was worried about mental health issues caused by the lock down and there were also concerns regarding the exams in summer.</p> <p>Julian Morgan, Headteacher, Devizes School gave an update stating that they were also glad that students and staff were back at school. There had been challenges with lateral flow testing, but in general things were going well. They school was as COVID safe as possible and there were numerous logistical challenges to implementing this which had been overcome. Mr Morgan agreed that the exams in summer were a concern. In response to questions Mr Morgan stated that the school was had support but there were pastoral and academic challenges.</p> <p>Simon Down, Deputy Head, Lavington School echoed his colleagues' comments. Mr Down stated it was great to have the students back in school. Andre Jack, Community Engagement Manager had been working</p>

proactively with the school and they had a grant application in which would be considered later in the meeting. Resilience and self-esteem were a focus for the school and it was hoped that they could return to outdoor learning.

The Chairman and other Councillors passed on their thanks to all the schools for their hard work over the last year.

- **Healthwatch Wiltshire**

The Chairman directed the meeting to the written update in the agenda.

- **CCG B&ANES, Swindon and Wiltshire**

The Chairman directed the meeting to the written update on page 33 of the agenda.

- **Update on the medical centre.**

Dr Richard Sandford-Hill, (Member of the project board for the Devizes new build and the Devizes PCN board) gave an update. Dr Sandford-Hill stated that the full business case for the centre had been approved by the CCG in January. It then had to go on for further approvals, which had not yet been received. It was hoped that the building for the centre would start in the summer. CIL monies had been applied for in order to help fund the project.

- **Town and Parish Councils**

Devizes Town Council (DTC) was working with the NHS so the Corn Exchange for being used to administer vaccines. It was hoped that capacity could be doubled there in order to speed up the rollout. DTC were working with the Devizes Indies in order to ensure that Devizes town was safe and would thrive. The plans to open up the Market Place were exciting and it was hoped that it would be a great place to visit.

- **Devizes indies**

Ida McConnell of Devizes Indies gave an update. During lockdown the group had been undertaking social media campaigns; highlighting offerings of different shops and raising awareness for when they come out of lock down and working with DTC and the Chamber of Commerce on future plans.

The group had also been working with Sustainable Devizes on plans for a sustainable high street and the possibility of introducing an e-cargo bike delivery service in Devizes.

Plans for the future included:

- Tales from the town - encouraging traders to share stories of lockdown in their windows
- Liaising with Daventry Retail Forum
- A grant application for a GAZEBO to promote events and raise

	<p>awareness, for use at the regular Thursday Market.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IndieDAY at the start of summer, restrictions allowing ○ An online map with QR codes on car park signs & lamp posts around town ○ Online Resources for retailers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sustainable Devizes Graham Martin of Sustainable Devizes gave an update to the meeting. Sustainable Devizes had been working with the Air Quality and Sustainable Transport Group. The group had also been working with DTC and Devizes Indies on the possibility of e cargo bikes and a sustainable delivery service in Devizes. <p>The group highlighted their desire that Devizes as a tourist town needed more electric vehicle charging points and raised the possibility that renewable energy could be used to provide power for these.</p> <p>Cllr Gamble thanked Mr Martin for the group’s helpful ideas.</p> <p>Mr Martin stated that there was a lot of complexity to these issues and no one entity would have the solution. However, he felt that if everyone could work together then alternative solutions could be found. Mr Martin confirmed that he had received written responses to questions he asked of the board.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked all speakers for their contributions.</p>
93	<p><u>Wiltshire CIL - Community Connector Work</u></p> <p>Nicola Harris of Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living gave an update to the meeting on their Community Connector Work. It was explained that approximately a year ago the group had been awarded a grant by Devizes Area Board. Lock down had affected plans and been a massive challenge, however there had been positive outcomes. When permitted by restrictions socially distanced events had been held such as a walking group, a men’s group, a boot camp and all of these really helped to bring people together.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Ms Harris for the update and the good work.</p>
94	<p><u>Community Status Report</u></p> <p>Andrew Jack, Community Engagement Manager, gave an update on the Community Status Report which was published in agenda supplement 1.</p> <p>The officer explained that the idea behind the report was to produce a summary of the key issues that were emerging for the local community.</p> <p>This was so that would make decisions, spend money and support projects that were relevant to the needs of people living in the Devizes Community Area.</p>

	<p>The report was an ongoing and organic exercise that the Area Board would continue to undertake with the whole community.</p> <p>Emerging themes so far included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Devizes area was a very rural population with a slightly higher than average older population. • A key issue was therefore around isolation – access to services, loneliness. • Support and positive activities for young people was difficult due to the rural area, distance into town and three separate secondary schools. • Unemployment rates, those claiming universal benefit and debt had increased during COVID. • Devizes had a high number of independent businesses. Support was needed to keep town centre vibrant. • Average house prices were lower than average but still excluded younger and local buyers – the demand for affordable housing is high. • The internet opened some doors, but also can excludes other people. • There is a lot of support for protecting the environment and to promote eco-friendly living. • We know we need to do more to facilitate sustainable modes of travel • Communities will need support to get back up and running when it is safer to do so <p>Next steps for the project were stated as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Area Board would look at which issues it could make the most difference to and create a rolling programme (a bit like the CATG process) focusing upon a maximum of 5 issues at any one time • All local organisations and partners would be encouraged to consider where they are best placed to make a difference and then take action. • For now it was asked that the report was accepted noting it was a continuous work in progress and any future input was welcomed.
95	<p><u>Devizes Gateway Station</u></p> <p>Tamara Reay, Noel Woolrych & Catharine Symington of the Devizes Development Partnership gave an update to the meeting on the Devizes gateway project. The presentation slides are appended to these minutes.</p>
96	<p><u>Air Quality</u></p>

	<p>Cllr Richard Gamble, Chair of AQST gave an update to the meeting. There had been an excellent meeting held on 16 February and the notes from that meeting were on page 37 of the agenda pack. As a quick summary Cllr Gamble highlighted the following issues that were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle parking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More was needed for Devizes ○ Needed to be in area of high footfall to provide security ○ “Sheffield hoops” recognised as not suitable in visually sensitive areas ○ Use of temporary parking units to trial best locations • Potterne to Devizes off-road cycle route on hold – no site visits during lockdown • London Rd cycle route – alternative, parallel route being considered • Bus services in Wiltshire at 40% of normal passenger numbers • Town bus service re-tendered – Faresaver operating from 1st March • Other routes looked at – Lay Wood, urgent care centre and to Salisbury • Air quality currently good – all locations in Devizes comply <p>Cllr Gamble thanked all members of the group for their hard work.</p>
97	<p><u>Petition regarding B3098 changes within Market Lavington for Public Safety</u></p> <p>Mr Chris Boaden introduced his petition regarding the B3098 (Church and High Street) changes within Market Lavington for Public Safety.</p> <p>Mr Boaden thanked the Board for allowing him to raise this issue at the meeting. Some of the issues had been raised by the Parish Council with the CATG. He was disappointed with what he perceived was Wiltshire Council’s inaction over years on road safety in Market Lavington. He challenged Wiltshire Council data and the Atkins survey and stated that the Parish Council had alternate data showing that action needed to be taken here. Mr Boaden had moved there 8 months ago and since then an elderly lady had broken her arm as the result of a collision and a teenager had been badly injured in an accident. Mr Boaden welcomed any changes that would make the roads safer there.</p> <p>Cllr Whitehead explained that he had worked with Market Lavington Parish Council over several years to make the roads there safer. Accidents which were reported to Wiltshire Council were recorded, to identify hot spots, so that a priority list of areas to work on could be produced and this had to be worked on in order. CATG had been introduced to help with these sorts of issues. So, whilst Wiltshire Council was aware of the problems there were other areas with a higher priority. Cllr Whitehead confirmed that working with the parish Council and CATG was the way to drive this forward and thanked Mr Boaden for his petition. It was,</p> <p>Resolved:</p>

	<p>To note the petition and suggest that Mr Boaden raised the issues with the Parish Council so it could be brought to CATG.</p>
98	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p> <p>Cllr Gamble, Chairman of the CATG gave an update to the meeting. Points raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotherstone & Avon Terrace, Devizes – Progress had been made on changes to TRO. A Cabinet member report had been prepared and submitted. • Low Road, Little Cheverell – No HGV signage. • Various streets for Devizes town centre - Agreed assessments for new 20mph limits. • Conscience Lane, Rowde – a new footpath was being developed. It would need a substantive bid for full funding. • Other projects being considered were for Stert, Potterne and Bromham. • PC representatives needed to attend CATG for their requests to be discussed. <p>There was a full report on pages 41-56 of the agenda. Cllr Gamble thanked all of those who worked on and attended the CATG.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To note the update and approve the recommendations within it.</p>
99	<p><u>Youth Updates</u></p> <p>Steve Dewer of WYFC gave a brief update to the meeting. He had undertaken a survey looking at the effects of lock down on young people. This had highlighted some key points which they would use to help support young people. The pop-up youth café would be utilised as soon as restrictions allowed. The last year had been a challenge, fundraising and engaging with young people had been very difficult. Any support people could offer would be welcomed. The Chairman stated he understood the difficulties and thanked Mr Dewer for his work and the update.</p> <p>The grants as detailed in the agenda were introduced by the Chairman. John Chandler spoke in support of his application for Potterne Youth Club and the Chairman thanked him for all the good work the youth club did. After which it was,</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To grant Wiltshire Youth for Christ, £5,000.00 towards a new youth worker for the Devizes Area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To grant The Bridge Project, £5,000.00 towards a Thrive hub worker in two Devizes Schools. • To grant Potterne Youth Club, £2,700.00 towards the Potterne Community Garden Re-Generation. • To grant the Area Board Initiative, Devizes School, £4,700.00 towards supporting students returning to school. • To grant the Area Board Initiative, Lavington School, £4,700.00 towards supporting students returning to school.
100	<p><u>Health and Wellbeing Group</u></p> <p>The applications for Health and Wellbeing as detailed in the agenda were introduced by the Chairman, however he clarified that there was only £900 left in the HWB budget. It was,</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To refuse the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, £899.00 towards their Natural Connections - Nature-Based Wellbeing Programme due to a lack of funds. However, the applicant was invited to reapply in the next financial year. • To refuse Care Home Volunteers, £456.50, to recruit, train & support volunteers, due to a lack of funds. However, the applicant was invited to reapply in the next financial year. • To refuse Wiltshire Service Users' Network, £900.00 towards their Devizes Walking Buddy Scheme due to a lack of funds. However, the applicant was invited to reapply in the next financial year. • To grant Alzheimer's Support, £900.00 towards supporting Sidmouth St Day Club
101	<p><u>Area Board Recap of the last 4 Years</u></p> <p>Cllr Laura Mayes (Vice Chair of the Area Board) gave an update on the last 4 years of the Area Board. Points raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 Area Board meetings (+1 community briefing) held in four years, including Wiltshire Council's last face to face meeting prior to COVID. • The Board covered the town and 16 parishes and 33,000 people live in the Community Area. • Operates three different sub-groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Area Transport Group

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Health & Wellbeing Group ○ Air Quality & Sustainable Transport Group. ● The Board had an annual budget of approx. £90,000 ● The Board had an audience of 40+ at face to face meetings ● The Board (via the CEM) communicated with 1,000+ each week via the Our Community Matters website and newsletter. <p>Details of grant monies awarded were given along with details of some of the groups/projects these grants had helped and their locations in the Community Area.</p> <p>The following successful events had been held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pop-up Youth Club on The Green, summer 2020 ● Devizes Health & Wellbeing Day, 2019 ● Careers Fair, Devizes School, October 2019 <p>Cllr Mayes thanked Cllr Jacobs for Chairing the Area Board for the last 8 years.</p>
102	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Chairman introduced the grants as detailed in the agenda, noting that there was not enough funding left to award all grants in full. Representatives of the organisations applying for grants spoke in support of their applications. It was,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To grant Erlestoke and Coulston Cricket Club, £2,500.00 of the £5,000.00 applied for, towards a new pavilion at Walled Garden. The amount was less than requested due to a lack of funds remaining in the budget. The board invited the applicant to reapply for further funds next financial year. ● To grant Wiltshire Museum, £2,262.13 towards a new boiler and temperature control. ● To grant Devizes Town Council, £2,405.00 towards supporting independent businesses in Devizes. ● To grant All Cannings Community Shop Society Ltd, £2,500.00 of the £5,000.00 requested towards a new shop getting ready to build. The amount was less than requested due to a lack of funds remaining in the budget. The board invited the applicant to reapply for further funds next financial year. ● To grant Devizes and District Foodbank, £2,500.00 of the £3,000.00 requested towards a new delivery van. The amount was less than requested due to a lack of funds remaining in the budget. The board invited the applicant to reapply for further funds next financial year.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To grant Devizes Development Partnership, £3,144.73 towards new CCTV cameras + move to new location. £2,644.73 would be awarded now and the remaining £500.00 would be awarded in the new financial year via the delegated authority of the CEM. • To grant Avon Road Community Assoc., £804.95 towards new goalposts for Avon Rd Park in the new financial year via the delegated authority of the CEM.
103	<p><u>Open Floor</u></p> <p>There were no questions.</p>
104	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
105	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman announced that the next meeting of the Devizes Area Board would take place on 18 May 2021, time to be confirmed. This would be a special meeting to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.</p> <p>The next full meeting of the Devizes Area Board would be held on 21 June 2021 at 6.30pm.</p>

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Devizes Gateway Station

Plans to restore rail access to the Devizes Community Area

Tamara Reay, Noel Woolrych & Catharine Symington - DDP



*Business, community and local government,
working in partnership for Devizes*

Wiltshire Council



Agenda

- Background
- Project Update
- Station Location Assessment
- Train Service Options
- Online Demand Survey
- Next Steps & Timeline
- Questions

Restoring Your Railway

Background

- DDP and Wiltshire Council successful bid to RyR(1) - early 2020
- DfT funding for feasibility study - Strategic Outline Business Case
- SOBC - which transport mode will best solve the “strategic” transport issue?

Strategic Issues

- **Connectivity** - for people (especially young), businesses and tourism
- **Sustainable transport** - traffic congestion and air quality issues in the town and improve impacts in the wider area
- **Regional and local strategic plans:**
 - SWLEP Rail Strategy - 2018 (estimated GVA p.a. £6.56m)
 - Wiltshire Core Strategy (2015) and Devizes Transport Strategy (2012) - largest town in Wiltshire without connectivity to the rail network.
 - Emerging Plan Updates: Wiltshire Local Plan and Devizes Neighbourhood Plan

Project Update

- **Atkins (Transport Consultants)** - formal transport study to include:
 - Options identification and sifting, Station operational feasibility assessment, High level demand forecasting, Capital Cost estimation;
 - Scheduled to complete mid April.

Devizes Development Partnership

- Stakeholder Engagement Programme - Communities and Local Government organisations, Businesses, Tourism bodies, Schools and Colleges, Environment, Planning and Heritage organisations, Transport organisations;
 - Two demand surveys to inform SOBC: i) Devizes Community Area - 2500 responses, ii) Bedwyn extension - 450 responses
- **Wiltshire Council** - project management and other transport integration assessment and planning

Devizes Gateway Station



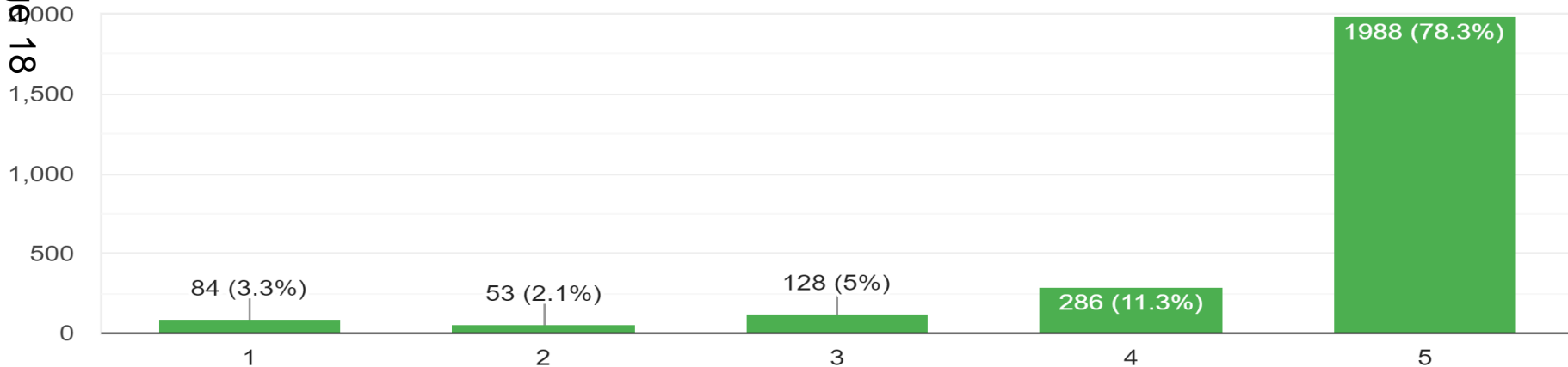
- Station site is 3.4 miles from the Market Place
- East of the A342 close to Clock Inn Park
 - Track is flat and straight
 - Extent of existing railway land
 - Cycle/walking routes & shuttle bus
- Atkins Study will also review other potential sites between A342 and A360 - former Lavington station site; Ledge Hill area site + Devizes town.
- And consider improving other transport modes to access rail network at Pewsey, Chippenham etc, as an alternative.

