

# AGENDA

---

**Meeting:** Trowbridge Area Board

**Place:** Cotswold Space, County Hall, Trowbridge

**Date:** Thursday 7 July 2022

**Time:** 7.00 pm

---

Please direct any enquiries on this Agenda to Leo Penry, of Democratic Services, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, direct line or email [Leonora.Penry@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Leonora.Penry@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Press enquiries to Communications on direct lines (01225) 713114/713115.

This Agenda and all the documents referred to within it are available on the Council's website at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

---

## Membership:

Cllr Ernie Clark (Chairman)

Cllr Horace Prickett (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr Daniel Cave

Cllr Mel Jacob

Cllr Edward Kirk

Cllr Stewart Palmen

Cllr Antonio Piazza

Cllr Jo Trigg

Cllr David Vigar

---

---

## **Recording and Broadcasting Information**

Wiltshire Council may record this meeting for live and/or subsequent broadcast. At the start of the meeting, the Chairman will confirm if all or part of the meeting is being recorded. The images and sound recordings may also be used for training purposes within the Council.

By submitting a statement or question for an online meeting you are consenting that you will be recorded presenting this, or this may be presented by an officer during the meeting, and will be available on the public record. The meeting may also be recorded by the press or members of the public.

Any person or organisation choosing to film, record or broadcast any meeting of the Council, its Cabinet or committees is responsible for any claims or other liability resulting from them so doing and by choosing to film, record or broadcast proceedings they accept that they are required to indemnify the Council, its members and officers in relation to any such claims or liabilities.

Details of the Council's Guidance on the Recording and Webcasting of Meetings is available on request. Our privacy policy can be found [here](#).

## **Parking**

To find car parks by area follow [this link](#). The three Wiltshire Council Hubs where most meetings will be held are as follows:

**County Hall, Trowbridge**  
**Bourne Hill, Salisbury**  
**Monkton Park, Chippenham**

County Hall and Monkton Park have some limited visitor parking. Please note for meetings at County Hall you will need to log your car's registration details upon your arrival in reception using the tablet provided. If you may be attending a meeting for more than 2 hours, please provide your registration details to the Democratic Services Officer, who will arrange for your stay to be extended.

## **Public Participation**

Please see the agenda list on following pages for details of deadlines for submission of questions and statements for this meeting.

For extended details on meeting procedure, submission and scope of questions and other matters, please consult [Part 4 of the council's constitution](#).

The full constitution can be found at [this link](#).

For assistance on these and other matters please contact the officer named above for details

# AGENDA

1 **Election of Chair 2022/23** (*Pages 5 - 6*)

To elect the Chairman for the year 2022/23.

2 **Election of Vice-Chair 2022/23**

To elect a Vice-Chairman for the year 2022/23.

3 **Apologies**

To receive any apologies for absence.

4 **Minutes** (*Pages 7 - 16*)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2022.

5 **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

6 **Chairman's Announcements** (*Pages 17 - 24*)

To include the following:

- a) Taxi Driver Recruitment
- b) Changes from CATG to LHFIG
- c) Annual Canvass

7 **Leisure Update** (*Pages 25 - 28*)

To receive an update on the leisure provision in Trowbridge.

8 **Trowbridge Area Board Priorities and Projects** (*Pages 29 - 40*)

To receive any updates and review the priorities for 2022/23.

Information on the Area Boards Review can be found at: [Introduction - Wiltshire Council](#). There is an online presentation at: [Wiltshire Area Boards - YouTube](#).

9 **Appointments to Outside Bodies and Working Groups** (*Pages 41 - 52*)

To consider the Area Board representatives to Outside Bodies and Memberships of Working Groups as detailed in the attached reports.

10 **Partner Updates** (*Pages 53 - 70*)

To note the written reports and receive any updates from the following:

- a) Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- b) Wiltshire Police

- c) Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service
- d) Town and Parish Councils

Other updates.

11 **Support for Ukrainian Refugees** (*Pages 71 - 76*)

To hear about the work being done in Trowbridge to support Ukrainian refugees.

12 **FUEL** (*Pages 77 - 82*)

To receive an update on the FUEL programme in Trowbridge.

13 **Trowbridge Child Wellbeing Partnership** (*Pages 83 - 118*)

To receive an update from the Trowbridge Child and Wellbeing Partnership.

14 **Future High Street Fund** (*Pages 119 - 124*)

To receive an update on the Future High Street Fund.

15 **Funding** (*Pages 125 - 128*)

**Community Grants**

- The Amber Foundation - Ambers Bedroom Refurbishment Project - £5000 requested
- North Bradley Peace Memorial Trust - Safe access for North Bradley Peace Memorial Trust recreation ground - £5000 requested
- Studley St Johns Rainbows Brownies Guides and Rangers - Studley Rainbow Brownies Guides and Rangers new building to store equipment - £5000 requested
- Trowbridge Future - Longfield Portakabin - £5000 requested

**Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding**

- Trowbridge Women's Shed - Trowbridge Women's Shed Publicity Campaign - £500 requested

16 **Urgent items**

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



## Extract from Part 3 of the Constitution: Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Area Boards

4.9 The chairman and vice-chairman of an area board will be appointed at the first meeting of an area board, which takes place after the annual meeting of the Council, by the unitary councillors on each area board, except in an election year where after the first meeting of Full Council a special meeting of each area board will take place to appoint a chairman and a vice-chairman.

4.9.1 The Democratic Services representative will call for nominations for the position of chairman of the area board. A councillor's nomination must be seconded to be valid. A councillor shall not be nominated in his/her absence without their written consent.

4.9.2 In the event of only one valid nomination being received the person presiding will declare the nominated councillor elected.

4.9.3 In the case of two valid nominations the Democratic Services representative will ask for a show of hands from those councillors in favour of each councillor and declare the candidate receiving the majority of votes of the councillors present and voting, to be the winner.

4.9.4 In the case of an equality of votes for the two candidates, the Democratic Services representative shall draw lots to determine the winner of the election and then declare the result.

4.9.5 In the case of three or more valid nominations being made, the Democratic Services Representative will call for a show of hands for each of the candidates. The Democratic Services representative will then announce the candidate with the least number of votes and that candidate will be eliminated (in the case of a tie for the least number of votes, the Democratic Services representative shall draw lots to determine which candidate to be eliminated). A further vote shall be taken for the remaining candidates and after each vote the candidate with the least number of votes shall be eliminated until only two candidates remain and a final vote taken.

4.9.6 The newly elected Chairman of the Area Board shall then preside over the election of the Vice Chairman in the manner described above with the ability to use a casting vote in the event of an equality of votes.