Online Demand Survey

Informal Survey distributed across the Devizes Community Area through various platforms 11 - 31 January (2539 responses).

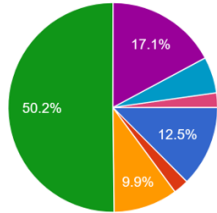
Q1. How likely would you be to use Devizes Gateway Rail Station when it opens?

2,539 responses



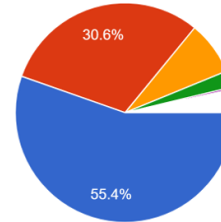
Survey Responses

Q2. What would be the purpose of your MAIN journey by rail to/from Devizes Gateway? give one answer only
2,539 responses



- Commuting to work
- Travelling to school/college/university
- For business purposes
- Leisure trips - e.g. days out, shopping, sports events, theatre, cinema etc.
- Leisure - visiting family and friends
- Leisure - longer trips e.g. holidays, travel to air/seaports etc.
- I wouldn't use Devizes Gateway Rail Station

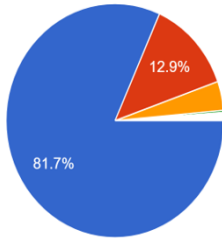
Q4. Where would you travel to/from for your MAIN rail journey? give one answer only
2,539 responses



- London, Newbury, Reading etc.
- Bristol, Bath, South Wales etc.
- South West (Exeter, Plymouth, Cornwall)
- None - I wouldn't use Devizes Gateway Station
- Pewsey
- Swindon
- Chippenham

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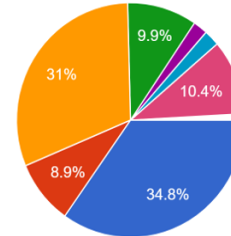
Q7. What form of transport do you currently use to make your most FREQUENT journey over 10 miles from Devizes? Tick one only.
2,539 responses



- Car
- Train from another station (e.g. Chippenham)
- Bus/Coach
- Van
- Bicycle
- Motorbike
- You said currently, in covid times, so currently I don't use any of these
- Motorcycle

▲ 1/4 ▼

Q9. How would you prefer to travel to Devizes Gateway Rail Station? Tick one answer only
2,539 responses



- Car/car share
- Cycle
- Connecting Bus
- Walk
- I wouldn't use Devizes Gateway Station
- Taxi
- Dropped off
- DEPENDS WHERE IT IS

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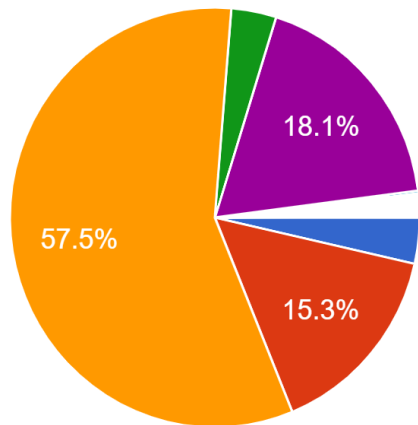
Q6. If COVID-19 had not happened in 2020, what would have been the DESTINATION of your most FREQUENT journey this year OVER 10 miles (by any means of transport)?

Respondents listed pretty much everywhere in the UK and some abroad



Q12. Are you:

2,539 responses



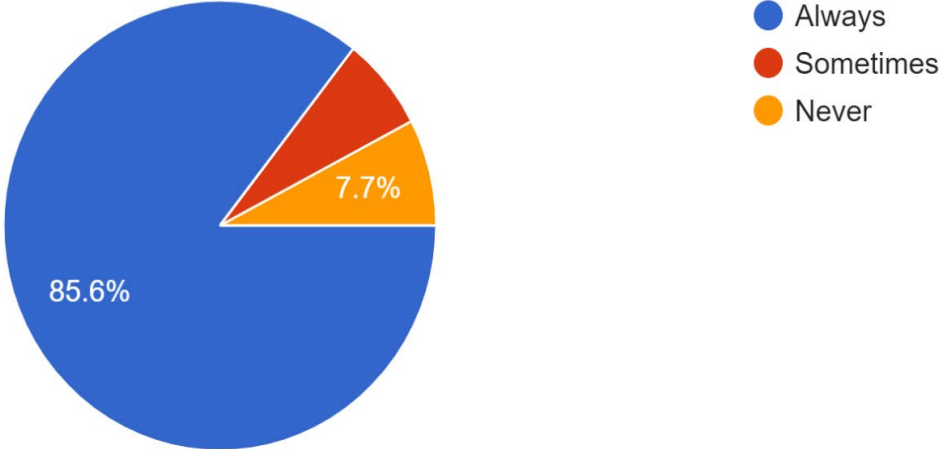
- A student
- Working part time
- Working full time
- Not working
- Retired
- Carer
- Housewife
- Self employed

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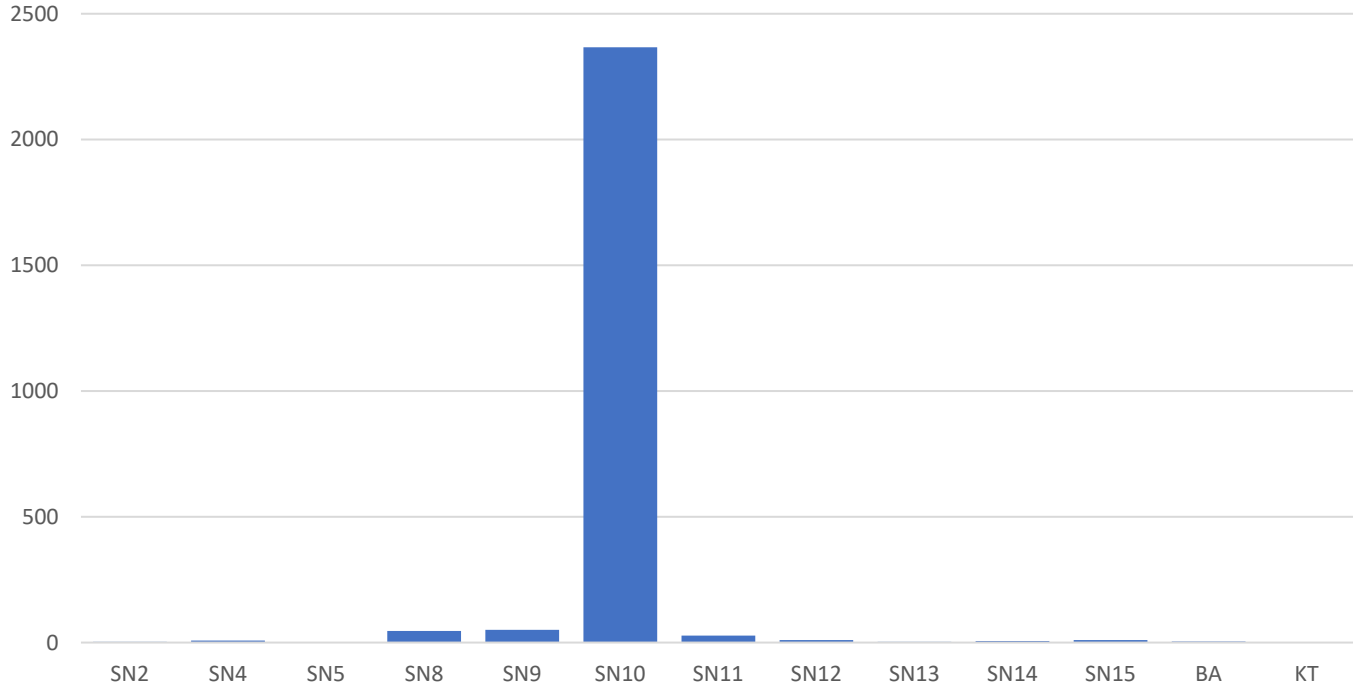
Q13. Do you have access to a car that you are able to drive?

2,526 responses



Post Code of respondents

SN2	3
SN4	8
SN5	1
SN8	46
SN9	51
SN10	2367
SN11	28
SN12	10
SN13	3
SN14	6
SN15	10
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Open Questions: Devizes Gateway Themes

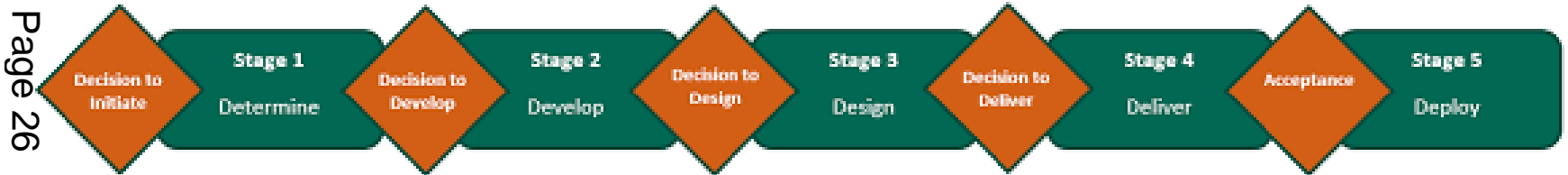
- “I think the station would be a **huge benefit to Devizes** and surrounding areas. It will also **ease road congestion.**”
- “You must timetable **early morning westbound services to Bath and Bristol** so people can commute. The line is currently too London centric and does not serve Westbound commuters. An evening Eastbound service to return home required.”
- “Absolutely fantastic news for the people of Devizes and surrounding districts and long long overdue. It will be great for the **economic growth of the town** and really put Devizes on the map.”
- “A **regular shuttle bus** to meet it would be ideal.”
- “Fantastic idea. The town should be centred around this development - with any future growth of the town that side. A **fully lit cycle path** along the old train line would make absolute sense too.”

Open Questions: Local Transport Themes

- “We need better faster links to other towns/cities whether it be bus or rail. **Our town seems to be isolated.**”
- “Improve condition of - and increase no of - **cycle routes**, to also connect the new station.”
- “**Bypass** to sort Devizes congestion and poor air quality.”
- “SMETS2 Smart meters available for homes for electric car home smart charging. More **public EV charge points** in town car parks.”

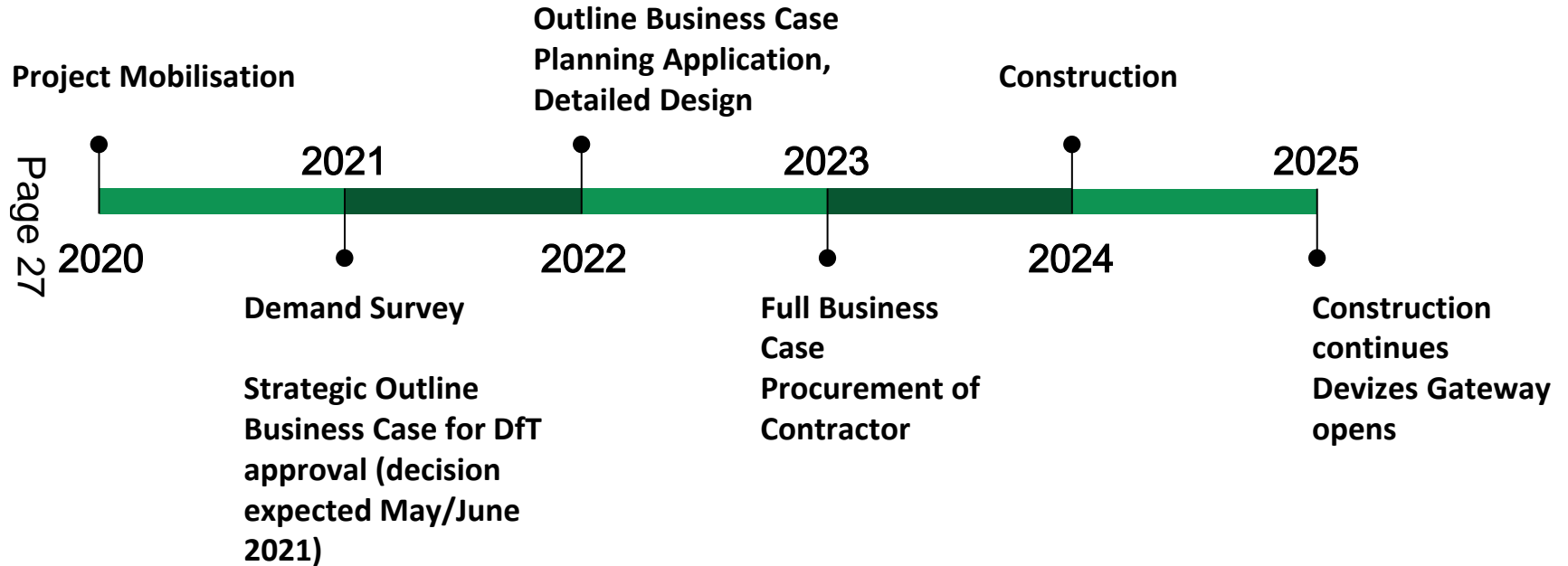
Next Steps

- Following SOBC approval (Stage 1), the project is expected to follow DfT's Rail Network Enhancement Pipeline 5 stage process:



- Next Stage - **Outline Business Case & Full Business Case** – to include options selection, concept design, timetable modelling, passenger capacity and rolling stock requirement, sustainable station access, detailed site surveys etc. Cost c£200k
- Devizes Town Council £34k for Outline Business Case - other sources being explored.
- New Station Funding will provide **75% of total capital costs** (anticipated c£15m)

Indicative Timeline



Questions?



*Business, community and local government,
working in partnership for Devizes*

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MINUTES

Meeting: Devizes Area Board
Place: Civic Centre, St Stephens Place, Trowbridge. BA14 8AH
Date: 18 May 2021
Start Time: 11.50 am
Finish Time: 11.55 am

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to:

Tara Shannon Senior Democratic Services Officer, (Tel): 01225 718352 or (e-mail) tara.shannon@wiltshire.gov.uk

Papers available on the Council's website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Laura Mayes and Cllr Philip Whitehead

Wiltshire Council Officers

Kieran Elliott, Senior Democratic Services Officer

Total in attendance: 8

<u>Minute No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p data-bbox="336 376 485 414"><u>Apologies</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 443 879 481">There were no apologies for absence.</p>
2	<p data-bbox="336 515 695 553"><u>Election of the Chairman</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 582 1487 651">Kieran Elliott, Senior Democratic Services Officer, invited nominations for the position of Chairman.</p> <p data-bbox="336 689 1487 799">Cllr Tamara Reay nominated Cllr Kelvin Nash for the position of Chairman for the forthcoming year. This was seconded by Cllr Philip Whitehead. There being no other nominations it was,</p> <p data-bbox="336 837 491 875">Resolved:</p> <p data-bbox="336 913 1487 983">To elect Cllr Kelvin Nash as the Chairman for Devizes Area Board for the forthcoming year.</p>
3	<p data-bbox="336 1016 767 1055"><u>Election of the Vice-Chairman</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 1084 1487 1193">The new Chairman, Cllr Kelvin Nash called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Cllr Laura Mayes seconded by Cllr Simon Jacobs nominated Cllr Iain Wallis as Vice-Chairman. There being no other nominations it was,</p> <p data-bbox="336 1232 491 1270">Resolved:</p> <p data-bbox="336 1308 1487 1377">To elect Cllr Iain Wallis as Vice-Chairman of Devizes Area Board for the forthcoming year.</p>

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Area Board model May 2021
Web /contact:	Rhys Schell, Specialist Manager - Community Engagement and Governance rhys.schell@wiltshire.gov.uk

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 an example of how the annual Area Board cycle could look. Four Area Board business meetings, with multiple Area Board engagements taking place at other times during the year, which focus on specific local priorities. In addition, working groups of the board such as youth networks, health and wellbeing groups and community area transport groups will continue to meet and link with the Area Board.

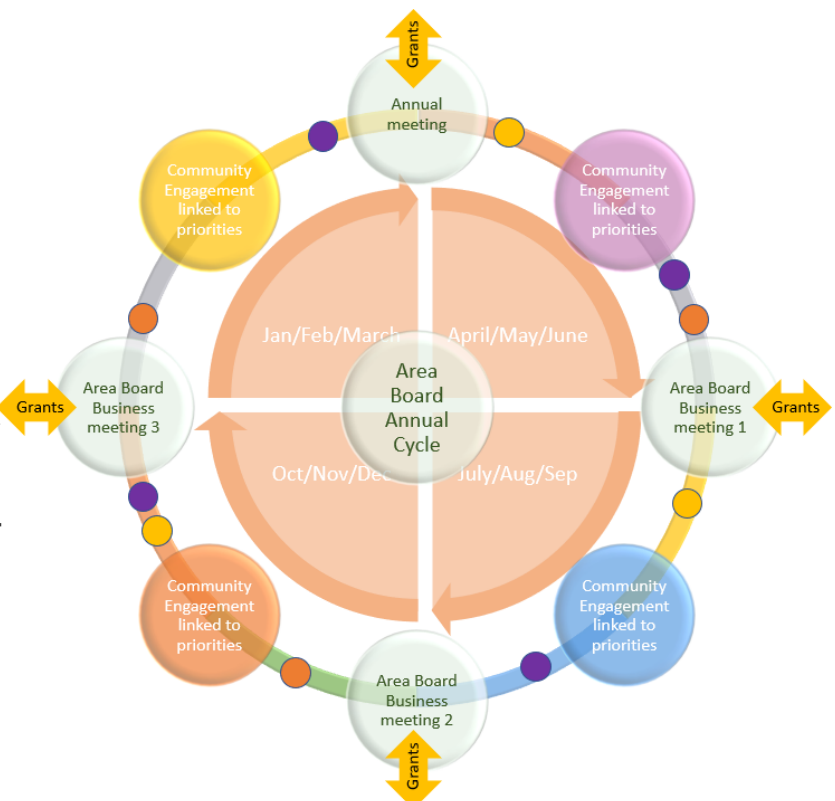
Figure 1 - The Area Board model

Area Board Example Model

4 business meetings scheduled evenly across the year. If additional business decisions are needed then meetings can be set or delegated decisions taken.

Informal engagement activities can be flexibly built into the Area Board programme, agreed between the Community Engagement Manager and Cllrs.

- Community Area Transport Group
- Health & Wellbeing Forum
- Local Youth Network



Make a
difference in your
community

COMMUNITY
FIRST



Could you volunteer as a Link Co-ordinator?

Co-ordinators should be outgoing and friendly, have a warm telephone manner, be good listeners and communicators. They will also need to be well-organised. A Link Scheme Volunteer Co-ordinator will typically operate from home, receiving requests from clients or other services. A telephone with voicemail and in some schemes, a laptop will be provided.

Volunteer with your local Link Scheme:

Demand for our service is growing and we urgently need new Link Co-ordinators to support the service



**Volunteer
from home**



Neighbourhood Policing Team Report for DEVIZES Town and DEVIZES Rural,
MAY 2021.

DEVIZES POLICE OFFICERS:

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1696@wiltshire.police.uk

- Sergeant 1924 Gareth EDWARDS – Community Sergeant_

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- PC 2629 Sarah HARDWIDGE– Community Police Officer
Devizes Town and Rural

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RECENT NEWS STORIES....


Devizes Police
Published by Andrew Maclachlan · May 20 at 9:00 AM · 🌐

Devizes Police will be at Devizes Market Place until lunchtime today. The market is full with traders, so come and get your shopping and say hi to us.



Devizes Police
Published by Andrew Maclachlan · May 14 at 5:35 PM · 🌐

Devizes police out on patrols of parks this evening.




Devizes Police
Published by Sarah Hardwidge · May 2 · 🌐

We're here set up at the Rowdey Cow! Come on down for a chat if you'd like to see us, 11am until 3pm 🌞 👤 🚗



Devizes Police
Published by Matt Edwards · May 12 · 🌐

Cannabis plants have been seized following the execution of a drugs warrant in Devizes last night (11/05). Officers executed the warrant at an address on Belle Vue Road shortly after 8pm. Following a search of the property, officers found three cannabis plants and growing equipment.... [See More](#)



PRIORITIES IN YOUR AREA:

Priority One:	
<p>** Anti-Social Behaviour**</p> <p>Reports have been received that there is ongoing ASB in and around the Devizes area.</p> <p>**</p> <p>Meetings have taken place with key partners to identify those responsible and work together in order to come up with a strategy to solve these issues.</p>	<p>Regular high visibility patrols are being conducted in order to deter this behaviour and positive action to be taken by officers.</p>
Priority Two:	
<p>Speed Checks</p> <p>ROWDE / BATH ROAD DEVIZES / WORTON / CHURCH STREET MARKET LAVINGTON</p>	<p>Regular high visibility speed checks are being carried out at these locations.</p>

CRIME UPDATES:

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Theft Offences 01/05/21 – 31/05/21 – 20 Reports
Criminal damage 01/05/21 – 31/05/21 - 27 Reports
Vehicle crime 01/05/21 – 31/05/21 – 6 Reports
Burglary 01/05/21 – 31/05/21 – 2 Reports
ASB – 01/05/21 – 31/05/21 - 21 Reports



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE**

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/>



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE**

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 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
- 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 40 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/ or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE**

Recent News & Events

Signposting information for witnesses following incidents

The road safety team at Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service have overseen a project producing signposting information for members of the public who witness, but are not directly involved in, an incident.

Experiencing something as unexpected as a fire, a collision, or any other form of rescue can be difficult, particularly in instances where suffering or loss of life have been witnessed. Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service's own firefighters experience this difficulty on a daily basis and appreciate the impact the trauma an incident can have on wellbeing.

More information about where to find support or guidance at <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/help-following-an-incident/>

Working with Age UK

The Service has entered a formal partnership with Age UK in North, South and West Dorset (NSWD) to provide additional support to elderly and vulnerable residents in these areas.

Under the agreement, we will train staff at Age UK NSW on our Safe & Well programme, so they can help to identify vulnerable people at greater risk of fire and make referrals for a home visit.

Andy Woods, Safe & Well Team Leader for Research and Partnerships, said: "I am looking forward to meeting and training all Age UK NSW staff on our Safe & Well programme, enabling them to spot the signs, hazards and risk factors associated with fire, and enabling them to make a referral to us. Our hope is that this new partnership will be both successful and productive in the future."

Alongside this joint working, the Service's various safety messages will be made available to Age UK NSW for sharing through their different channels, and the charity will be utilising the community rooms at local fire stations once Covid restrictions ease. A virtual agreement signing ceremony was held last month.



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE**

Shared and rented accommodation



People living in rented or shared accommodation are seven times more likely to have a fire than someone living in a home they own.

Landlords' obligations

If you live in privately rented accommodation, your landlord has to meet certain safety obligations under the law. This includes making sure all gas and electric appliances are safe and in good working order.

The Fire Kills campaign has produced a leaflet on [**Fire Safety In Shared or Rented Accommodation.**](#)

Be Water Aware



Do you and the children in your care know what to do if they fall into water unexpectedly? Do they know what to do if they are swimming or playing in water and find themselves out of depth or scared? Do they know what to do if they see someone else scared in the water?

There is a plethora of 'be water aware' information available on our website, please visit:-

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/education/be-water-aware/>



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Total Fire Calls for Devizes Fire Station for period April – May 2021:-

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	23 (no trends identified)
No. of Fires	1 – Small fire domestic 3 – Large fire domestic* 1 – Large fire industrial 5 – Small fires in open
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	2 – Rescue small animal 1 – Lift shut in 1 – Minor release
Total	37

Local Incidents of Note

Domestic fires were investigated and found to be caused by smoking materials, electrical item and a disposable barbeque. Local work carried out via crews and service advisors to provide reassurance and information to residents.



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE**

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Station Manager**

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Young volunteers create their own guide to mental health support services

A team of Young Healthwatch Wiltshire volunteers have created their own guide to mental health services for children and young people in the county.

The Wiltshire Mental Health Support Services List for Young People follows on from a guide for adults, produced by members of our Wiltshire Mental Health Open Forum as a way of helping people who are struggling with their mental health to find the right support for them quickly and easily.

Both guides are now [available to download](#) from the Healthwatch Wiltshire website where the list for adults has been downloaded more than 300 times since its launch in February.

Young volunteer **Robyn Moore** said: “After being involved with the Mental Health Forum’s resources list and seeing how well it had been received it seemed like a great idea to create a version specifically for young people. It was really interesting putting it together and realising just how many organisations were out there.

“As well as more well known organisations we tried to include a wide range of resources to highlight help that reflects the range of difficulties young people might face and be as inclusive as possible.”

Fellow young volunteer **Erin Woodsford** said: “It felt very good to have all this information in one place and in a way people could understand, and it felt even better knowing that this could make a huge difference to young people, especially when locating and finding the right organisations and helplines can be difficult.



“I feel like this could really benefit children and young people in Wiltshire as it signposts them to various forms of help, and it is a great resource for somebody who may not know who to go to and how to access the information they want.”

Jo Woodsford, Volunteer and Partnerships Lead at Healthwatch Wiltshire, said: “When our young volunteers saw how useful the mental health resources list for adults was, they took it upon themselves to create a version for children and young people.

“They took great care in researching a wide range of services and their hard work has resulted in a detailed guide which will be a valuable resource for any young person looking for information and support.”

Nick Bolton, Wiltshire Healthy Schools Lead at Wiltshire Council, said: “Young people have told us that they can’t always find the information they need to support their mental health, and are uncertain where to go for help. This new guide will help young people find and access the support they need more easily.”

Find out more about becoming a young volunteer at healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk/young-healthwatch-wiltshire

Covid-19 vaccination programme: Stakeholder briefing

Thursday 10 June 2021



Gill May,
Director of Nursing and
Quality

“As we enter what could be the final leg of this initial vaccination rollout, we are ramping up our efforts to encourage all those who are eligible to come forward to be vaccinated.

“In the week that the vaccine was opened up to people aged between 20 and 29, we received feedback from our vaccination teams that many people are putting off booking their appointment due to incorrectly assuming their GP practice will contact them first.

“With almost the entire adult population now eligible for the vaccine, the onus is on people to secure their own appointments using the National Booking Service, and this is the message we are calling on our partners to help us spread.

“All vaccination sites across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire are now listed on the National Booking Service, which can be accessed online by visiting www.nhs.uk or over the phone by calling 119.

“Giving people the freedom to book their own appointments mean any person wishing to have the vaccine can receive their jab at a location convenient to them, be it somewhere close to home, or a site near a place of work or education.

“New sites are being added to the list of vaccination venues all the time and, just this week, the vaccine clinic at the Great Western Hospital in Swindon was included on the National Booking Service for the first time.

“We understand that some people have a specific location in mind for their vaccine appointment, and we ask that anyone who is unsuccessful in booking their preferred vaccine site on the first time of trying to keep checking back as new slots are being added all the time.

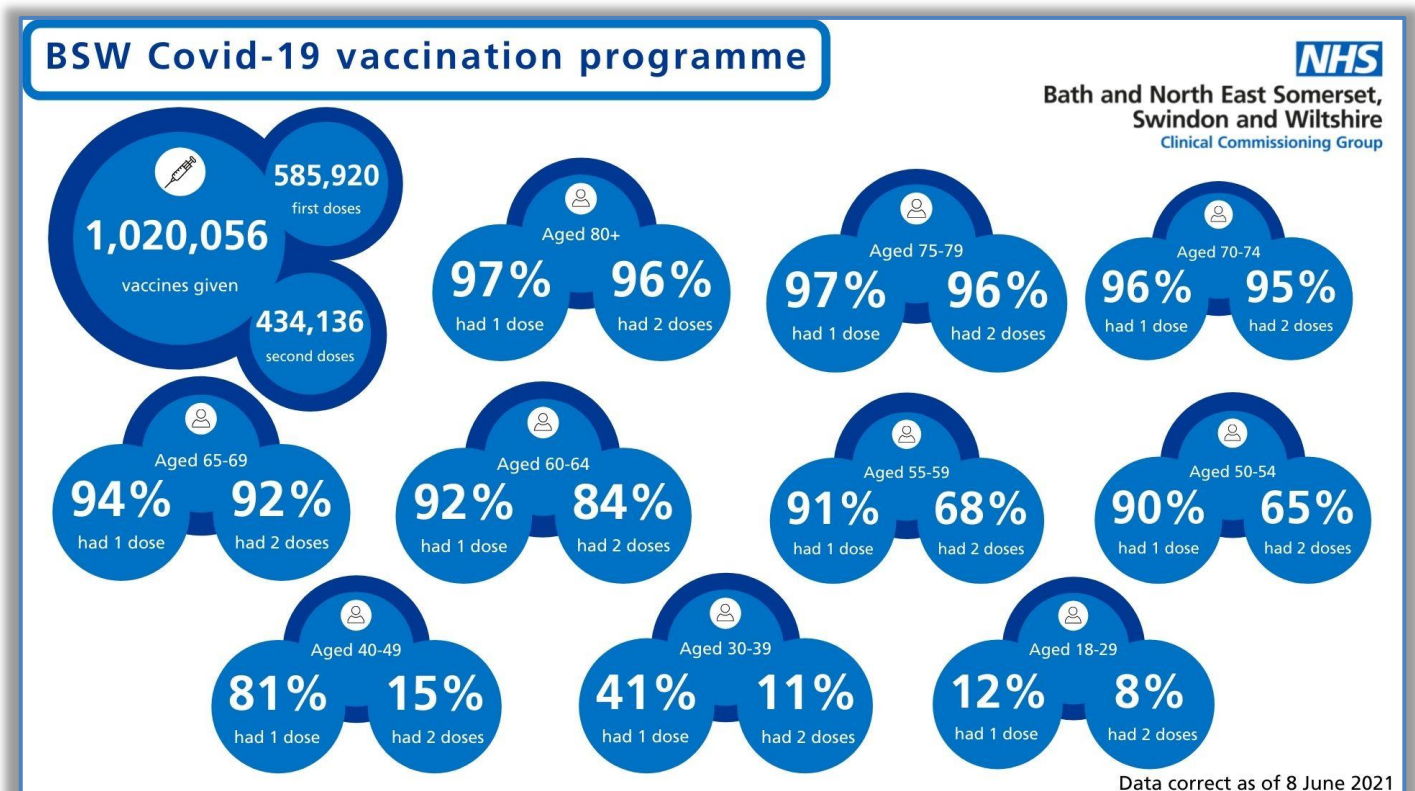
“We’ve come so far in our journey together, having already surpassed the one millionth vaccine mark, and we need to carry this momentum forward as we begin providing the vaccines to the youngest adults in our communities.”

At a glance: the latest coronavirus vaccine developments in BSW

- As of Tuesday 8 June, our vaccine teams have carried out a total of 1,020,056 vaccinations, made up of 585,920 first doses and 434,136 second doses
- On each day of the last week, our teams carried out an average of 1,541 first doses and 5,071 second doses

- Due to the recent warm weather, vaccinators have noticed more people fainting or feeling queasy after having the vaccine, and we are reminding patients not to arrive at a vaccine site on an empty stomach
- The vaccination team at the Steam Museum in Swindon administered their 150,000th vaccine this week
- An additional community pharmacy in the Marlborough area is expected to begin providing the vaccine in the coming days
- The mobile vaccination clinic is in Bath and North East Somerset this week, and plans are also being drawn up for how the bus can be used to bring the Pfizer vaccine to communities that struggle to reach existing vaccination sites
- We are expecting to have given the vaccine to around 90 per cent of all people aged between 40 and 49 in our region by the end of this week

Vaccination progress to date



Wiltshire Council

7 May 2021

Delegation to Community Engagement Manager

Summary

Wiltshire Area Boards have previously delegated authority to officers to grant funding from their delegated community, youth, health and wellbeing budgets in respect of urgent matters that may arise between meetings of the Area Board. It is proposed this delegation is updated for the new council term and extended to cover Community Area Transport Group recommendations.

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, and due to Area Board engagements increasingly taking place outside of formal meetings, it is recognized that Area Boards now conduct their businesses with increased flexibility and according to community need. The proposed delegation will allow essential decision-making business to continue under such circumstances.

Under the proposed delegation, consultation will take place with the Chairman of the Area Board (or in their absence, the Vice-Chairman) by the Community Engagement Manager to determine urgent matters. It is recognized in urgent situations all members may not be contactable in the timescales required (for instance due to time off or sickness), however, where possible the views of all members should be sought.

Proposal

To consider passing the following resolution:

In order to expedite the work of the Area Board and to deal with urgent matters that may arise between meetings, the Community Engagement Manager, following consultation with the Chairman (or in their absence, the Vice-Chairman) of the Area Board, may authorise expenditure to support community projects (including youth, health and wellbeing and community area transport) from the delegated budget of up to £5,000 per application between meetings of the Area Board. The Community Engagement Manager should seek the views of all Area Board members to obtain a majority in support, prior to the expenditure being agreed.