4.9.7 With the exception of an election year, the chairman and vice chairman of an area board shall remain in post until their successors are appointed.

This page is intentionally left blank

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Trowbridge Area Board  
**Place:** County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN  
**Date:** 17 March 2022  
**Start Time:** 6.30 pm  
**Finish Time:** 9.30 pm

---

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to:

Leo Penry, (Tel): 01225 718541 or (e-mail) [Leonora.Penry@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Leonora.Penry@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Papers available on the Council's website at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

---

## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Ernie Clark (Chairman), Cllr Horace Prickett (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Mel Jacob, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Antonio Piazza, Cllr Jo Trigg and Cllr David Vigar

Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling (Cabinet Member for Public Health and Public Protection, Leisure, Libraries, Facilities Management and Operational Assets)

**Total in attendance: 33**

---

<u>Minute No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
39	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>There were no apologies.</p>
40	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2022 were presented for consideration, and it was,</p> <p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b>  <b><u>To approve and sign the minutes as a true and correct record.</u></b></p>
41	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Councillors David Vigar, Antonio Piazza, Edward Kirk, Mel Jacob, Stewart Palmen and Jo Trigg declared a non-pecuniary interest in the application of the Rugby Club for the new playground by virtue of being members of Trowbridge Town Council. Trowbridge Town Council is the applicant in planning permission for Doric Park which is adjacent to the Rugby Club. All would participate and vote on the grant application.</p> <p>Councillor Piazza declared a non-pecuniary interest in the application of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust as the Town Council has also awarded the application a grant.</p> <p>Councillor Jacob declared a non-pecuniary interest in the application from the Big Community Grow by virtue of being Chair of the organisation. For information she also noted that she was Chair of the working group for the Doric Park development.</p> <p>Councillor Trigg declared a non-pecuniary interest in the application from Families Out Loud by virtue of being a Champion for Families Out Loud.</p> <p>Later in the meeting Councillor Horace Prickett stated he would not vote on this application as he is a Friend of Southwick Country Park.</p>
42	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>Announcements were received as detailed in the agenda pack, relating to changes to residual waste collection and the Great British Spring Clean.</p>
43	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Updates from partners were received as follows:</p> <p><b>a) Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner</b></p>

Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Russell Holland delivered an update on the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office. He stated that they had been very busy, recently passing the Police and Crime Plan for 2022-2025 and setting the budget. The Deputy Commissioner urged people to report all crimes and highlighted successful work that had been done to encourage this but noted concerns of underreporting due to people thinking no action would be taken. Work undertaken included a successful county lines operation resulting in a number of arrests, an operation tackling local drug dealers and investment in equipment to tackle rural crime.

In discussion it was raised that it would be useful to see trend data for context when reports are received in future. It was also noted that training exercises mainly take place in Devizes and it was requested whether some future training exercises take place in Trowbridge, as the County Town. The Deputy Commissioner noted both those points.

The Board thanked the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for attending.

**b) Wiltshire Police**

A written report was received.

**c) Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service**

David Geddes, Trowbridge Station Manager, updated the Board on the Community Safety Plan and reminded them of the ongoing safe and well visits. He also highlighted that they were still recruiting for on-call firefighters. There had been a couple of large fires outside of Warminster however smoke detectors raised the alarm and enabled people to leave the premises safe and well. There were 60 fire calls in the Trowbridge area since the last update, with 25 false alarms. It was clarified that 60 is about average and the number of false alarms was fairly stable.

Clarification was sought of the procedure when there are repeated false alarms from the same property. It was explained that every time there is an alarm activation the service have to go to the site unless they receive information from the premises that it is a false alarm. Repeated false alarms they would look at the alarms to check for faults and a high number of false alarms from the same place they may reassess the scale of the response they send.

There were also queries on the impact of the new cycle lane and traffic lights outside the fire station. The Station Manager stated that they had good communication with the Highways Team and have had to adapt to the traffic lights. He explained that they could always mobilise additional fire engines from Bradford-on Avon if required. He clarified the road changes could have an effect, but this was manageable.

	<p><b>d) Town and Parish Councils</b></p> <p>Trowbridge Town Council reported that the service transfer from Wiltshire Council was progressing well.</p> <p>Hilperton Parish Council reported that it's working group on the development of 2500 houses was going well, liaising with Chief Executive of Wiltshire Council.</p>
44	<p><u>Trowbridge Town Hall</u></p> <p>Alan Wright, the new Director of Trowbridge Town Hall, spoke on the next phase of Town Hall development. The initial plans had been received on how the building would need to be reconfigured to provide the facility outlined in the application. The plans were initially over budget but were brought down to a reasonable amount that aligned with the business plan. He highlighted the aim to create an economically sustainable entity that offers as much as possible to as many people in the community. This would centre on three key points: culture, community and commerce.</p> <p>He outlined a drive to use the activities of the Town Hall to expand outside of the building to create more commercial activity for the Town. Part of development would be to make Trowbridge culturally attractive to Arts Council England and apply to become a National Portfolio Organisation which guarantees funding for five years. One of the steps to achieve this would be recording studios at the Town Hall.</p> <p>The Director also outlined other steps that would be taken. This included a café with retail offer, addition of sprung floors for dance classes, re-opening the grand hall, a more sophisticated bar set up and collaboration with Bath Spa University to offer performance poetry.</p> <p>A question raised whether there had been discussions with Wiltshire Council and Trowbridge Town Council about parking. Questions were raised around free parking capacity.</p> <p>Questions were raised on how the Town Hall would strike balance between operating commercial activity and not affecting commercial businesses in the town. It was clarified that the main activity would be on a Saturday and that the bar wouldn't be open when there aren't events on. It was emphasised that they want to facilitate use of the hall, not to undercut local businesses and that profits made would subsidise other aspects of the Town Hall.</p>
45	<p><u>Leisure</u></p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Leisure, Public Health and Public Protection, Leisure, Libraries, Facilities Management and Operational Assets, Councillor Ian Blair-Pilling, delivered an update on leisure provision in the community area, supported by David Redfern, Associate Director of Leisure, Culture and Communities. He explained that the leisure insourcing, bringing the centres under direct management of the council, meant that they were much more able</p>