Decisions taken between meetings will be reported in the funding report to the next meeting of the Area Board explaining why the matter was considered urgent or necessary to expedite the work of the Board. Where a significant number of urgent matters arise between meetings, a special meeting may be called, following consultation with the Chairman to determine such matters.

Reason for Proposal

In order to expedite the work of the Area Board and to deal with urgent matters that may arise between meetings.

Lisa Moore
Democratic Services Officer
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Devizes Area Board

15 March 2021

Community Area Status Report for Devizes Community Area

1. Purpose of the Report

- I. To present to members a status report that summarises what the key issues are for the community area as a result of analysing local data and discussions with local stakeholders.
- II. To recommend that the Area Board endorses the report and commits itself to considering what part it can play in addressing the issues

2. Background

Every 3 to 4 years, Wiltshire Council's public health department working with key partners and organisations, undertakes a thorough analysis of the data available in order to provide a summary of the current and future needs of people in Wiltshire. This information which is called the "Community Area Joint Strategic Assessment" (JSNA) is broken down to and presented around Wiltshire's 20 community areas.

Previously, the information has been used to help local communities in their prioritisation and decision making. A key feature of this has been a series of events to bring representatives of the local communities together so that they can be presented with a summary of the information and through discussion agree upon what should be the top local priorities to address.

In late 2019 and early 2020, the latest JSNA process was undertaken and a series of events were organised to take place from March 2020 onwards. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these had to be cancelled.

Although, the JSNA data was released in early summer 2020 and can be viewed on the <https://www.wiltshireintelligence.org.uk/> two questions remained. Firstly, how can the impact of COVID-19 upon our communities be captured and reflected in the key issues and priorities within our local area. Issues such as mental health, debt, employment, young people and many others have been adversely affected by the pandemic. Secondly, how can we enable the community to engage with this process and to feed in their own data, knowledge and experiences.

At the same time, the Wiltshire Community Resilience Group had been set up to oversee one of the 4 recovery strands. They were seeking to establish a better understanding of the impact of COVID-19 and looked to the Area Boards to help gather local information and concerns.

As a result, it was agreed that each community area board would lead on the creation of a short "Community Area Status report" to capture and reflect what the

main messages are from the local data and the community discussions. A template was produced by the Community Engagement Team and agreed by both the resilience group and the Area Board Chairs.

3. Process

Whilst each community area is different, and each status report will reflect this, there are elements that all have in common. These are:

- I. A record of local data that has been obtained – This information has been mainly obtained from the JSA data but also includes other sources to reflect changes since the pandemic began.
- II. A record of those meetings with organisations and stakeholders where consultation has taken place.
- III. A record of the key issues that have emerged

The community engagement manager has led on this process and tried to be as inclusive and as comprehensive as possible including trying to capture specific concerns affecting BAME or minority groups. Despite this, it is recognised that this report is not an exhaustive summary of all the issues and everything that is happening. It is a work in progress and as new information is obtained and changes occur, the report can be updated in response. Individual or very local issues such as road junctions or a play area are not included in this report. There are alternative procedures in place to address these.

The overarching aim of this document is for Devizes Area Board and its partners to add to our understanding of where improvement is required and see how with our communities, businesses and organisations we can start to address them. The report will also be link this to the work of Wiltshire Council, its partners and agencies, so that collaboratively we can tackle issues including those arising from Covid-19

4. Next steps

The status report has been produced by the area board but is intended as a resource for all those within the community area. No single organisation can or should be expected to do everything and sustained improvement will only be through all of us working together with the community taking the lead.

If the status report is adopted, the proposed next steps are:

- I. The area board to consider the report and produce for itself a work plan outlining which of the priorities it will focus upon and what it is able to do to help address them. Each action will have assigned to it clear outcomes and outputs. This decision will be influenced by factors including urgency, opportunity and resources.

This work plan to be brought back to the next Area Board meeting for agreement. It will subsequently be a standing item at future area board

meetings utilising a traffic light system to offer a simple visual indicator to monitor progress.

- II. As many other groups and organisations as possible are to be encouraged to also consider the report and ask themselves where they can make a difference and what they can do to support local action.
- III. Where issues are common across multiple community areas, the area board team will collate these and look to see if it is better to address these collectively across multiple community areas. Where there seems to be a Wiltshire wide concern, a more strategic approach will be considered.

It is proposed that the Area Board will use its strategic influence and delegated powers to shape the delivery of local services and actions. It will also direct its delegated resources to facilitate and support community-led projects and local initiatives that specifically address the identified priority issues.

It is recognised that some issues will be easier to tackle than others and it is important to target areas where tangible outcomes and progress can be delivered. Successes should be celebrated and the contribution from volunteers recognised and valued

5. Recommendations

- (1) That the Area Board approves and adopts the Community Status report
- (2) That the Area Board produces a rolling action plan including up to 5 priority actions at any one time to demonstrate where it will contribute to addressing the identified issues.
- (3) That the Area Board will prioritise its resources including funding upon those issues identified in the status report.
- (4) That the Area Board requests the Community Engagement Manager to work with key partners, agencies and community groups to encourage them to consider where they are best placed to take actions around the priorities identified.
- (5) That regular updates are submitted to the Area Board on progress made in relation to its own action plan.
- (6) That the Area Board expresses its thanks to those who gave their time to help bring this report together

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Devizes Community Area Status Report

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Background and context

The overarching aim of this document is for Devizes Area Board to understand how to support local responses from communities, businesses and organisations and link this to the work of Wiltshire Council, it's partners and agencies, so that collaboratively we can tackle issues including those arising from Covid-19.

The Devizes community area has seen an incredible response to the Covid-19 pandemic with volunteers leading the response and strategic partners working collaboratively to support our communities. Every person within the area has access to support from one of the many community groups that were set up, many of which have offered additional support right the way through three lockdowns and even in between these periods of tight restrictions.

As we now look ahead, this short document provides a summary of information that can be utilised to help inform the local community response. It brings together the differing data and information sources from across the community area that will help us to understand the local the state of our community and the impact of Covid-19. It also highlights communities that may have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic and it considers how the actions, projects and plans that are emerging will be collated and supported.

Over time this document will be regularly updated in response to changes, new information and actions undertaken.

The Devizes Area Board has kept strong working links through councillors and officers and collaborated closely with Devizes Town Council, parish councils and the many community-based groups that came into being due to the pandemic. The area board has supported key local partners, business and community stakeholders working together to rebuild our local community. Whilst the impact of Covid-19 is considerable, it is recognised that some local issues already existed and that these will need to be tackled as well.

The Devizes community area consists of the town of Devizes as well as the parishes of All Cannings, Bishops Cannings, Bromham, Cheverell Magna, Cheverell Parva, Easterton, Erlestoke, Etchilhampton, Market Lavington, Marston, Potterne, Roundway, Rowde, Stert, Urchfont, West Lavington and Worton. A key requirement is to ensure that all within the community area have the same opportunity to engage with this work.

Whilst it is natural to focus on the negative impacts of Covid-19, it is important to recognise and build on any positives that have occurred. These include the closer working between organisations, increased community cohesion, good neighbourliness, new volunteers and the wider use of the internet / social media. There has also been a reduction in car journeys, that has led to an improvement in air quality. This is good news for Devizes, one of Wiltshire's Air Quality Management Areas.

Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS)

There are around 2000 charities registered in Wiltshire, though c.2,700 registered charities deliver services in Wiltshire with many more unregistered local groups and community organisations. Many of these VCS organisations are based in and around Devizes and have offices, day centres, etc. here.

Wiltshire's VCS provides vital services, core to our communities' resilience and sustainability, our health, wellbeing and economy.

Predicting the long-term impact on the sector is challenging: *latest national research by ProBono Economics (Aug.2020)*:

- 85% of charities expect a negative financial impact
- 70% think it will take over a year for pre-covid income levels to be restored
- 68% expect demand for services to increase
- 58% expect to scale back their provision

Current local picture: (as of December 2020 Wiltshire VCS Impact Survey – Part 2)

- 32% of those VCS who continued to offer a service saw a 32% increase in demand with the biggest demand being around Befriending support / supporting peoples mental health and wellbeing.
- 45 % of services remained partially open; 31% fully open and 20% still temporarily closed and 4% permanently closed
- 75% have stated they have changed the way they are delivering their core services
- 73% stated they are operating at a reduced level of service delivery
- 44% of the VCS said they will need more volunteers to meet the increased demands for their services

Positive local grant-making:

- Wiltshire Community Foundation c.£514,000 to 144 groups (*March to August*) and TNLCF: c.£370,000 (*April to June*) a 'drop in the ocean' when considering £150M - £200M sector income and estimated reductions in income.
- 55% of organisations had been successful in securing funding in the last 6 months (*Wiltshire VCS Impact Survey Part 2 2020*)

Community data and information

Local data is being collected from a range of sources to provide an overview of the current situation within our community. This is being combined with the outcomes of discussions on the impact of Covid-19 to inform the key issues emerging and where resources should be focussed.

- JSNA local data sets – (collected in winter 2019)
<https://www.wiltshireintelligence.org.uk/community-area/Devizes/>
- Covid-19 support group survey – (June 2020)
- Wiltshire CAJSNA 2020 Community Survey Results (Devizes)

- Wiltshire Council Housing Team Universal Credit Data – December 2020
- Wiltshire Citizen Advice – Universal Credit Data – December 2020
- Wiltshire’s Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Report - Prepared for Wiltshire Recovery Coordination Group (RCG) – 9th September 2020
- Devizes Air Quality & Sustainable Transport Group meeting – February 2021

Understanding the emerging themes and the impact of Covid-19

The impact of Covid-19 has affected some groups in the area more than others and exasperated some pre-existing issues. Further investigation will be required in some cases to ascertain who needs what support. Possible groups may include:

1. *Young people* – They face challenges such as finding employment, poor mental health, lack of support or positive activities, as well as disruption to education. 11.3% of 0-19 year olds in Devizes Community Area are thought to be living in poverty. This is higher than across Wiltshire (9.4%) (JSNA data pack). There are two areas within Devizes town that rank in the 30% most deprived areas of England and one further area within the 40% most deprived (IMD, 2019).
2. *Older and vulnerable people* – The need to self-isolate more has had a negative impact on mental health, and an increase in loneliness and depression. Many of the volunteer-led support groups offered telephone support calls to those most at risk of loneliness. Those living with dementia have been one of the most vulnerable groups. Life expectancy amongst both males and females is lower in Devizes area, by one year each, than the Wiltshire average. (JSNA data pack)
3. *Families on low income* – We have seen an increase in debt and consequently the demand for supporting services. This is linked to employment, housing, mental health, loan sharks and other issues. In Devizes Community Area, 8.9% of homes are considered to be in fuel poverty, compared with 9.3% in Wiltshire.
4. *Minority and BAME groups* – The BAME population of Devizes is very similar to the make-up of Wiltshire overall, with a slightly smaller Black community than average. However, better awareness, understanding and collaboration with BAME groups who reside in Devizes area needs to be explored and built. There is a known Polish community which is supported by its own cultural groups.

Analysis of the data so far suggests the following issues are emerging. This list may increase and change after further consultation and as new data arises

Possible Emerging Issue	Impact of Covid-19	Supporting evidence source
Community Safety		
Anti-social behaviour rate in Devizes is 17 reports per 1,000 compared to Wiltshire average of 14 per 1,000. “Anti-social behaviour & crime” was ranked second highest	No significant impact, although young people not engaging with school are known to local police.	JSNA 2020 data CAJSNA 2020 Community survey results

priority for Devizes community area		
The rate of alcohol related hospital admissions in Devizes is 1,846 per 100,000 persons. This is higher than the rate for Wiltshire of 1,827 per 100,000.	Possible increase due to increased pressure on mental health due to Covid-19 impacts	JSNA 2020 data
21 violent offences were recorded per 1,000 persons in Devizes Community Area, compared with 18 per 1,000 in Wiltshire	Possible decrease of violent offences as a result of Covid-19 lockdown.	JSNA 2020 data
Devizes Community Area has a rate of reported domestic abuse offences of 9 per 1,000 persons. This is slightly higher than that across Wiltshire	Possible increase of domestic violence due to Covid-19 lockdown.	JSNA 2020 data
Between 2016 - 2018, almost 3,000 road traffic collisions causing injury were recorded on Wiltshire roads. In Devizes Community Area, the rate of these collisions is 175 per 100,000 persons, lower than the rate of 196 per 100,000 persons across Wiltshire	Certainly a decrease will be seen in the Devizes area due to marked decrease in the volume of road traffic during lockdown. However some drivers have increased speeds due to empty roads.	JSNA 2020 data
Housing		
In Devizes Community Area, 8.9% of homes are considered to be in fuel poverty, compared with 9.3% in Wiltshire	Possible increase due to increased financial pressures as a result of job losses and furlough	JSNA 2020 data
In November 2019, there was demand in Devizes Community Area for 141 affordable one bedroom homes, 91 affordable two bedroom homes, and 45 affordable three or more bedroom homes	Possible increase due to increased financial pressures as a result of job losses and furlough	JSNA 2020 data
Between 2016/17 and 2018/19, 425 new homes were completed in Devizes Community Area, of which 147 new affordable There are 2,500 new homes planned in Devizes Community Area in the current plan period of 2006-2026	Possible increase in the need for more affordable homes due to the economic impact of Covid-19	JSNA 2020 data
Environment		
63% of Energy Performance Certificates issued to homes in Devizes Community Area have a rating of D-G (low	No significant impact	JSNA 2020 data

efficiency), this is worse than the average of 56% across Wiltshire		
“Climate change & renewable energies” and “Waste and recycling” were ranked first and fourth choices from the CAJSNA 2020 Community survey	No significant impact	CAJSNA 2020 Community survey results
Less than 16% of Wiltshire's waste went to landfill in 2018/19 89% of Wiltshire's recycled, composted and reused waste is now being handled in the UK In 2018/19, there were 120 reported incidences of fly tipping in Devizes Community Area	Possible reduction on the amounts being recycled and increases in the number of fly-tips due to reduced hours of Household Recycling Centres and need to pre-book visits.	JSNA 2020 data
18% of Devizes Community Area is classified as either a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSI) or a County Wildlife Site (CWS) 2,965 individual species have so far been recorded in Devizes Community Area	Possible impact as focus move from environment to other factors as a result of Covid-19	JSNA 2020 data
Devizes is an Air Quality Management Area	Reduced volumes of traffic due to lockdown have meant that air quality at monitoring sites in town has increased during the last 12months. These sites now comply with levels. Work will need to be done to keeps these levels down.	Wiltshire Council Public Protection team, 2021.
Highways and Transport		
Devizes Community Area has a total road network of 260kms. The committed spend for road resurfacing in Devizes Community Area in 2019/20 was £587,580. This is 5% of the total committed spend for Wiltshire	Possible impact due to pressures on Wiltshire Council budgets.	JSNA 2020 data
“Highway infrastructure and maintenance” was ranked third most important priority in Devizes area.	No significant impact bar some backlog	CAJSNA 2020 Community survey results