	<p>to adapt and improve the leisure offering in Wiltshire. Also covered was the difficulty of making comparisons between the new insourced leisure organisation and the previous format due to the exceptional situation of the pandemic.</p> <p>It was reported that three years had been factored in to balance the budget, which included improving facilities. The goal was to make all leisure centres fit for purpose and financially sustainable. This includes closer ties between the leisure centres and public health. In terms of Trowbridge specifically the Cabinet Member emphasised that there was no location yet for the proposed new leisure centre which was included within the budget and that consultations would be taking place.</p> <p>There were questions on whether the new leisure centre would be within the town. The Cabinet Member clarified that no location had been decided and that all options were being considered. Some Members noted that previous intentions around delivery of leisure provision in the town had not been delivered and sought reassurance. It was reiterated that the money was allocated in the budget. Questions were also raised on balancing facilities with financial sustainability. It was explained that while financial sustainability was key, other factors such as public health, community and environmental impact would also feed into the decision. In response to queries it was confirmed decarbonising options for centres was being considered. There were also comments appreciating the focus on public health, particularly for areas of deprivation</p> <p>The Board thanked the Cabinet Member for attending.</p>
46	<p><u>Future High Street Fund</u></p> <p>Rory Bowen, Acting Head of Service, Economic Regeneration, delivered an update on the Future High Street Fund. He reported that results had been received from a survey to engage with residents and stakeholders. He stressed that the engagement process would be ongoing and that there would be engagement targeting harder to reach groups as things progressed</p> <p>The survey had 426 responses. On the topic of transport and access it was reported that over half of respondents had issues accessing Trowbridge town centre, citing problems such as traffic, parking, difficult crossings and lack of cycle paths. Solutions proposed were footways and cycle facility improvements. There was higher satisfaction around high level of adequate parking provision. Other points for improvement respondents fed back were for a wider range of shops, more food and drinks offering, a cleaner environment and more green space, safer night-time environment and more events. Lack of leisure provision was often highlighted.</p> <p>In discussion it was questioned how success would be measured. It was also stated that the Future High Street Fund wouldn't address all issues raised but was targeting key areas to maximise impact. It was also intended to monitor progress with measurements such as footfall counters. Other members</p>

	expressed optimism about the investment into Trowbridge from Wiltshire Council, Trowbridge Town Council and private investors.
47	<p><u>Funding</u></p> <p>Community Grants West Wiltshire University of the Third Age - West Wilts U3A Video Streaming Project £922.80 was requested to pay for equipment to facilitate hybrid meetings to encourage membership back to pre-pandemic figures. On the motion of Councillor Palmen seconded by Councillor Kirk it was then,</p> <p>Resolved: To award £922.80 to West Wiltshire University of the Third Age</p> <p>Reason: The application met the grants criteria.</p> <p>Trowbridge Wanderers Football Club - Trowbridge Wanderers Equipment £1733.30 was requested to pay for bibs, balls, cones, barriers, goals, and relevant courses for volunteers to attend. The club explained that the pandemic had significantly impacted their income stream which is why they were seeking a grant from the Area Board. On the motion of Councillor Piazza seconded by Councillor Trigg, it was then,</p> <p>Resolved: To award £1733.30 to Trowbridge Wanderers Football Club</p> <p>Reason: The application met the grants criteria.</p> <p>Trowbridge Rugby Football Club - Trowbridge Rugby Club Play Park £5000.00 was requested to refurbish the Rugby Club play park at Doric Park. The applicant clarified this was separate from Trowbridge Town Council's development at Doric Park and that the park was available for use by the public. There were queries regarding other funding which had been requested, level of and use of club reserves, and involvement of the town council officers supporting clubs to apply to various different funding streams.</p> <p>Assurance was sought and provided that notwithstanding any previous comments, the funding sought would be utilised for refurbishment and replacement of existing equipment only, for the current site. It was explained this was necessary regardless of any future intentions for the site, as the equipment could not wait to be refurbished. Some members were concerned insufficient information had been provided.</p>



On the motion of Councillor Palmen seconded by Councillor Vigar it was then,

Resolved:

To award £5000.00 to Trowbridge Rugby Football Club subject to the condition that the grant is spent on equipment only and is spent on the current play park site.

A recorded vote having been requested by the requisite number of members, the votes were as follows.

For: Councillors Jo Trigg, Stewart Palmen, Mel Jacob, David Vigar, Horace Prickett

Against: Councillors Antonio Piazza, Edward Kirk

Abstain: Councillor Ernie Clark

Reason:

The application met the grants criteria.

Hilperton Village Hall - Hilperton Village Hall New Children's Play Equipment

£5000.00 was requested for 'Orchard Mammoth' play equipment (large equipment with two slides like tusks). The play equipment was described as suitable for 7-14 year olds with a 25 year life span and made from sustainable timber. The applicant outlined that they had applied for a grant from Hilperton Parish Council who agreed contribute. They aimed to have it installed and opened ahead of the Queen's jubilee celebration. After questions from the Board, it was clarified that their application had a typo, and the play area was definitely for ages 7-14. They also explained that if the application was rejected they did not have any current plans to fill that funding gap. On the motion of Councillor Jacob, seconded by Councillor Palmen, it was then,

Resolved:

To award £5000.00 to Hilperton Village Hall

Reason:

The application met the grants criteria.

Councillors Clark and Kirk requested their votes be recorded, as follows:

Councillor Ernie Clark abstained from the vote.

Councillor Edward Kirk voted against the motion.

The Big Community Grow - Jubilee meadow and Nature Trail

£1965.00 was requested to create a trail at the existing Paxcroft Brook Open Space wildflower meadow as well as create a wildflower meadow strip along Leap Gate. This would support wildlife and help people connect with nature as well as adding to the jubilee celebrations. It was clarified that Persimmon own the land and permission was given for it to

be used this way as well as funding for signage. On the motion of Councillor Trigg, seconded by Councillor Kirk, it was then,

Resolved:

To award £1965.00 to The Big Community Grow

Reason:

The application met the grants criteria.

Councillor Jacob requested their vote be recorded, as follows

Councillor Mel Jacob abstained from the vote.

Collaborative Schools Ltd - Child Friendly Trowbridge Park Signs

£899.50 was requested to fund 15 Code of Conduct signs for local parks containing conduct principles agreed by Trowbridge Youth Parliament. On the motion of Councillor Piazza, seconded by Councillor Clark, it was then,

Resolved:

To award £899.50 to Collaborative Schools Ltd

Reason:

The application met the grants criteria.

Wiltshire Rural Music - Visible Voices

£1842.00 was requested for their visible voices project which plans to work with people from different communities in Trowbridge to create music about their experience where they are from. This will be supported by local musicians providing them with work. The applicant explained that during the pandemic they were unable to generate income from their hub. Members discussed the pressures faced by the group during the pandemic. On the motion of Councillor Jacob seconded by Councillor Trigg it was then,

Resolved:

To award £1842.00 to Wiltshire Rural Music

Reason:

The application met the grants criteria.