Between 2012-2017, there was an estimated 6.0% increase in traffic flow on roads in Devizes Community Area.	This is likely to have reduced due to Covid-19 lockdowns. Work needs to happen to encourage alternative means of transport, when safe to do so.	JSNA 2020 data
Out of 25 speed surveys that were conducted in Devizes Community Area between 2017-2019, only 7 surveys met the criteria for further action. All other surveys required no further action	No significant impact. Devizes CATG has begun to meet remotely to work on highways and safety schemes.	JSNA 2020 data
The rate of killed or seriously injured casualties on roads in Devizes Community Area is 34 per 100,000 persons. This is lower than the rate for Wiltshire (46 per 100,000)	No significant impact. Devizes CATG has begun to meet remotely to work on highways and safety schemes.	JSNA 2020 data
Between September 2019 and February 2020, 271 children in Devizes Community Area completed Walk Safe training	With schools not open and children under lockdown, this training will have stopped during the pandemic.	JSNA 2020 data
Employment and Economy		
The percentage of working age population in Devizes Community Area is 59%, compared with 60% in Wiltshire	Probably impact on numbers of unemployed due to the effects of Covid-19	JSNA 2020 data
6% of the working age population in Devizes Community Area are on out of work benefits, which is higher than the Wiltshire average (5%)	Probably impact on numbers of unemployed due to the effects of Covid-19	JSNA 2020 data
According to a 2018 survey of local businesses, the biggest two employment sectors in Devizes Community Area are wholesale and retail and manufacturing	Probably impact on numbers of unemployed due to the effects of Covid-19	JSNA 2020 data
Devizes Community Area has a rate of 78 apprenticeships per 10,000 people aged 16+. This is significantly lower than the Wiltshire rate of 139 per 10,000	Probably impact on numbers of unemployed and opportunities for employment and training due to the effects of Covid-19	JSNA 2020 data
The average estimated personal loan amount per person for those in Devizes Community Area is £685.64,	Loans and debt are anticipated to increase significantly as furlough ends and as further	JSNA 2020 data Wiltshire Money data

which is lower than the Wiltshire average of £796.23	restrictions are placed on the public due to Covid-19	
The transition across to Universal Credit has ongoing challenges that affect housing association tenants. E.g. The minimum 5 week wait for first payments, the way it is paid monthly in a lump sum, which in some cases causes budgeting issues etc	Probable increase due to furlough and reduction in hours due to Covid-19	JSNA 2020 data Wiltshire Money data
Increase in poverty	Devizes and District Foodbank saw an increase in demand in March – June '20 and then again in November coinciding with lockdowns	Devizes and District Foodbank.
Footfall for businesses within the town is reduced on 2019 levels	With lockdowns and only essential retail staying open customer numbers have been lower. Devizes Indie has sprung up supporting local businesses. They held a successful 'Indie Day' in September '20	Devizes Indie
Arts, Culture and Leisure		
40% of residents in Devizes Community Area are currently members of the local libraries compared with 34% across Wiltshire	Devizes Hub opened for limited browsing during autumn but closed in November to offer an order & collect service. Market Lavington library has remained closed during the pandemic.	JSNA 2020 data
2.1% of working people in Devizes Community Area are employed in the arts, entertainment and recreation sector, compared with 2.5% across Wiltshire	With arts venues unable to open, many are struggling. With slightly less people employed in this sector that average, Devizes is slightly less exposed to unemployment.	JSNA 2020 data
In Devizes Community Area, there are 34 venues hosting Cultural Activities. There are 414 in total across Wiltshire	Possible reduction in the number of venues in future as grants and furlough schemes run out.	JSNA 2020 data

In 2018/19, there were 201,323 visits to Wiltshire Council owned leisure centres, swimming pools, or health and wellbeing centres in Devizes Community Area.	Significant restrictions on leisure use due to Covid-19. Devizes leisure centre re-opened in autumn for limited, pre-booked classes but closed in November as restrictions tightened. Lack of income now might mean less investment in facilities in future	Discussions with partners and leisure services
Community		
Life expectancy for both men (80 years) and women 83 years) in Devizes is slightly lower than that of the Wiltshire average (81 men & 84 women)	Direct impact from Covid-19 on physical and mental health, loneliness and isolation	JSNA 2020 data
The ethnicity in Devizes is predominantly White British 94.4%, with White other making up 2.9% and BAME making up 2.7%	Possible disproportionate Covid-19 effect on BAME communities.	Census 2011
Building back better requires a strategy for harnessing the skills and enthusiasm of the new volunteers who have come forward - this means getting a Volunteer Bureau infrastructure into place to both harness and support volunteers	Increased volunteers but little infrastructure in place to harness and support the good will going forward. New Love Devizes organisation aiming to harness will to volunteer and act as hub for VCS and those in need of volunteer help and those looking to give their time.	Conversations with DCS19, Love Devizes and local VCS.
Health and Wellbeing		
29% of 10-11 year olds in Devizes Community Area are obese or overweight. This is similar to the Wiltshire average (28%) but still equates to almost 1 in 3 children in Year 6	Possible increase due to more time spent at home. More activities and ways to exercise are now online	JSNA 2020 data
The rate of hospital admissions as a result of accidental injury in Devizes Community Area is 139 per 10,000 persons, compared to 140 per 10,000 persons in Wiltshire	Possible fall in numbers of those attending medical help as a result of Covid-19. Not wanting to access medical services out of fear of contracting virus	JSNA 2020 data

	or not wanting to put strain on services.	
In 2018/19, 51% of people at particular risk from the impact of flu in Devizes Community Area received the flu vaccination	Possible indicator to number of people who may be susceptible to symptoms of Covid-19. Uptake in future may be higher as people more likely to protect themselves against flu.	JSNA 2020 data
The rate of hospital admissions as a result of self-harm in Devizes Community Area equates to 34 per 10,000 persons, higher than the Wiltshire rate of 27 per 10,000	Possible increase in numbers due negative mental health impact of Covid-19.	JSNA 2020 data
Before the pandemic Sport England's <i>Active Lives</i> survey (May 2019/20), which presents information on three levels of activity for adults aged 16+, showed Wiltshire's participation figures at 64.3% Active (at least 150 minutes a week); 14% Fairly active (an average of 30-149 minutes a week) and 21.7% Inactive (less than 30 minutes a week).	Possible increase due to Covid-19, lockdowns and spending more time at home. Reports that some older people are no longer physically fit enough to leave their home due to inactivity and muscle wastage.	Wiltshire Council Sports Development.
Children and Young People		
57% of children in Devizes Community Area achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics at the end of primary school. This is lower than the Wiltshire average of 64%	Disruption in education due to closures, for many from March to July and again January to March. Isolation as year group "bubbles" need to self-isolate.	JSNA 2020 data
14% of pupils in Devizes Community Area have either an Education, Health and Care Plan or Special Educational Needs. This is similar to the Wiltshire average of 13%	Possible disproportionate, detrimental impact on SEND pupils as needs during Covid-19 lock downs not being met. People with some learning disabilities seem more susceptible to Covid-19	JSNA 2020 data
60% of schools in Devizes Community Area are engaged with the Healthy Schools programme. This is higher than the Wiltshire average of 56%	Possible drop-off of this number as schools re-evaluate their priorities, however most recognise need to support students'	JSNA 2020 data Conversations with local schools

	mental and physical health	
“Accessible, positive activities for all ages” was rated eighth most important priority by Devizes area.	Fewer activities for young people available due to Covid-19 restrictions. Youth clubs have closed and many planned events have been cancelled. Detached youth work taking place in some areas. Grassroots sport for young people restarted over the summer but has closed again in lockdowns.	CAJSNA 2020 Community survey results Discussions with partners
Older People		
74% of people aged 65+ received the flu vaccination in Devizes Community Area in 2018/19, compared with 75% for Wiltshire	Possible indicator to number of people who may be susceptible to symptoms of Covid-19. Uptake in future may be higher as people more likely to protect themselves against flu.	JSNA 2020 data
In Devizes Community Area 55% of people aged 40-74 who were offered an NHS Health Check, also received one. This is higher than the Wiltshire average of 51%	Possible fall in numbers of those attending medical help as a result of Covid-19. Not wanting to access medical services out of fear of contracting virus or not wanting to put strain on services.	JSNA 2020 data
The rate of hospital admissions due to falls for people aged 65+ in Devizes Community Area is 2,073 per 100,000 persons, compared with 2,135 per 100,000 persons for Wiltshire	Possible fall in numbers of those attending medical help as a result of Covid-19. Not wanting to access medical services out of fear of contracting virus or not wanting to put strain on services.	JSNA 2020 data
In Devizes Community Area, the rate of carers aged 65+ known to Carers Support Wiltshire is 44 per 1,000 persons Across Wiltshire, only 13.4% of adult carers aged 65+ feel	Lockdown and the effects of Covid-19, the closure of clubs and social opportunities is going to make the sense of isolation worse at this time.	JSNA 2020 data

that they have as much social contact as they would like.		
The rate of people aged 65+ supported to live independently in Devizes Community Area is 49 per 1,000 persons. This is higher than Wiltshire's average of 45 per 1,000	Possible decrease as the needs and dependencies of people increase due to Covid-19. Increased demand on Wiltshire Council's adult services.	JSNA 2020 data
Use and access to technology, especially amongst older people	Closure of shops and services has led to many of these now going online only. This has seen an increased use of the internet but not all people can access it. More awareness of the limited reach of technology.	Local knowledge from partners and charities

It is important that this is an inclusive process as possible with special attention to ensure that the villages and minority groups have equal opportunity to feed in and partake in this recovery work. However, it is recognised that some may choose not to engage, and that work will take place that is not captured in this document.

How local actions can be supported

The local response within the Devizes Community Area is one of co-production recognising that to rebuild our communities, it is important that we work together, sharing information and resources where appropriate.

Devizes Area Board covers the whole community area and is responsible for this document. It links local delivery to Wiltshire Council, Wiltshire Police, Public Health Wiltshire and other partners. It is an accountable body with influence and powers. It has its own funding to help support local initiatives that support the recovery and also encompass issues that existed prior to Covid-19

Wiltshire Council's thematic approach to the county's recovery is structured around the following 4 themes, and it will be helpful to use these as we progress our local recovery in the Devizes area:

- I. **Economy and employment**
- II. **Health, well-being and adult care**
- III. **Community Resilience**
- IV. **Young people, education and children**

Devizes Area Board working with existing (and where needed) new sub-groups, Devizes Town Council and local parish councils, community groups, the voluntary & community sector and other partner organisations, will carry out further investigation on the community

issues, themes and priorities, bringing together work currently happening and identifying areas for development.

Next Steps

- I. Discuss this document and agree an approach at Devizes Area Board meeting (15th March)
- II. Engage and consult with partner organisations (Continually)
- III. Engage and consult with specific groups (Continually)
- IV. Produce a rolling action plan including **up to 5 priority actions** at any one time to demonstrate where it will contribute to addressing the identified issues. (21st June)
- V. Use the above information to inform the formation of a vision for what the community in the Devizes area to be like.
- VI. Review this document and priorities regularly in response to changes and select new priority work (at every area board meeting)

Devizes Area Board 21 June 2021

Appointment of Area Board Lead Councillors

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To appoint lead Councillor representatives for the Area Board. This will include appointing to Outside Bodies and to reconstitute and appoint to Working Groups for the year 2021/22.

2. Background

- 2.1. Area Boards are invited to appoint Councillors to be their respective lead for particular themes, Outside Bodies or Working Groups. The following guiding principles are in place for Councillors who take a role as an Area Board lead:
 - To be the main Area Board point of contact for local Officers within their respective lead area
 - To attend (and often Chair) relevant sub-groups of the Area Board
 - To work collaboratively with relevant local partners and community groups
 - To provide regular updates back to the Area Board in relation to their lead area
- 2.2. The Area Board is invited to appoint Councillor lead representatives to the Outside Bodies listed at **Appendix A**. These appointments will continue for the duration of Councillors' terms of office, unless the Board determines otherwise.
- 2.3. The Area Board is also invited to reconstitute the Working Groups set out in **Appendix B**, with the Terms of Reference set out at **Appendix C**, and to make appointments to these groups.
- 2.4. Similarly, the Area Board is invited to appoint a named Older Persons and Carer Champion to work with the Area Board and Health and Wellbeing Group for 2021/22 (if applicable).

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. In 2010 all Area Boards appointed Community Area Transport Groups (CATGs), which operated as informal working groups making recommendations to the Area Board for approval. Terms of Reference are set out in Appendix C.
- 3.2. Some Area Boards have a Local Youth Network (LYN) to facilitate positive activities for young people in the community area. Terms of Reference are set out in Appendix C.

- 3.3. Some Area Boards have also established working groups to consider and facilitate the development of Health and Wellbeing Centre proposals. Where these have Terms of Reference it is for the Area Board to determine and amend where required.
- 3.4. From 2015, Area Boards have been able to establish a local Health and Wellbeing Group to consider health and wellbeing priorities in their local area. These groups are sub-groups of the Area Board and their Terms of Reference can be found in Appendix C.
- 3.5. A key role within the Health and Wellbeing Group is that of the local 'Champion' who works with the Area Board to address priorities for older people and carers, further details on this role can be obtained on request from the officer named on this report.
- 3.6. Area Boards may have established other working groups to consider and address local issues. Where these have Terms of Reference, this is for the Area Board to determine and amend where required.

4. Financial and Resource Implications

- 4.1. None.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. Some appointments carry responsibilities and duties, for example, those which involve becoming a trustee. Councillors are advised to seek advice on individual appointments if required. [Protocol 3](#) of the Council's Constitution sets out Guidance to Members on Outside Bodies.

6. Safeguarding Implications

- 6.1 Processes are in place to ensure Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are undertaken as appropriate.

7. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

- 7.1 None.

8. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 8.1 None.

9. Delegation

- 9.1 By convention, appointments to Outside Bodies which operate within the boundary of a community area are made by the relevant Area Board.

9.2 The appointment of Councillors and other representatives to working groups operating under the Area Board is a matter for the Area Board to determine.

10. Recommendation

10.1 The Area Board is requested to:

- a. Appoint Members as Lead representatives to Outside Bodies as set out at Appendix A;
- b. Agree to reconstitute and appoint to AB Themed Areas and the Working Group(s) as set out in Appendix B; and
- c. Note the Terms of Reference for the Working Group(s), as set out in Appendix C.

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Appendices:

Appendix A – Appointment to Outside Bodies
Appendix B – Appointment of Lead Members to Themed Areas and Working Groups
Appendix C – Terms of Reference for Working Group(s)

Unpublished background documents relied upon in the preparation of this report

None.

Devizes Area Board

Appendix A

Appointments of Lead Members to Outside Bodies 2021/22

Outside Body	Councillor Representative
Devizes Leisure Centre Group	<i>(2 reps required)</i>
Devizes & District Association for the Disabled Executive Committee (Nursteed Centre)	<i>(1 rep required)</i>
Devizes Development Partnership	<i>(1 rep required)</i>

COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP (CATG)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Membership of the CATG

The CATG will normally be made up of not more than 10 members from the following groups:

- Members of the Area Board
- Town and Parish Council representatives
- Community representatives

Representatives should act as a conduit between their organisations and the CATG by putting forward the views of the body they represent and providing feedback to its members regarding the work of the CATG. The group members will also need to be mindful of the needs of the community area as a whole when making their recommendations, as not all councils and groups can be represented on the CATG.

Any recommendations of the CATG to the Area Board will usually be reached by consensus but if necessary these can be agreed by a show of hands by those representatives present at the meeting.

The group will normally be chaired by a Wiltshire Councillor. Membership of the CATG will cease when a member ceases to hold the stated office as when first appointed.

The CATG may invite representatives from local organisations to its meetings to give technical advice or to share pertinent local knowledge on projects in the area.

Appointment of CATG Members

Appointment of members to the CATG will normally be agreed at a full meeting of the Area Board. Membership may be varied, with the agreement of the Area Board Chairman, subject to approval at the next full Area Board meeting.

Where required for flexibility, the Area Board may appoint an unnamed representative of an organisation to the CATG (e.g. Town/Parish Council or Community Area Partnership) to ensure that the organisation is always represented at meetings. However it is preferred that the same representative attends if possible to ensure consistency of membership.

Media Relations

Members of the CATG must not issue press statements on behalf of the Area Board.

Any press statements about the work of the CATG should be agreed between the Chairman of the CATG and the Chairman of the Area Board.

Meetings

It is recommended that the CATG meet at least four times a year. Meetings are intended to be limited to the Membership set out above, and is open to other members of the Area Board who wish to attend. It can be open to public if the Area Board wishes. It should be noted that CATG is an advisory body, it does not exercise delegated decision making powers.

Officer Support

Meetings will be attended by relevant officers from Wiltshire Council including a senior transport planner, a senior traffic engineer and a local highway maintenance engineer as necessary. Additional support will be provided outside of the meeting by the Corporate Office Business Support unit, as per Area Boards.

Terms of Reference

The CATG has no formal decision making authority on operational matters or budget expenditure but acts as an informal discussion forum making recommendations to the Area Board. Recommendations must be agreed at a full CATG meeting before being brought to the next Area Board for approval.

The CATG's terms of reference are set out at Appendix A:

Terms of Reference

1. Small scale transport schemes – discretionary funding

To make recommendations to the Area Board to determine priorities and levels of expenditure required for small scale transport schemes in the community area. A discretionary highways budget has been allocated to the board by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport. The funding allocation is for capital funding and can only be used to provide new and improved highway infrastructure. It is suitable for schemes that improve safety, increase accessibility and sustainability by promoting walking, cycling and public transport and improve traffic management. It cannot be used to fund revenue functions such as maintenance schemes or the provision of passenger transport services. Schemes considered by the CATG should have first been raised through the community issues system and endorsed by the relevant town or parish council.

In choosing their local transport schemes Area Boards will need to be mindful of the priorities of the Local Transport Plan and the likely availability of future funding for implementation.

(Cabinet Member Decision HT-021-10)

2. Small scale transport schemes – substantive funding

To submit bids for funding from the centrally held substantive funds. A scheme qualifies as substantive if the estimated cost is in excess of the total discretionary amount available.

(Cabinet Member Decision HT-026-11)

3. C & UC roads speed limit review

To make recommendations to the Area Board as to the priority routes for review on C Class and unclassified roads in accordance with the guidance issued by the Cabinet Member for Highways.