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Rejuvenating Trowbridge Town Pond

£5000.00 was requested to contribute towards the complete restoration of Trowbridge Town Pond that is being undertaken by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust in partnership with Trowbridge Town Council. Further details were sought on that partnership. It was explained that the Town Council own the pond and the Trust identified it as a high priority area for maximum impact. The current scale of work required goes beyond maintenance that would be expected by the Town Council.

The applicant specified that they were in the process of applying for lottery funding. Members discussed approved contributions from the town council and sought details of the increase in costs. The applicant clarified that the charity is a non-profit and works to cost and that they had to revise the costs due to increase in cost of materials. on the motion of Councillor Jacob, seconded by Councillor Palmen, it was then,

Resolved:

To award £5000.00 to Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, subject to the condition that they also secure the applied for lottery funding.

Reason:

The application met the grants criteria.

Councillor Kirk requested their vote be recorded, as follows

Councillor Edward Kirk abstained from the vote.

Friends of Southwick Country Park - Purchase of a chainsaw for Friends of Southwick Country Park Local Nature Reserve

£576.00 was requested for a chainsaw so that they can carry out essential maintenance required to trees in the park. On the motion of Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Vigar, it was then,

Resolved:

To award £576.00 to Friends of Southwick Country Park.

Reason:

The application met the grants criteria.

Councillor Prickett abstained from the vote.

Equinox Explorer Scout Unit - Explorer Scout Paddle Boarding

£4562.50 was requested to pay for 10 high quality paddleboards and safety equipment to provide stand up paddleboarding to 13-18 year olds in the West Wilts district. Over 90% of the scouts from this district are from the Trowbridge area. On the motion of Councillor Piazza, seconded by Councillor Jacob, it was then,

Resolved:

To award £4562.50 to Equinox Explorer Scout Unit.

Reason:

The application met the grants criteria.

Wiltshire Rural Music - Wiltshire Rural Music IT Resources

£975.00 was requested to purchase a new MacBook Air laptop to store and share the music created through their various programmes. On the motion of Councillor Vigar, seconded by Councillor Palmen, it was then,

Resolved:

	<p>To award £975.00 to Wiltshire Rural Music.</p> <p>Reason: The application met the grants criteria.</p> <p>Biss Meadows Country Park - Biss Meadows South Pond enhancement £1130.00 was requested to carry out works on the pond to address decay and return the pond to the diverse habitat it once offered. The works would include a one off reed pond clearance and building a safe platform facility. This would enable them to launch their inflatable dinghy and allow for pond dipping, water sampling, invertebrate studies, photographers and ongoing pond maintenance. On the motion of Councillor Jacob, seconded by Councillor Trigg, it was then,</p> <p>Resolved: To award £1130.00 to Biss Meadows Country Park.</p> <p>Reason: The application met the grants criteria.</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing Grants Families Out Loud - Families Out Loud client support and IT project 19 clients £5577.00 was requested to continue their support for families of drug and alcohol users in Trowbridge as well as up to 10 new clients in 2022. The funding would also be used for a professional level hosted email system. Members discussed whether the impact of the pandemic provided exceptional circumstances to allow allocation of the remaining Area Board funding.</p> <p>On the motion of Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Piazza, it was then,</p> <p>Resolved: To award £5204 to Families Out Loud.</p> <p>Reason: The application met the grants criteria as well as exceptional circumstances brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic.</p>
48	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>

# Wiltshire Council



# NEWS RELEASE

8 April 2022

**For immediate release**

## **Wiltshire Council is encouraging people to become a taxi driver in Wiltshire**

Taxis are an essential part of our transport network providing a valuable service to the local community and in Wiltshire there is a shortage of taxi drivers.

Not only are taxi drivers needed by the community, but Wiltshire Council also needs reliable drivers to fulfil its growing number of SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) school and social care contracts. These contracts offer regular work and hours. They also help and support some of the most vulnerable people in Wiltshire.

Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cabinet Member for Transport said: “The council is committed to delivering contracts across our services which deliver the best value for money. Wiltshire needs a workforce with the right skills to prosper and more taxi drivers would help the council deliver our commitment to ensure young people get the best start in life.

“Being a taxi driver is a flexible job and they can either work for a taxi company or be their own boss, deciding when and where they want to work. Local taxi firms currently have lots of vacancies and we are carrying out a recruitment campaign on behalf of the taxi trade across the county.

“It’s easy to become a licensed taxi driver and once people have become a licensed driver, we hope that they will bid for one of the growing number of SEND school transport and social care contracts that we have available. There are plenty of opportunities and plenty of work available.”

Wiltshire Council has lots of contracts available which start at around £30 a day for short routes, increasing to £250+ a day for longer routes. Drivers are free to combine these contracts with rank work.

To become a taxi driver takes around six weeks and costs around £400. To be licensed people need to provide proof and undertake these simple checks:

- Proof of Identity

- Driving Licence held
- Enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check on previous convictions and whether disbarred from working with children
- Right to Work in the UK
- Medical (if applicable)
- Undertake on-line Safeguarding Training
- Take a guidelines test
- Knowledge test (if applying for a hackney carriage licence)

Find out more about becoming a taxi driver, how to licence a vehicle as a taxi, private hire or hackney carriage vehicle, and for an application pack visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/licences-permits-transport](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/licences-permits-transport)

To find out about our SEND school transport and social care contracts and how to bid for one email Wiltshire Council's Passenger Transport Unit at [Passengertransport@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Passengertransport@wiltshire.gov.uk)

**Become a taxi  
driver in Wiltshire**

**WORK FOR A TAXI COMPANY**

**OR BE YOUR OWN BOSS**

**SET YOUR OWN HOURS**

**HELP YOUR LOCAL**

**COMMUNITY**



Find out more at [wiltshire.gov.uk/licences-permits-transport](https://wiltshire.gov.uk/licences-permits-transport)

**Wiltshire Council**

This page is intentionally left blank



# Communities to have more say on the highways issues that matter most

**Wiltshire Council Cabinet has approved plans to change Community Area Transport Groups (CATGs) into Local Highway and Footway Improvement Groups (LHFIGs) - and increase funding for community highways projects.**

On 26 April 2022 Wiltshire Council Cabinet approved plans to change Community Area Transport Groups (CATGs) into Local Highway and Footway Improvement Groups (LHFIGs) - and increase funding for community highways projects.

The 18 new LHFIGs - one for each community area in Wiltshire - will be made up of local Wiltshire Council members, town and parish council representatives, and stakeholders from the local community. They will be tasked with identifying small-scale local highways projects in their area to improve safety and encourage walking and cycling.

The key difference between the new LHFIGs and the former CATGs is that the new groups will be able to improve or repair existing infrastructure such as highways and footways, while still investing in new infrastructure, as the previous CATGs could.

The new bodies will also be able to access more funding - £400,000 in total, with the exact allocation for each area based on geographical size and population. This funding comprises £250,000 and £150,000 for officer resource to administer, realise and advise on the projects. There is also a central £250,000 substantive fund that LHFIGs can apply to annually to help fund larger highways projects.

Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cabinet Member for Transport, said: These new LHFIGs will build on the success of CATGs and enable communities to focus on the highways priorities that matter most to them. The new groups meet two key areas of our business plan - ensuring that communities are well connected and that services meet local needs.

LHFIGs report into the local area board, so if anyone has any highways issues in their area that they'd like to improve, they should contact their local area board in the first instance for support and advice.

This is far from just a name change, and what we've agreed will see significantly more investment into local highways.

We look forward to the new LHFIGs beginning in the coming months, and for the first highways community priorities to be realised across the county.

Once the LHFIG groups are operational, the groups remit will be reviewed after six months to ensure effectiveness and capacity.

To read the full Cabinet report, people can go to:

<https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=14349>

**Area Board Briefing Note – Annual Canvass**

<b>Service:</b>	<b>Electoral Services</b>
<b>Date prepared:</b>	<b>20 June 2022</b>
<b>Further enquiries to:</b>	<b>Caroline Rudland Head of Electoral Services</b>
<b>Direct contact:</b>	<b>elections@wiltshire.gov.uk</b>

Each year the statutory Annual Canvass process takes place between June - November. This is an audit to ensure the electoral register is accurate and all those people entitled to vote are registered.

Forms will be sent to all properties in July. We encourage everyone to check the information is correct and use the contact details on the form to update their details as appropriate, preferable by using the online or telephone service as this is a quicker and efficient option.

Some households will be **required** to respond where other households only need to if there is a change in the information shown on the form. Full details will be explained on the form.

If you can disseminate the information within your parishes, and encourage households to respond as soon as possible, it will save further reminders being sent.

The final process for those households that do not respond to the initial and reminder form, is to employ canvassers to door knock to encourage a response. This will take place during September.

However, hopefully the number of properties to door knock can be significantly reduced if households respond to the forms so, please encourage your communities to do so.

This page is intentionally left blank

# Trowbridge Leisure Provision Update

Page 25

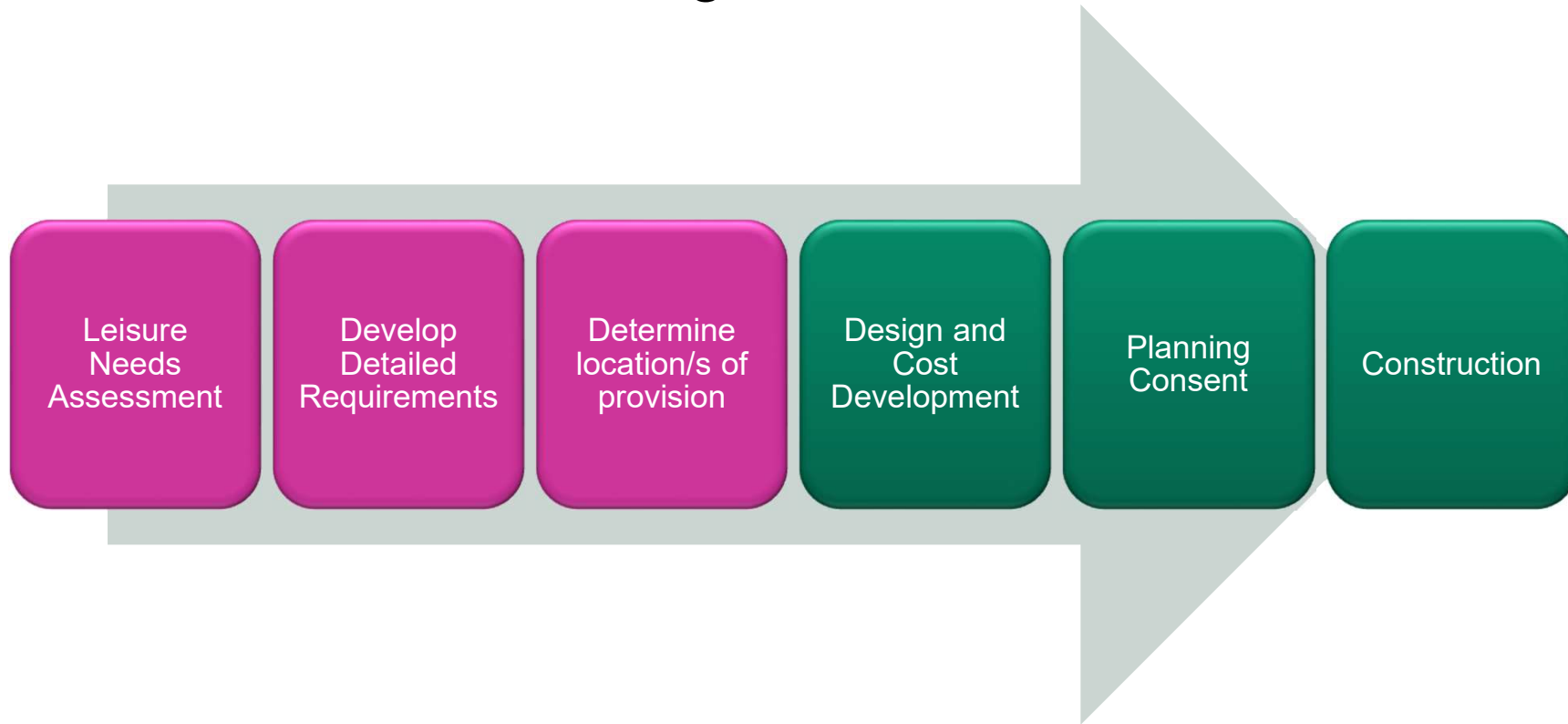
David Redfern – Assistant Director Leisure, Culture and Communities

Agenda Item 7

Wiltshire Council

# Pathway

- This work will deliver stages 1,2 and 3



Page 26

We hope to complete this work by autumn 2022.