(Cabinet Member Decision HT-027-11)

4. Waiting restrictions

To make recommendations to the Area Board regarding waiting restrictions in areas where the Town or Parish Councils do not wish to undertake this function.

(Cabinet Member Decision HT-031-11)

5. 20mph speed restrictions – review and implementation

To make recommendations to the Area Board as to the priority routes/areas for review and implementation of 20mph speed restrictions in accordance with the guidance issued by the Cabinet Member for Highways.

(Cabinet Member Decision HSB-007-13)

6. Other decisions

To make recommendations to the Area Board regarding any other local highways issues when requested.

Community Area Health and Wellbeing Group Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

Definition of a Health and Wellbeing Group (HWG)

The Health and Wellbeing Group is a sub group of the Community Area Board. It represents a wide range of community stakeholders who work in partnership to facilitate well-being across the community area. People and organisations living and working in the community play a direct role in setting the agenda for this group.

HWGs will identify local needs, priorities and outcomes and make recommendations to the Area Board on how funding for activities should be deployed.

2. Membership

The Health and Wellbeing Groups may include representatives of:

- Members of the Community Area Board,
- Older Peoples Champion,
- Carers Champion,
- People from the community,
- Town and Parish Councils,
- Health and social care commissioners,
- Community and voluntary organisations and groups,
- Community transport providers,
- Police,
- Fire and rescue services,
- GP Practices,
- Other organisations, agencies and individuals that have a genuine interest in promoting the welfare and interests of older people.

All representatives must be subject to appropriate safeguarding requirements.

The participation and involvement of people

People living in the community must play a central role in all aspects of the Health and Wellbeing Groups including the design, development, delivery and review of the local activities.

Health and Wellbeing Groups are encouraged to use a variety of methods to ensure people participate and are involved in decision-making processes. Existing groups may provide a useful forum for involving people, although the decision to retain these groups is for local determination.

Health and Wellbeing Groups must ensure that consultation with people is representative and takes into account the views and needs of under-represented groups (those with protected characteristics) to ensure compliance with the local authorities Public Sector Equality Duty.

Roles of all members of the Health and Wellbeing Groups

All members will be required to:

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- Take an active part in the development of the Health and Wellbeing Group and its aims.
- Ensure that their organisation is represented by a person of appropriate experience/competency (or his/her appointed deputy) who has full authority within the relevant organisation to speak on behalf of the organisation and contribute fully to all discussions.
- Take responsibility for sharing information with the Health and Wellbeing Group relevant to their organisation/ stakeholders/sector.
- Contribute any information that may have a bearing on activities for older people and ensure that this is shared with the Health and Wellbeing Group.
- Champion the voice and influence of people in decision making.
- Be open and honest and work collaboratively.
- Work to promote equality and non-discriminatory practices in all aspects of the Health and Wellbeing Groups activities.
- Respect all members of the Health and Wellbeing Group and invited representatives.
- Work to improve outcomes for people and ensure high quality safeguarding practice.

3. Structure

The Health and Wellbeing Groups should come together on a quarterly basis, operating in a way which encourages active engagement, dialogue, debate and improved partnership working between key stakeholders.

A smaller management group will take responsibility for coordinating and planning the Health and Wellbeing Groups activities. The Chair of the group will be decided locally and could be any member of the Group. The group will include a member of the Community Area Board, who will work with the Chair to present recommendations and provide updates on progress at Area Board meetings.

The management group will generally comprise of:

- The Chairperson
- Older Persons Champion/ Carers Champion
- Community Engagement Manager
- Commissioning representative (Community Commissioner)

The appointment of Councillors (excluding officers) to Health and Wellbeing Groups will normally be agreed at a full meeting of the Area Board. Membership may be varied, with the agreement of the Area Board Chairperson, subject to approval at the next full Area Board meeting.

Where required, the Chairperson and Community Engagement Manager may appoint additional people to the management group if it is felt their involvement would be important for the function of the group.

Alternative people can represent people at the management group, however, it is preferred that the same representative attends if possible to ensure consistency of membership.

4. Responsibilities of the Health and Wellbeing Groups

Key responsibilities for the Health and Wellbeing Groups include:

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- Recommending grants that support the priorities identified in the local Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).
- Ensuring that any grants and activities take into account any applicable safeguarding implications.
- Making recommendations to the Community Area Board on how priorities for funding should be determined (to include evaluating opportunities for applying for grants)
- Monitoring and reporting on the quality and effectiveness of local activities and grants.

- Based on the JSNAs, local intelligence and Area Board priorities coordinating joint working to deliver these objectives.
- Addressing any conflicts of interest that may arise as part of the local decision making process.

Recommendations to the Community Area Board will usually be reached by consensus but if necessary these can be agreed by a vote.

The management group may invite representatives from local organisations/agencies to its meetings etc to provide expertise or to share local knowledge on activities, projects and programmes in the area.

5. Funding

Area Boards will have an annual revenue budget allocated to them. The Health and Wellbeing group will advise the Area Board on how these funds should be allocated. Health and Wellbeing Groups will be able to bid, apply for funding from other sources and would also be expected to feedback to commissioners on priorities for the Countywide contracts.

6. Media Relations

Members of the Health and Wellbeing Groups may not issue media statements on behalf of the Community Area Board. Any media statements about the work of the Health and Wellbeing Groups should be agreed with between the Health and Wellbeing Groups and Chairperson of the Community Area Board.

7. Review

These terms of reference are subject to change and should be reviewed by the Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Health on an annual basis.

Local Youth Network (LYN) Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

Definition of a Local Youth Network

A Local Youth Network (LYN) is a sub group of the Area Board. It represents a wide range of community stakeholders who work in partnership to facilitate a range of positive activities across the community area.

Local Youth Networks will engage young people and support their voices being heard in order to help shape local decision making. LYNs will adopt an evidenced and need based approach for young people and will actively work with the local Area Board on the provision of positive activities for young people. The membership, aims and relationship with the local Area Board may vary slightly in each community area.

The obligations of the Area Board are set out in the *'Leaders Guidance for Area Boards on Positive Activities for Young People'*.

2. Membership

The LYN may include representatives of:

- Members of the Area Board
- Young people
- Schools
- Town and Parish Councils
- Community and voluntary organisations and groups
- Police
- Health organisations
- Other organisations, agencies and individuals that have a genuine interest in promoting the welfare and interests of young people

All representatives must be subject to appropriate safeguarding requirements.

Participation and involvement of young people

Youth networks are encouraged to use a variety of approaches to ensure young people participate and are involved in decision making processes.

LYNs must ensure that consultation with young people is representative and takes into account the views and needs of underrepresented groups (those with protected characteristics) to ensure compliance with the local authorities Public Sector Equality Duty.

Roles of the LYN

All members will be required to:

- Take an active part in the development of the LYN and its aims.

- Ensure that their organisation is represented by a person of appropriate experience/competency (or his/her appointed deputy) who has full authority within the relevant organisation to speak on behalf of the organisation and contribute fully to all discussions.
- Make recommendations to the Area Board on how positive activities funding should be deployed.
- Take responsibility for sharing information with the LYN relevant to their organisation/ stakeholders/sector.
- Contribute any information that may have a bearing on positive activities and ensure that this is shared with the LYN.
- Champion the voice and influence of young people in decision making.
- Be open and honest and work collaboratively.
- Work to promote equality and non-discriminatory practices in all aspects of the LYNs activities.
- Respect all members of the LYN and invited representatives.
- Work to improve outcomes for young people and ensure high quality safeguarding practice.

3. Structure and operation

The frequency, location and format of LYN meetings and activities should be determined locally, however it is recommended that the group meets at least two times per year.

The LYN may come together at events, workshops, youth fairs, meetings and consultations, operating in a way which encourages active engagement, dialogue, debate and improved partnership working between key stakeholders.

The Chair of the group will be decided locally. The group will include a member of the Area Board, who will provide updates on progress at Area Board meetings and advise on recommendations where appropriate.

Each network will be supported by the local Community Engagement Manager, however, models that are independently run in the communities are also encouraged.

The appointment of members (excluding officers) to the management group will normally be agreed at a full meeting of the Area Board. Membership may be varied, with the agreement of the Area Board Chairperson, subject to approval at the next full Area Board meeting.

4. Media Relations

Members of the LYN may not issue media statements on behalf of the Area Board. Any media statements about the work of the LYN should be agreed with between the LYN, Community Engagement Manager and Chairperson of the Area Board.

5. Review

These terms of reference are subject to change and may be reviewed by the Leader on an annual basis.

Devizes Air Quality and Sustainable Transport Steering Group

Overall objective/outcome of the group:

To work together with the common goal of seeking to improve the air quality in Devizes Community Area through behavioural, strategic and infrastructure change to ensure that the level of pollutants (nitrogen dioxide and particulates (PM₁₀)) are in line with national air quality objectives and that this work supports the principles of sustainable development.

Purpose of the group:

To oversee the development and implementation of an effective local Air Quality and Sustainable Transport Action Plan for Devizes Community Area.

Terms of Reference:

- The Devizes Air Quality and Sustainable Transport Steering Group (the Group) will work together to ensure the development and implementation of the air quality action plan. Membership will comprise of officers of Wiltshire Council, community representatives and elected Councillors (see Membership below). The group will co-opt other members onto the group as and when considered necessary and appropriate.
- Governance arrangements for the Group will sit with Members of the Area Board – the Group itself will have no voting rights. The Group will make recommendations to the Area Board as and when decisions are required (including commissioning decisions) and will report the progress of its work to Members by means of updates at future Area Board meetings as appropriate.
- The Group will use the air quality data from the current monitoring regime to provide an objective framework for monitoring and for guiding its actions and recommendations, focusing on those areas with greatest exceedance with regard to air quality objectives.
- The Group will focus activity within Devizes Community Area addressing the existing Air Quality Management Area and aligning with the Transport Strategy. However the Group accepts that this will not fetter activity elsewhere in the Board area if this achieves the overall objective of the Group.
- The Group will endeavour to work within and complement existing national and local policy frameworks such as the UK climate change strategy, Wiltshire Air Quality Strategy, Local Plan, Local Transport Plan, Devizes Neighbourhood Plan, Wiltshire Core Strategy, etc
- The Group will explore any funding opportunities and recommend any commissioning decisions to Members of the Area Board.
- In order to inform its action plan, the Group will assess the work already completed or on progress across the town and Community Area with regard to air quality and sustainable transport.

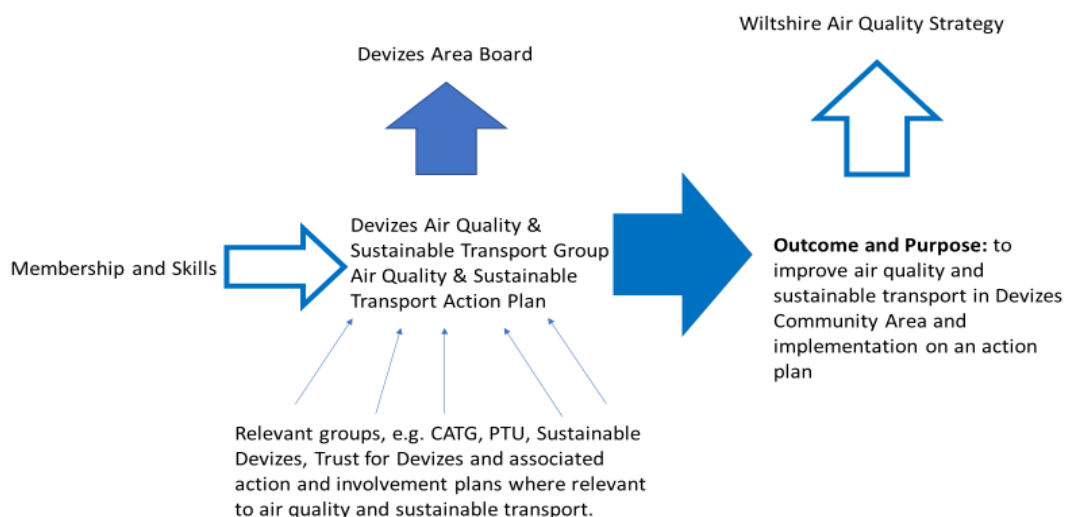
- The group will establish a dialogue with community groups to understand existing concerns or perceptions regarding air quality and to explore a means of dealing with those concerns.
- The group will link with other steering groups across the County with a view to sharing good practice with respect to air quality management.

Membership

Core membership:

- Area Board Wiltshire Councillor(s)
- Community representatives:
 - Community Area Transport Group
 - Devizes Town Council
 - Local Parish Councillors as appropriate
 - Trust for Devizes
 - Sustainable Devizes
- Representatives from the following Wiltshire Council Services as required:
 - Public Protection Services
 - Public Health
 - Transport Planning
 - Strategic Planning
 - Development Control
- Potential Co-optees
 - Local businesses, schools etc as appropriate

Operating model:



Frequency of meetings

Bi-monthly on the rising of the Community Area Transport Group

Devizes Area Board

Appendix B

Appointments of Area Board Lead Councillors

To Themed Areas as set out in the JSNA and Working Groups of the Board

Area Board to allocate a member to each area, even if no current group set up.

Highways and Transport, including Community Area Transport Group (CATG):

To be appointed

Air Quality and Transport Strategy Working Group (to be run in tandem with CATG)

To be appointed

Children and Young People, including Local Youth Network

To be appointed

Health and Wellbeing, including the Health and Wellbeing Group

To be appointed

Economy and Employment

To be appointed

Environment

To be appointed

Older People

To be appointed

Arts, Culture and Leisure

To be appointed

Community Safety

To be appointed

Housing and Development

To be appointed

Devizes Community Area Transport Group – 25th May 2021 – Notes

	Item	Update	Actions and Recommendations	Who
1	Apologies and Attendees			
		<p>Apologies: Cllr Sue Ivey (Little Cheverell PC); Rebekah Jefferies (Rowde PC)</p> <p>Present: Cllr William Howkins (Stert PC); Richard Culverhouse (Poulshot PC); Cllr Pat Bryant (Rowde PC); Cllr Caroline West, Cllr Stan Jonik (Erlestoke PC); Cllr Chris Greenwood (Devises TC); Cllr Chris Saunders (Easterton PC); Cllr Fred Davis (Market Lavington PC); Cllr Julia Ford (West Lavington PC); Rosalind Humphries (Bromham PC); Cllr Terry James, Sue Bond (Seend PC); Cllr Dominic Muns (Chair), Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Tamara Reay, Gareth Rogers, Andrew Jack (Wiltshire Council)</p>		
2	Notes of last meeting			
		<p>Notes from the Devizes CATG meeting on 16th February were published at part of the agenda for Devizes Area Board’s meeting on 15th March 2021: https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=163&MId=13058&Ver=4</p>		
3	Financial Position			
		<p>Budget Available - £22,097.97</p> <p>The allocation for 2021/22 is £15,984. This is a slight increase in</p> <p>Note: Order Values are subject to change</p>	GR pointed out invoices are on the way to parish councils for their contributions towards schemes.	
5	Top 5 Priority Schemes			
a)	Issue 6120 Lydeaway - Request	<i>The speed limit or rather the lack of on the A 342 road between Lydeaway and Stert village entrance. When exiting the entrance of The Clock Inn Park the</i>	WH stated that the contribution which Stert PC agreed to make is	

	<p>for speed limit reduction</p> <p>(Priority No.01)</p>	<p><i>visibility is poor in both directions. Seeing that a lot of money has been spent on the work carried out in recent months on the renovation of the pathway between The Clock Inn Park and the entrance to Stert village which means more of the people from The clock Inn Park are using the pathway some of which have mobility scooters are finding it very difficult in crossing the road because of the speed of traffic which in some cases is in excess of the 60 miles per hour limit. In the last year there has been one accident of a car exiting The Clock Inn Park which in this case no one was hurt the police were not informed but both cars were written off. There are slow signs on the road and also illuminated 'slow down' signs before the 's' bends and the entrance to Stert village these do not seem to be effective.</i></p> <p>Stert PC have confirmed a contribution of £500 to the request.</p> <p>Atkins have completed the Speed Limit The assessment has concluded that a 50mph restriction can be considered. Indicative cost £6,000</p> <p>Stert PC had increased their contribution from £500 to £1,000, which for a parish of that size is a large amount. RG to check this is correct.</p> <p>There was no one from Stert PC present. RG raised the issue of Stert PC contributing £500 towards an implementation cost of £6,000. GR confirmed that the change in speed limit from this scheme might produce a reduction of actual speeds of 2-3mph.</p> <p>There was agreement within CATG that they expect a greater contribution from Stert PC towards the implementation.</p>	<p>£500 not £1,000 as listed within the budget.</p> <p>DM wanted to push through this project and was happy to accept this level of contribution from Stert PC. GR was happy to go ahead with this level.</p> <p>DM reiterated that parish councils are expected to make a contribution of at least 25% towards the projects that go through CATG, since this makes the group's limited budget go further.</p>	
b)	<p>Issue 5964</p> <p>Devizes, Rotherstone Speeding</p> <p>(Priority No.02)</p>	<p>Initial issue description:</p> <p><i>The roads in Devizes SN10 2BJ area, Avon Terrace from Shopmobilty to Rotherstone cemetery is used as a race track. The speeds people do is ridiculous. I've spoken with few residents and all are for a speed watch group to happen. Its recently turn to 20mph but people are speeding more mounting pavements. Won't be long before some gets serious hurt.</i></p> <p>Open meeting held to discuss options. Town Council sent out follow up consultation questionnaire to all residents and following the results of this have</p>	<p>GR said this is in the process to go ahead. The TRO has been advertised and signed off by the Cabinet member for Highways. A resident has raised an issue, which has gone to the Council's legal team who feel this does not need to go any further and the resident has been informed. Work on the ground is set to go</p>	