# Five Gold Stars

Page 27



PUBLIC HEALTH  
IMPACT



ECONOMIC  
IMPACT



COMMUNITY  
IMPACT



ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT



FINANCIAL  
SUSTAINABILITY

# Questions?



### Trowbridge Area Board

May 2022

---

## Annual Review of Local Priorities

### 1. Purpose of the Report

- I. To report on progress made in addressing the Area Board priorities selected for 2021/22
- II. To consider any new evidence or information that will help inform the Area Board in selecting its priorities for 2022/23
- III. To highlight potential priorities for the area board to consider for 2022/23
- IV. To inform the Area Board of the broad mechanism for delivering these priorities including where appropriate leads, working groups and allocating funding.

### 2. Introduction

This report has been written by the Community Engagement Manager in consultation with the Area Board chair and wider members. It is provided to help celebrate the success so far and support the Area Board councillors in setting their priorities for the coming year.

In early 2021, the Community Engagement Manager combined data from the community area “Joint Strategic Needs Assessment” (JSNA) with other sources of data and additional local intelligence. This was used to produce a community area status report that highlighted where further local improvements may be required. In May 2021, this report was shared with local area boards to help inform which priorities it should focus its energy and resources upon.

Given the challenging financial environment both nationally and locally, area boards are encouraged to continue to develop this evidence led approach to its work, so that they can have the greatest impact on the lives of our communities. This includes:

- ✓ Selecting priorities and directing resources to where there is the greatest need and where the area board can make a tangible contribution
- ✓ Being clear on what the Area Board is trying to achieve and the mechanism for doing so; and
- ✓ Regularly reviewing and communicating progress against the chosen priorities.

### 3. Progress on 2021/22 area board priorities

The Area Board working with its partners and the wider community has focussed its attention over the past year on the priority areas below. Appendix A summarises the progress that has been made so far but some of the key achievements include:

- i. **Supporting low-income individuals and families:** Three community fridges have been established by Trowbridge Future working and supporting low-income individuals, families and under-represented groups, to reduce food waste going to landfill and providing additional food for those in need. The FUEL Holiday Activity and Food Programme has been delivered in Trowbridge for young people eligible for benefit-related free school meals, working in partnership with local organisations to provide additional support for young people. Wiltshire and Swindon Credit Union presented to the Area Board and local partners to raise the profile of services on offer. The Wiltshire Family Learning Team are preparing budgeting courses and other useful workshops for delivery in Trowbridge. Debt counselling services supported and funded the Area Board
- ii. **Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities:** A significant amount of young people responded to the Trowbridge Youth Survey to help inform future investment into positive activities through the Area Boards. The Child Wellbeing Partnership are now well established with a key priority of building a “child friendly Trowbridge” and being a diverse and inclusive platform for young people in the community. A Teen talk service has been provided as well as regular youth club and detached youth work sessions and financial support for a new Youth Worker apprentice
- iii. **Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing:** The Celebrating Age project continues to be a success in Trowbridge and across Wiltshire. Financial support has been awarded to Families Out Loud and Care Home Volunteers. Dementia Action Trowbridge has held a number of public Dementia Friends sessions and worked with local businesses to make them more Dementia aware. Projects to support improvements to woodlands and ponds will provide relaxing spaces for the community. Active support has been provided to help with the challenges of 2021/22 including COVID-19, changes in provision for older people and supporting individuals and families arriving in Trowbridge from Ukraine.
- iv. **Reducing Anti-Social behaviour:** The local Police and PCSOs have provided regular updates of the on-going work within the community. Some wards have had walk arounds with the Police present and engaging conversations with residents and partners. Support has been given to groups setting up new Neighbourhood Watch schemes as well as continued action from Community Speed Watch groups.

- v. **Addressing climate change & protecting green spaces:** Improvements to woodlands, pathways and ponds have been supported by Trowbridge Area Board. Trowbridge ECO group are engaging locally with the community and partner organisations such as Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. Trowbridge has benefitted from Waste Free Masterclass workshops and regular litter picking events across the community. Wiltshire Climate Change Strategy and Green and Blue Infrastructural Strategy have both been adopted by Wiltshire Council

#### 4. **The context for agreeing new Area Board priorities.**

The selection of Area Board priorities should be undertaken using both the evidence available to us, as well as the context within which we are operating. Both are continually changing, and the following is provided to help inform the Area Board's decision.

- i. The Joint Strategic Needs Analysis was collated 2 years ago in 2020 and although it used the latest information available at the time, some it is now out of date. This is partly due to the significant impact COVID-19 has had on issues such as debt, the economy and mental health as well as the release of more up to date data that was not previously available. For the Trowbridge Community Area, this includes:
- The [Wiltshire Climate Strategy](#) and [Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy](#) have both now been adopted and Wiltshire Council have committed themselves to being carbon neutral by 2030.
  - The Area Board Youth Survey engaged with partner organisations to better understand the young people of Trowbridge and to inform future investment into positive activities through the Area Boards.
  - The increase in inflation is affecting lower income individuals and families, due to the increase costs in fuel, food, energy and childcare. There is a demand on local organisations, such as the Community Fridges across the town as the number of residents in need of support is growing significantly.
- ii. The 2021/22 Area Board priorities were selected whilst in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. The demands of this public health crisis demonstrated the importance of partnership working with some services struggling to cope and many of our community groups and organisations unable to operate. The focus of our time and resources has been upon coming together and supporting the vulnerable within our communities. As we now emerge from the pandemic, the focus is shifting away from this reactive response and onto the rebuilding of our communities. In particular, the evidence suggests that:

- **Social isolation and loneliness** - Nationally, 7.2% of adults often or always felt lonely (Feb 2021: ONS Opinions and Lifestyle Survey).
  - **Barriers to preventing older people living the life they'd like to lead** – include mobility issues, lack of confidence using technology, and physical health.
  - **Lack of volunteers** – the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on volunteering due to social distancing measures and other restrictions. Local organisations are discovering a difficulty in finding suitable volunteers, with a certain number not returning due to anxiety or health problems during COVID-19
  - **Mental Health support** - There has been an increase in poor mental health and depression resulting from the pandemic. Young people have been negatively impacted and anxiety and self-confidence/esteem are rated high on having an affect on young people in Trowbridge from the Wiltshire Youth Survey.
  - **Rebuilding community life** - social connectedness is central to our health and wellbeing, and rebuilding social activities, community participation and social support, can have powerful effects on health and wellbeing for all residents.
- iii. The last 2 years has seen a change in the way that people communicate, especially with the shift to more permanent home and remote working. This has allowed a new approach that includes the ability to be more inclusive and a reduction in the need to travel. The Area Board is encouraged to embrace these opportunities but also mitigate against any local impact upon our communities.

Whilst the option of being able to adapt and move to remote working and digital engagement during the pandemic was suitable for some residents, this also generated challenges and exclusion for certain group, relating to the lack of devices or data, lack of confidence in using technology, poor internet connections and broadband.

- iv. Wiltshire Council has released its new [business plan](#), outlining its strategy for 2022-2032. It focusses upon the 4 themes of “Empowering People”, “a Resilient Society”, “a Thriving Economy” and “a Sustainable Environment”. In addition, Wiltshire Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022, approved both the [Wiltshire Climate Strategy](#) and [Wiltshire’s Natural Environment Plan](#). The Area Board should be aware of these plans and seek to help deliver them at a local level

## 5. Agreeing and delivering priorities for 2022/23

The Community Engagement Manager has provided a list of possible priorities for consideration. These can be found in appendix B. The Area Board should carefully consider how many priorities it can work on at any one time and ensure that they are meaningful for their local area. As a guide, it is recommended that where an area board has 4 or less councillors, no more than 4 priorities are selected at any one time. Larger boards can select up to 5 if they believe that they have the capacity to deliver on them. Area Boards can at any time select, review or amend their priorities in order that they remain relevant and linked to current needs

As well as being evidence led, priorities should be selected where the Area Board believes that it can realistically make a positive impact upon them. To aid the delivery of the chosen priorities, the Community Engagement Manager will support the Area Board councillors including in the creation and management of an action plan. This plan will include clearly defined, manageable and measurable outcomes so that what is trying to be achieved is fully understood and will in turn facilitate the annual review of delivery on local priorities.

The key mechanism for delivery is to support the local community to use their own experiences, abilities and passions so that they are empowered to shape and deliver positive change. To achieve this the area board may wish to consider allocating funding where money is required to help deliver the required aims. The area board may also look to set up a local working group to lead on the delivery of a priority, especially where no suitable group already exists.

It is recommended that for each priority selected, an area board councillor takes responsibility for overseeing its delivery and reporting back to the area board on progress. The Community Engagement Manager will support the area board councillors in undertaking this work.

## 6. Area Board Lead Councillor Role Description

Area Boards are invited to appoint lead Councillor(s) representatives for each of the priority themes that they have selected. The following guiding principles are in place for Councillors who take a role as an Area Board lead for a priority theme:

- To be the main Area Board point of contact for local officers, councillors and residents within their respective lead area;
- To attend (and usually take the role as chair) relevant working groups of the Area board;
- To work collaboratively and cooperatively with relevant local partners, community groups, volunteers and outside bodies;

- To provide regular updates back to the area board in relation to their lead area, including providing feedback on the success or limitations of previously funded Area Board grants;
- To diligently and democratically consider any funding applications, ensuring due process is undertaken;
- To be in consultation with the local Councillor, monitor feedback for those grant applications that relate to the local priority the lead Councillor has responsibility for, ensuring that relevant feedback on progress and outcomes is provided to the Area Board.

## 7. Recommendations

- I. The Area Board is asked to acknowledge the progress update from the 2021/22 local priorities work.
- II. The Area Board is asked to consider this report along with its appendices and decide upon the priorities it wishes to focus on in the coming year.
- III. The Area Board is asked to appoint a councillor lead for each of the selected priorities.
- IV. The Area Board is asked to appoint any required working groups in relation to each priority. Note; any existing externally operated groups may already be in place and should be acknowledged and noted.

---

*Report Author: Liam Cripps, Community Engagement Manager - Trowbridge*  
*E-Mail: [liam.cripps@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:liam.cripps@wiltshire.gov.uk)*



## **APPENDIX A - Summary of progress made against priorities for 2021/22**

### **1. Supporting low-income individuals and families**

- Three community fridges have been established by Trowbridge Future working and supporting low-income individuals, families and under-represented groups, to reduce food waste going to landfill and providing additional food for those in need.
- Allotment projects have begun in partnership with Selwood Housing, residents coming together to grow their own vegetables.
- Conversations with The Community Foundation have taken place looking to fund cookery classes and provide essential kitchen items
- The FUEL Holiday Activity and Food Programme has been delivered in Trowbridge for young people eligible for benefit-related free school meals, working in partnership with local organisations to provide additional support for young people.
- Wiltshire and Swindon Credit Union presented to the Area Board and local partners to raise the profile of services on offer. The Wiltshire Family Learning Team are preparing budgeting courses and other useful workshops for delivery in Trowbridge.
- Debt counselling services supported and funded the Area Board
- Working in partnership with the Family and Community Learning service to encourage further participation in their courses from under-represented groups and considering options to deliver courses to the Ukrainian community

### **2. Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities**

- The promotion and engagement of the youth survey resulted in data to help inform future investment into positive activities through the Area Boards.
- The Child Wellbeing Partnership are now well established with a key priority of building a “child friendly Trowbridge” and being a diverse and inclusive platform for young people in the community.
- A Teen talk service has been provided by 4Youth for local young people
- Regular youth club and detached youth work sessions haven taken place across Trowbridge by Trowbridge Future and Wiltshire Youth For Christ
- Area Board financial support for a new Youth Worker apprentice with Trowbridge Future
- Plans to expand the Child Wellbeing Partnership to engage a diverse audience through the Youth Ambassadors, local Wiltshire Youth Councillors and the Youth Voice panels within schools
- A bid is being prepared for the Youth Investment Fund to improve facilities in Studley Green and Longfield
- Collating provision of free or low-cost youth activities for Ukrainian refugees to participate in a range of activities during the summer months

- The FUEL Holiday Activity and Food Programme has been delivered in Trowbridge for young people eligible for benefit-related free school meals in the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays 2021, and plans to include places for Ukrainian citizens during the 2022 programme.