		<p>sent a response stating that:</p> <p><i>“The Town Council supports a resident’s request for Rotherstone to be made a no through road with one end being closed to motorised traffic and would ask the Community Area Transport Group to undertake the necessary work to determine the most suitable location for the closure for a viable of the scheme”</i></p> <p>Devizes TC have confirmed support for proposal and requested that the proposal proceeds.</p> <p>Initial Discussion with Police has indicated continued support with the condition of a physical feature enforcing restriction. Development costs - £3,000. KN confirms DTC’s contribution towards the project.</p> <p>TRO has been advertised and comments have been received. Devizes TC have confirmed continued support for the proposal. Report for Cabinet Member has been drafted and submitted. Decision has been made, however an objector requested a Public Enquiry be held. Consultation with Legal Services had been made and concluded this is not required. Work has been on hold whilst Legal determine next step.</p> <p>Objector has now been informed and work to progress order has resumed.</p> <p>Implementation costs estimated at £6,000. Devizes TC to contribute 25%.</p>	<p>ahead.</p>	
<p>c)</p>	<p>Issue 6-19-02 (Previously known as Issue 6569)</p> <p>Footway at Tanis, Conscience Lane, Rowde</p> <p>(Priority No.03)</p>	<p>RJ asked about the Issue (6569) recorded to create a new footway from houses at Tanis on Conscience Lane to the A342. The parish council supports this request.</p> <p>An initial ballpark estimates of £6,000 provided to enable development of scheme. Awaiting RPC to confirm acceptance of need to contribute 25% of the development costs, ahead of 2020/21 Substantive CATG Bid.</p> <p>Rowde PC now confirm their 25% contribution Initial discussion with BT for Service diversion has indicated costs of circa £30,000. Alternative solution being discussed with WC Estates to dedicate some of adjacent field and relocate hedgerow ongoing.</p>	<p>PB was not aware of the additional cost raised by the BT services found. She was just keen for this project to go ahead and connect the households at Tanis. GR said this cost does not have to stop the project. He described how the Substantive Scheme works to fund larger projects. Bids to it are submitted in June/July and this project will be submitted at that time.</p>	

		CATG confirms this can stay on the list of projects and can still go towards future Substantive CATG bid in 21/22. Anticipated that bids will need to be submitted June / July.	PB asked if the route could be altered to avoid these services and save this additional cost. GR replied that it will be difficult to provide a safe route and there is a maintenance liability going onto 3 rd party land. PW felt this needs to go to the Substantive fund. It was confirmed Rowde PC's contribution stays the same.	
d)	Issue Ref 06-20-01 Bromham A342 Request for Village Signs. (Priority No.04)	<p><i>Due to the decline in village shops the Parish Council would like to request brown signs indicating 'Village Shops' to be located on the A342 at the Roughmoor Junction and Pound Junctions to indicate that there are shops in the village centre.</i></p> <p>Tourist Signs (Brown Signs) are not permitted for this type of feature, however traditional road signs can be considered to direct point to village amenities. CATG Agreed to prioritise, and a proposal drawing and budget estimate to be prepared.</p> <p>Draft proposal has been sent to PC. Indicative cost is circa £1700.</p>	<p>GR confirmed there are signs that will do what Bromham wants.</p> <p>RH confirmed Bromham PC will contribute £425 (25% of £1,700) CATG was happy to go forward.</p>	
e)	06-20-11 Little Cheverell Low Road – HGV's (Priority No.05)	<p>Low Road, Little Cheverell is often used by HGVs as a shortcut to avoid the full diversion route via Great Cheverell designed to bypass the low railway bridge in Littleton Panell. However it is entirely unsuitable to HGVs as it is very narrow and has some sharp corners; as a result HGVs get stuck or cause damage. At present at each end of Low Road are traffic signs indicating 'prohibited entry to HGVs over 7.5T Except for access' and 'Single track road No passing places'. However, at around 01.00 hours on 4 August an HGV drove at speed along Low Road breaking off tree branches and demolishing part of a garden wall. This incident was but one of many over recent years. The present traffic signs are clearly not as effective as could be.</p> <p>Traffic signs indicating 'prohibited entry to HGVs', as have recently been installed</p>	<p>The parish council's contribution has been confirmed and GR stated the new signage is due in place this week.</p> <p>It was agreed this could be removed from the CATG list.</p>	

		<p>at Edington, be installed at each end of Low Road.</p> <p>Little Cheverell Parish Council agree to contribute 25% cost of potential works.</p> <p>Work has been ordered and will be implemented shortly. LCPC to be invoiced on completion.</p>		
h)	<p>Issue 6675 A342 Bromham (Priority No.06)</p>	<p><i>Bromham Parish Council would like to put in motion a speed restriction on the A342 from South of the Calne A3102 50/40mph speed restriction to the St Edith's Marsh 30 MPH restriction. This length of the A342 is now a 60MPH road with frequent occurring accidents which can be backed up by local police and a freedom of information request for the crash map information for accidents. This stretch of road starting at the Calne junction has the following: Farm shop, Residential properties, Chittoe junction - poor visibility. The Audi Garage, Residential properties, The A3102 Melksham junction with Collins Veg. Shop - minor accidents happen here on a regular basis not always police recorded- V P Collins Vegetables at 81 Devizes Road can support this. ACCIDENT SPOT; Double bends. ACCIDENT SPOT; New Farm and Digester entrance to A J Butlers Farm - between the double bends. Cross road junction to Highfield village centre and Roughmoor. Roughmoor 9 residential properties plus A J Butlers main Farm access and Open Reach telecom building. ACCIDENT SPOT; Cross road junction to Yard lane and The Pound village centre. ACCIDENT SPOT; Hawkstreet junction. A speed restriction has been requested on two previous occasions but without response. Bromham Parish Council ask that this request is seriously considered by that appropriate team.</i></p> <p>Speed Limit Assessment discussed at Nov 19 Meeting. Bromham PC to consider and advise if the wish to proceed with requesting a speed limit assessment. GR sent further information to PC 17.12.19. Awaiting BPC response on whether to proceed & contribution.</p> <p>RH will have to check with BPC if they can contribute 50%. GR confirmed this can go ahead but report might not show what BPC wants to see happen.</p> <p>RH has confirmed that BPC are only prepared to contribute 25% of the assessment cost. Decision required as to whether the group wish to proceed. Issue was placed on hold for Dec '20 meeting as no BPC Representative was in</p>	<p>The level of contribution from the parish council had previously been a sticking point. DM was happy to go ahead with a 25% contribution, as offered by Bromham PC. GR was happy to go forward with this.</p>	

		attendance. No representative at Feb '21 meeting. To discuss.		
i)	06-20-21 Devizes TC Request for 20mph Limit – Area 3 (Priority No.07)	<p><i>Access through this residential area is often used as a rat run, as it bypasses traffic congestion in New Park Street leading to rat run mentality. Commercial Road from the junction at the Sainsbury Mini Roundabout to Rotherstone, the whole of Couch Lane, the whole of New Park Road and the whole of Victoria Road all have high concentrations of pedestrian and frequent parking manoeuvres, therefore a 20mph speed limit would be more appropriate for this area.</i></p> <p><i>We would call this Zone Three, 20mph speed limit. See attached plan</i></p> <p>KN spoke about how Devizes TC had looked at assessing the whole town centre for 20mph and wanted to know that CATG was happy with this and GR is in the conversation.</p> <p>RG asked about a contribution. GR has spoken to Simon Fisher about this and recommended splitting the request into 4, hence the several requests here.</p> <p>RG asked if CATG is happy to put 75% of costs to the assessment for the entire area. KN is happy with this.</p> <p>There were concerns about the cost of implementation, especially for such a large area. GR said this could be broken down into stages, although there was a risk some costs, such as adverts, might be repeated if that was the case.</p> <p>RG asked CATG to agree funds for the 20mph assessment (£2,500) and the group agreed to make the whole area a priority.</p>	KN confirmed the funding from the town council has been agreed. They are looking at getting the 1 st assessment as a priority to begin this process. GR pointed out the consultants, Atkins, have a list of projects and are moving forward countywide, so progress will be made in next couple of months	
	06-20-22 Devizes TC Request for 20mph Limit – Area 1	<p><i>Long Street, St Johns Street, the Highstreet, Market Place and Station Road are access to the town centre but are often used as a rat run, as it is shorter route to get through the town than preferred arterial route of New Park Street, which in turn leads to a rat run mentality. All these roads have high concentrations of pedestrian and frequent parking manoeuvres, therefore a 20mph speed limit would be more appropriate for this area.</i></p> <p><i>We would call this Zone One, 20mph speed limit. See attached plan</i></p>	See above	
	06-20-23	<p><i>The whole of Bridewell Street, the whole of Hare and Hounds Street, the whole of Sheep Street,</i></p>	See above	

	Devizes TC Request for 20mph Limit – Area 2	<i>the whole of Sidmouth Street, the whole of Maryport Street and the whole of Monday Market Street are either within the main shopping area of the town or are the feeder road into this area and as such all have high concentrations of pedestrian and frequent parking manoeuvres and therefore a 20mph speed limit would be more appropriate for this area. We would call this Zone Two, 20mph speed limit. See attached plan</i>		
	06-20-24 Devizes TC Request for 20mph Limit – Area 4	<i>There has been a 20mph zone implemented for the Brickley Lane area for time, however Church Walk was missed off that scheme. It meets all the same criteria as Bickley Lane and is a feeder road into this wider scheme, therefore we believe it should have its speed limit reduced to 20mph. We would call this Zone Four, 20mph speed limit. See attached plan</i>	See above	
6.	Other priority schemes			
a)	06-20-18 Market Lavington Request for Dropped Kerbs	<p><i>There are several key locations in the village where the absence of dropped-kerbs means that anyone using a mobility scooter, wheelchair, or a pram, would find it impossible to manoeuvre on and off the pavement safely. This can either result in mobility scooter users having to make long detours to reach their destination, or having to use the road itself as a means of getting from one dropped-kerb to the next, which in some cases can be a significant distance away.</i></p> <p><i>In order to help ensure the safety of everyone using the pavements, the Parish Council would like to request the installation of a number of dropped-kerbs at key locations in the Village (document attached with details of proposed locations). Could we please ask that this matter be submitted via the CATG committee, with a request for support towards the cost and installation of the dropped-kerbs. The Parish Council recognises that it will be required to contribute to the final cost.</i></p> <p>5 Locations have been identified.</p> <p>FD spoke about 5 locations in the village where wheeled access is not good – there are places with old and unsuitable pavements. GR said that CATG could take this on and gave an estimate of £750-1,000 per dropped kerb. With an economy of scale, this could come to approx. £4,000 for the whole scheme. GR</p>	FD described this as centred on The Spring and Park Rd. They are targeting new dropped kerbs where wheelchair users are in the village. FD confirmed the parish's contribution at 50% of the estimated cost of £4,000 or capped at £2,000. GR has a map from the PC of the proposed locations.	

		will need to take a look at each location. RG asked if CATG wanted to take this on? He is happy to put on priority list but that it does not need funding straight away.		
7.	Outstanding / Open issues			
a)	Issue 6736 Market Lavington; Ledge Hill / Broadway Request for speed limit reduction	<p><i>Cars driving too fast down Road that we live on Location Spin Hill Broadway Market Lavington SN10 5RH Cars and motorbikes speed up coming down hill to sometimes 70-100 miles an hour... the road bends in parts is relatively a short length of Road with a very dangerous junction at the end known as black dog junction where drivers have to stop. Currently the speed limit is 40 turning into 60 miles an hour - which does not make sense considering there are 6 residential homes various offices and businesses with vehicles entering and exiting throughout the day. There have been various incidents in the last 2 years... two cases of cars losing control driving into my gateway and telephone poll - causing a loss of telephone service and internet for 7 days - also the spot where my children have to stand waiting for their school bus - if they had been there they would have been killed 2 cars driving into the ditch where they have lost control on a bend a collision between two cars as one was leaving a small lane and visibility is difficult caused by car driving too fast down the Road. These are the only ones I have witnessed and I am sure there have been more. And more recently my neighbour walking her dog was killed - both herself and large Labrador were both killed. We are still waiting to fully find out the full story but knowing where it happened I have witnessed many drivers going too fast around a difficult bend - I am sure it was down to negligent driving. It also does not make sense that such a small Road with bends throughout with residencies businesses etc. is marked as a national speed limit when the main Road from Devizes to Lavington is at 50 miles an hour Currently it is too dangerous for us to walk outside our home - even mowing my lawn is dangerous we are unable to walk to our local village which is just up the road.</i></p> <p>Awaiting information as to whether this is supported by the Parish Council</p> <p>Police investigation was concluded, and Coroner Inquest held (May 2019). No recommendations to the Highway Authority made.</p>	<p>FD described the background and the area of concern from the railway bridge to Broadway Farm. So far only drivers have been involved in incidents, not businesses or householders. FD wanted to concentrate on speed at Broadway. The parish council's position is that they want the speed limit changed to 50 or even 40mph as they feel that suits the road conditions, although they will leave the final speed to engineers.</p> <p>GR described that to achieve a lower limit, the road will need a speed limit review, to be carried out by Atkins at a fix cost of £2,500. It is up to CATG to agree to spend that money. GR felt that a 50mph limit was possible but said that this might not see a great reduction in overall speed or driver behaviour.</p> <p>DW put this back to FD. He felt this could have two effects – some drivers would go more slowly and it would allow enforcement of the lower speed limit to take place.</p>	

		<p>IM described the different speed limits at Ledge Hill, the accidents and it has no footpath. Residents have asked for a speed limit reduction all along length. In particular, there is a need to reduce the 40mph to 30mph, followed by the 60mph to 50mph. He asked the group to consider this.</p> <p>RG asked if there is space for a new footpath? With development happening there, money could be found to create this. IM said that this has been looked at, but he was not aware of the findings.</p> <p>FD mentioned ideas like permissive paths for walkers and the PC is working with CATG towards a new 40mph limit at the bottom of Ledge Hill. Residents there feel 60mph is not appropriate and want it reduced. There are 13 businesses and 8 residential properties there. FD wanted this left on as this is desired when an opportunity arises, and funding becomes available.</p> <p>No one from Market Lavington PC was present to give comment. RG will raise with at the PC meeting on 16/02/21.</p> <p>RG felt speed might not be the principal issue here.</p>	<p>FD went back to the group for a decision on allocating funding. PW was happy to do this. GR confirmed the funding split would be 75:25 from CATG and the parish council.</p>	
b)	<p>Issue 6881 A342 Lydeaway, Planks Farm Speed Limit reduction request.</p>	<p><i>As a safety measure to prevent death or serious injury we would like the current 50 mph reduced to 40mph as we believe that a contributory factor to the serious accidents which have already occurred is the speed. A cost-effective solution of reducing the speed limit by 10 mph will not stop those that speed regularly but even regular speeders are reticent to go very far above set limits. We suggest that the area of the A342 be from Lydeaway past Wedhampton to Chirton. This section of road has very tight bends and highly used junctions. This small measure we believe will lessen the chance of a fatality along this section of the A342.</i></p>	<p>This is linked to issue 6120 as discussed above. GR wanted this issue left separately on the list.</p>	
c)	<p>Issue Ref 06-19-11 Potterne Blounts Court Request junction altered to form a Mini-Roundabout</p>	<p><i>Improvements require to previously agreed formal crossing</i></p> <p><i>Request the junction with the A360 & Blount's Court is altered with the introduction of a min-roundabout and associated kerb line alterations. This will enable alterations to be made to the crossing point to improve visibility for pedestrians crossing in the vicinity of the George & Dragon PH.</i></p> <p>GR confirmed that the issue has been logged. It will be for the PC to prioritise their schemes given the budget availability. PPC have done so and will revisit the</p>	<p>No one from Potterne PC was present. PW asked for an estimate on a new mini roundabout. GR said this could be £20-25,000 but depending on any services found during the work, could reach 6 figures.</p>	

		<p>scheme in due course once other priorities have been concluded.</p> <p>JM felt nothing can be done at the moment. He asks for any ideas for solutions from CATG about the pinch-points and speeding within the village.</p> <p>JM said that Potterne PC is still discussing but want these issues to stay on the list.</p>		
d)	<p>06-20-05</p> <p>A360 Potterne</p> <p>High Street</p> <p>Priority working system</p>	<p><i>Concern regard safety of pedestrians crossing the A360 at the informal crossing site between Blount’s Court and the George and Dragon Public House due to poor sight lines and a lack of signage. Porch House is a Grade 1 listed building and despite a barrier in front of the building, it has been hit by passing lorries on several occasions.</i></p> <p><i>Considerable discussion has already taken place on various ways to improve pedestrian safety, particularly at the Blounts Court to George & Dragon crossing, and to protect Porch House from damage by vehicles while also improving its environment.</i></p> <p><i>An option to improve both issues is to build a pavement from the Blount’s Court crossing site to Porch House and move the crossing site to outside Porch House. To do this a more substantial protective ‘island’ could be created outside Porch House and on the opposite side of the High Street to form a safer crossing site across the A360. This would necessitate a one lane priority system but that would also help with traffic calming and the new pavement would improve the safety of vehicles exiting from Coxhill Lane (which is especially busy in the Summer because of the large, thriving cricket club).</i></p> <p><i>The loss of some parking places on the High Street would need consideration.</i></p> <p>RG will speak with John Mann of PPC. He felt this cannot be solved by CATG within its budget.</p> <p>JM said that Potterne PC is still discussing but want these issues to stay on the list.</p>	<p>This is linked to the above request and with no one from the parish council or a decision about the roundabout, this could not go ahead.</p>	

e)	<p>06-20-06</p> <p>A360 Potterne / Potterne Wick Junction</p>	<p><i>Sightlines at the A360/Potterne Wick junction are poor for those exiting the junction onto the A360 north-bound and traffic waiting to turn onto Potterne Wick from the A360 north-bound stands a good chance of being hit from behind due to poor sightlines around the bend in the A360.</i></p> <p><i>Discussion on this matter has already taken place, and it is possible that a mini-roundabout would alleviate the problem.</i></p> <p><i>We will continue discussions, with a view to placing concrete proposals at the next CATG meeting.</i></p> <p>RG will speak with John Mann of PPC. He felt this cannot be solved by CATG within its budget. JM felt the Potterne Wick issue was separate. GR suggested cutting the foliage to improve sight lines and this has been discussed with the landowner. A mini roundabout was suggested. JM said that Potterne PC is still discussing but want these issues to stay on the list.</p>		
f)	<p>06-20-16</p> <p>Bromham</p> <p>Request for Street Lighting</p>	<p><i>In a recent survey the footpath across the Pound allotments - the only footpath from the Pound to the village, is the most used footpath in the village, used by parents and school children, parishioners including residents on buggies from Angell House going to the village shops/centre. It was also highlighted and requested that additional lighting is required. This footpath is across allotment ground a good ½+ mile long with only 3 lights - one at the entrance and 1 at each of the right angles in the path. Trees near the lights also block the light on the path, and the old lights (although just been replaced) were constantly off for periods of time until repaired.</i></p> <p><i>The Parish Council therefore would like to request a need for additional lighting.</i></p> <p>GR has looked at this location; it appears to be a footpath across fields. GR felt there could be landowner issues about access and installation. No one from Bromham present, RG wanted to skip this until Bromham can be represented.</p>	<p>RH said the parish council would like new street lighting – there had been a survey asking for this and the PC has responded to that. She confirmed this is Crown Estate land. As far as Wiltshire Council is concerned this represents private land. RH said the current footpath had been put in by Wiltshire Council in the 1980s when the school closed. GR said this is this not adopted highway which restricts what can be done there. DM asked if Wiltshire Council money can be spent on private land. GR responded that local authority money cannot be</p>	

			spent for 'private betterment' and that it is difficult to do work or spend money not on Highways' land. DM will look at this more closely outside of the meeting and recommended Bromham PC speaks with Crown Estate	
g)	06-20-17 Bromham Request for Pedestrians in road Warning Sign	<i>A request for new signs at the Pound and Horsepool to make drivers aware that there is no footpath/pedestrians in road?</i> RG said he would consider a sign. GE gave an estimated cost of approx. £500. If Bromham PC was to offer 100%, it could be considered. No one from Bromham present, RG wanted to skip this until Bromham can be represented.	RH was not aware of the agreement to fund 100% but is happy to fund 25%. PW felt many parts of Wiltshire do not have pavements so new signage adds to street clutter. He wanted to be re-assured the parish council is behind this request. DW was happy to go ahead and fund if this is what Bromham PC want. RH confirmed it is. GR said how engineers are recommended to keep signage to a minimum and how it increases liability on Wiltshire Highways.	
8.	New Issues			
a)	09-20-10 A361 Seend High Street. Concern for Pedestrian Visibility (Transfer from Melksham CATG)	<i>There are two dropped kerbs either side of the A361 where the pavement ends each side between Spout Lane and Inmarsh Lane. It is difficult to cross this stretch of road as it is on a bend meaning that walkers cannot easily see cars coming when crossing from the south to the north side.</i> <i>There are already dropped kerbs along this stretch of road. A high friction surface similar to the one installed at the Church Crossing would be useful to make drivers more aware that it is a crossing point. It won't improve visibility for the walkers, but may make drivers slow down a bit.</i> The Following has previously been provided to Issue at Melksham CATG by	TJ wanted to see high friction surface and signage here and referenced Mark Stansby's comments when previously with Melksham CATG. GR accepted Mark Stansby's comments and has not looked at this himself but felt outbound drivers would be most affected. The quote for £600 would be just for signage. High friction	

		<p>Highways Officer:</p> <p>Officers have conducted a site visit and consider this to be more of an issue for outbound drivers as they approach from the s-bend near Spout Lane. The crossing point is more visible to drivers heading in the opposite direction.</p> <p>Estimate £600.</p> <p>To discuss</p>	<p>surface would take that to £2.5-3000.</p> <p>SB agreed to 25% of the £600 but would need to check for a contribution towards £2,500.</p>	
	<p>09-21-01</p> <p>Townsend, Poulshot</p> <p>Request for new footway.</p>	<p><i>As an issue of safety it is requested that a pavement be built between the Church and Townsend farmhouse.</i></p> <p><i>After a request from several parishioners, the Parish Council discussed the idea of a new pavement because of the safety issue of pedestrians using the roadway between the Church and Townsend Farmhouse. There has been a site meeting with Andy Cadwallader resulting in a preliminary costing of £19,000. The Parish Council has also has looked at the costing and other ideas.</i></p> <p>The following has previously been provided to Issue at Melksham CATG by Highways Officer:</p> <p>Construction length is approximately 75m. New Footway with kerbing costs approximately £265 per metre and therefore a ball park estimate is £20K. This does not allow for temporary traffic management and establishment of site welfare facilities. A road closure might also be required.</p> <p>To discuss</p>	<p>GR quoted a figure of £265 per metre for 75m of footway. RC had not had feedback during the change from Melksham to Devizes CATG. DW asked if Poulshot PC could contribute the 25% of the £20,000 total cost. RC would need to check and ask the parish council for thoughts on how to move forward.</p>	
9.	Other items			
a)	<p>There were a number of new requests that did not make it onto this agenda so were discussed here.</p>	<p>Bunnies Lane, Rowde – PB described this being less than 16ft wide so that parking is an issue and with development taking place, this will become more so. There is also a need to prevent HGVs from trying to go through there. DM was happy to move this onto the agenda of the next meeting to give GR time to look at this.</p> <p>Traffic at Erlestoke – SJ and CW described how the village had seen a large increase in visitors coming to walk in Erlestoke woods during lockdown and the car park at the east end fills quickly. Pedestrians cross the road within the 50mph limit. To protect them and to get cars to slow down earlier, the parish council wants the 30mph limit moved</p>		

		<p>further out from the village on the B3098. They requested a similar move at the west end of the village where driveways open onto the B3098 within the 50mph limit. DM proposed moving this to the July CATG meeting. GR referred to the document 01/04 on village speed limits and how signage too far away from a village can leave drivers wondering why they have to slow down, when they appear to be in open countryside, and not obey the limit.</p> <p>B3098 Easterton – CS asked about double yellow lines near a T-junction to improve sightlines there. GR said that double yellows can be requested through CATG but will need to be paid for from its budget and they can be expensive for the results seen. Otherwise double yellows can be ordered through Highways in November/December using form WR1. CS asked about a white H-bar and GR was happy for CATG to consider that. CS will put in a new request.</p>	
10	<p>Dates of next meetings: 27th July 2021 10.00am 9th November 2021 10.00am 1st February 2022 10.00am</p>		

Report To	Devizes Area Board
Date of Meeting	Monday, 21 June 2021
Title of Report	Devizes Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Devizes Area Board. These could include; community area grants, health and wellbeing, young persons grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
Opening Balance For <u>2021/22</u>	<u>£51,739.00</u>	<u>£22,320.00</u>	<u>£7,700.00</u>
Awarded To Date	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
Current Balance	<u>£51,739.00</u>	<u>£22,230.00</u>	<u>£7,700.00</u>
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	<u>£42,979.00</u>	<u>£19,332.27</u>	<u>£4,920.44</u>

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG83	Area Board Initiative	Devizes Mens Shed	To reopen the shed	£300.00	£150.00
Project Summary: To cover the cost of PPI as we have had no income for the last 14 months. Now we can reopen the shed by supplying PPI and signs.					
ABG88	Health and Wellbeing Grant	Devizes Rotary	Be Active Tea Dance 2021	£270.50	£150.00
Project Summary: An event for older people to meet for a chat with friends over a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits, and to have a go at ballroom dancing.					
ABG89	Community Area Grant	Seend Parish Council	Repair of Bus Shelter	£2657.00	£1000.00

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p>Project Summary: The bus shelter was damaged in July 2017 by a car hitting it in a road traffic collision. At the time Wiltshire Council, who own the shelter, said there was no funding allocated to the repair of bus shelters. The shelter was made safe by removing of broken glass and leg reinstated, but no further repairs made. The shelter is the first thing you see when entering the village, and does not present a good image. At the time, the Parish Council could not afford to replace the whole shelter, so it was left in its current state. However, the Clerk has since found out that the damaged parts can be replaced, rather than replacing the whole shelter, and whilst we have some available funds to go towards this project, it would be helpful if the Area Board could help with the costs.</p>					
ABG94	Health and Wellbeing Grant	Wiltshire Museum	Common Ground	£900.00	£900.00
<p>Project Summary: 'Common Ground' is a programme of work enabling different groups to discover and share their experiences and memories through object-based reminiscence. Using Area Board funding the Wiltshire Museum will train a team of local volunteers from the Museum and local organisations working with older people to deliver quality reminiscence sessions using 6 themed boxes rooted in the collections of the Wiltshire Museum. Volunteers will be trained and supported to run sessions that are structured and social to enable people, living with dementia or experiencing social isolation, to engage with local heritage and culture and experience quality reminiscence work. This project has the initial added impact in that it will encourage people who have been increasingly isolated and struggling with mental health due to the COVID-19 pandemic to get out and socialise once again.</p>					
ABG6	Community Area Grant	Wharf Theatre	New Boiler	£2520.00	£1260.00
<p>Project Summary: The Wharf Theatre are seeking a new boiler for their heating systems as the existing boiler is now failing to continuously run. Over past few years numerous repairs and replacement parts have been undertaken, however, we are now at a point a replacement needs to be sourced.</p>					
ABG35	Community Area Grant	Bromham Parish Council	Resurface Bromham Bike Track with tarmac	£14300.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Bromham Bike Track was built in 2014 with fundraising and area board grant support. It has been maintained by the Parish Council with help from volunteers and resurfaced completely once, about 18 months ago. It's rise in popularity, especially since last year, has seen a significant increase in use. People are using the track everyday and it attract users from all over Wiltshire. There are small children on balance bikes to semi professional BMX riders. With this increase in use, the existing gravel surface has worn significantly and needs constant maintenance, which is difficult in a small village. Having a hard all weather surface will remove the need for extensive maintenance and make the track accessible to different users, eg.those with scooters or skateboards. Having the the resurfacing done by a specialist bike track company will maintain all the technical aspects of the jumps, berms and rollers that make it such a great track that attracts many riders.</p>					
ABG39	Community Area Grant	Erlestoke Parish Council	Erlestoke SID	£3000.00	£1500.00
<p>Project Summary: We would like a solar powered, moveable SID for our village. The system we would like shows drivers their speed on entering our village, with a smiley face when they are at the correct speed and a sad face if they're over the limit!</p>					
ABG49	Health and Wellbeing Grant	Devizes Rotary	Devizes Be Active Event 2021	£3329.56	£1579.56

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p>Project Summary: The Devizes Be Active Event 2021 will be the third free community event aimed at making connections between the adult community and organisations, clubs, groups and charities who provide health and well-being services and activities throughout the Devizes Community Area. It will take place on the Small Green in Devizes on Saturday 4th September 2021 from 11am to 3pm. The event will again be open to exhibitors and demonstrators of activities such as arts & crafts, exercise, singing, dancing, and, where possible, will include have-a-go sessions to encourage people to be active.</p>					
ABG61	Youth Grant	Youth Adventure Trust	Supporting disadvantaged young people through the pandemic and beyond	£17727.73	£2987.73

Project Summary:

We would like your support to help fund the programme costs of the 10 Devizes young people currently on the programme, but specifically helpful would be the Youth Worker/Programme Manager salary costs associated with the support of these 10 young people. Youth Adventure Trust recognises that there needs to be positive action and intervention to improve the outcomes for the most disadvantaged people in society. The young people we work with are the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in Wiltshire and Swindon who are facing additional challenges because of COVID-19. During lockdown, schools, support services, charities and youth organisations have worked incredibly hard to utilise resources in order to continue to support the most at-risk young people, including moving their services online. However, the reach of these resources cannot compare to the support structure these young people would have had access to prior to the lockdown. As a result, many young people no longer have access to the support they so desperately need (or are not receiving an equivalent level of support) and their needs are going unnoticed and unaddressed. We have serious concerns about the increased risk to our young people and we expect to see an increase in the number of children needing the support of our charity. Our programme includes 3 residential camps, an Explore Day, 6 Activity Days and 4 Pathway Days over a period of three academic years, all supplemented with the on-going support, mentoring and guidance of our skilled programme team. It allows us to deliver a sustained long-term impact on the lives of our young people and increase the chances of them maintaining the effects of the programme over time. This is then followed by a mentoring and bursary scheme to sustain the positive impact the programme has had on the young people, until age 16. We focus on the 'Forgotten Children', those children that are not yet a statistic but are heading that way. We intervene and offer a lifeline through the provision of a long term and immersive experience and by building strong relationships. "The Youth Adventure Trust is special because it provides opportunities that are otherwise unavailable. It helps give a boost to those that need an extra hand in life." (Carer)

The Youth Workers are the beating heart of our charity, who support the young people throughout the programme, helping them set objectives, supporting them on every camp and activity day and giving them continuous 1:1 support and mentoring. The Youth Workers ensure that each child gets the very most out of the programme. They go the extra mile with each and every one of them, focusing on their individual problems and working hard to overcome their issues and challenges, as well as being positive role models. They give of themselves personally and the children respect them and are emotionally connected to them as a result. They provided invaluable online mentoring sessions to our most vulnerable young people during the lockdowns, which involved having an hour-long video call with the young person each week. It was an opportunity for someone to check in on them, see how they were managing, talk about any issues or worries, have an eye into the household to see how they were all doing, to have some social interaction and to play lots of fun games and challenges along the way. They also encouraged the young people to think about their wellbeing and make use of their daily exercise allowance by getting outside. For many, having one hour of undivided attention from an adult is a rarity and the positive interaction they had with their Programme Manager mentor undoubtedly helped to boost their self-confidence, promoted better mental health and ensured they were continuing to build their resilience. "I think it's great that she's been given this opportunity to speak to someone else outside of the home. She usually has video counselling sessions with CAMHS but we're waiting to hear when the next ones will be. I think it will be useful as she's not doing schoolwork and it's all very difficult." (Parent)

1. Background

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.

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)
- Young People (revenue)
- Health and Wellbeing (revenue)

The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. 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.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

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.

4. Financial Implications

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

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

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

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

8. Safeguarding Implications

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

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

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