### **3. Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing**

- The Celebrating Age project continued for another year across Trowbridge, delivered by Wiltshire Music Centre
- Grant funding awarded to Families Out Loud to support families of drug and alcohol users in Trowbridge
- Care Home Volunteers project supported by the Area Board
- Dementia Action Trowbridge has delivered public Dementia Friends sessions and worked with local businesses to make them more Dementia aware.
- Improvements to Green Lane wood and pathways have been made as well as improvements to Southwick Country Park
- Broadmead Pond have an active community group maintaining the area and making improvements
- Provided support for individuals in sheltered housing schemes in Trowbridge to find suitable activities in their communities to reduce social isolation and encourage community participation when the previous support ceased
- Actively supported community groups with the challenges of 2021/22 including COVID-19, changes in provision for older people and supporting individuals and families arriving in Trowbridge from Ukraine

### **4. Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour**

- Continued updates on local policing at Area Board and Town / Parish meetings
- PCSO patrols of local areas continue, Studley was visited by Deputy PCC during a community stakeholder walkaround.
- New Neighbourhood Watch schemes have been set up locally
- Continued action from Community Speed Watch groups
- A funding bid to the Youth Investment Fund will include money for secure fencing and CCTV across two sites

### **5. Addressing climate change & Protecting Green Spaces**

- Promotion of the draft Climate Change Strategy and Blue Infrastructure Strategy and encouraged local involvement and feedback (strategies now adopted)
- Trowbridge ECO have a strong programme of work locally and actively encourage more members to get involved



- Trowbridge has seen Improvements to woodlands, pathways and ponds supported by Trowbridge Area Board with Cllrs leading initiatives and the board backing with grant funding.
- Wiltshire Wildlife Trust are working locally with community groups and schools as well as with the Future High Streets project around the River Biss.
- Regular litter picking events take place across Trowbridge, some led by the community and others by town and parish councils

## APPENDIX B – Suggested priorities for 2022/23

The following are suggested priorities for the Area Board to consider for 2022/23:

Priority	Key objectives for 2022/23	Councillor Lead
<b>Supporting low income individuals and families</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Wiltshire Family Learning team and Wiltshire &amp; Swindon Credit Union to develop a free to access budgeting course</li> <li>• Fund and deliver cookery classes for those on low incomes. Providing essential kitchen items as part of the project</li> <li>• Ensure strong promotion of all essential additional grant funds for individuals on low incomes ahead of the energy price increase in October</li> <li>• Continued support to the 3 community fridges operating across Trowbridge</li> </ul>	VACANT
<b>Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the Child wellbeing Partnership to engage with key partners in the Trowbridge community to collaborate and information share for the benefits of young people in Trowbridge</li> <li>• Expand the Child Wellbeing Partnership to engage a diverse audience through the Youth Ambassadors, local Wiltshire Youth Councillors</li> <li>• Support Trowbridge Future with their bid for Youth Investment Funding</li> <li>• Review the priority issues and activities as highlighted in youth survey</li> <li>• Assist key stakeholders in developing a Youth Voice event for young people in Trowbridge to impact youth provision in the area</li> <li>• Co-ordinate provision of free or low-cost youth activities for Ukrainian refugees in a range of activities during the summer months across the community</li> </ul>	VACANT
<b>Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support and help grow the kindness café project started by Trowbridge Future</li> <li>• Continue to support and promote health and wellbeing workshops delivered by Amber Foundation getting young people back on their feet and in to accommodation</li> <li>• Actively support community groups with the challenges of COVID-19, changes in provision for older people and supporting individuals and families arriving in Trowbridge from Ukraine to reduce isolation and loneliness</li> <li>• Working with key stakeholders to assist venues in the town to be more dementia friendly and enrol in the Safe Places scheme</li> </ul>	VACANT

<p><b>Supporting the local economy</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the Future Highstreets project team and local stakeholders with the £16m funding for Trowbridge</li> <li>• Actively promote public engagement in any leisure provision consultation</li> <li>• Support and promote a jobs fair locally, in partnership with secondary school/s and/or college</li> <li>• Identify and seek to narrow skills gaps between local business requirements and the local population experience</li> <li>• Continue to support, promote and encourage growth of the Weavers Market and independent traders</li> <li>• Support local retailers and businesses on the High Street</li> <li>• Identify and promote local initiatives to address Fuel Poverty and IT Poverty</li> </ul>	<p>VACANT</p>
<p><b>Addressing climate change and protecting green spaces</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage community groups to adopt the Climate Change Strategy and Blue Infrastructure Strategy</li> <li>• Collaborate with Trowbridge ECO to explore options for supporting local actions</li> <li>• Continued support for community grow projects across the community</li> <li>• Continued support for less food waste by supporting community fridges and local education with cookery classes</li> <li>• Promote and engage individuals and groups to complete the new Wiltshire Council sustainable transport survey</li> <li>• Actively encourage and promote litter picking events across the community</li> </ul>	<p>VACANT</p>

This page is intentionally left blank

### Trowbridge Area Board 23/06/2022

#### Appointment of Area Board Lead Councillors

##### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To appoint Councillor representatives for the Area Board. This will include appointing to Outside Bodies and to reconstitute and appoint to Working Groups for the year 2022/23

##### 2. Background

- 2.1. Area Boards are invited to appoint Councillors to be their respective lead for particular Outside Bodies or Non-Priority Working Groups. The following guiding principles are in place for Councillors who take a role on an Outside body or Non-Priority Working Group:
  - To be the main Area Board point of contact for local Officers within their respective area
  - To attend (and often Chair) relevant working 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 Group/Outside-Body including providing feedback on the success or limitations of previously funded Area Board grants (if applicable)
- 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, and will be reviewed annually, unless the Board determines otherwise.
- 2.3. The Area Board is also invited to reconstitute or create new Non-Priority Working Groups set out in **Appendix B**, and to make appointments to these groups.

##### 3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) has replaced Community Area Transport Groups (CATGs), which will continue to operate as informal working groups making recommendations to the Area Board for approval. Terms of Reference are set out in **Appendix C** for information.
- 3.2. Where a Non-Priority Working group is required, the exact purpose should be set out and agreed by the Board.

##### 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 Non-Priority 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 Non-Priority Working Group(s) as set out in Appendix B; and
- c. To note the Terms of Reference for the LHFIG as set out in Appendix C.

---

**Leo Penry, Democratic Services Officer**

**Appendices:**

Appendix A – Appointment to Outside Bodies

Appendix B – Appointment of Members to Non-Priority Working Groups

Appendix C – LHFIG Terms of Reference

**Unpublished background documents relied upon in the preparation of this report**

None.

This page is intentionally left blank



**Trowbridge Area Board**

**Appendix A**

**Appointments of Lead Members to Outside Bodies 2022/23**

Outside Body	Councillor Representative
Trowbridge Future	Cllr Jo Trigg

This page is intentionally left blank

## Trowbridge Area Board

## Appendix B

### Appointments of Area Board Councillors

To Non-Priority Working Groups of the Board:

#### Local Highways & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)

Cllr Ernie Clark  
Cllr Horace Prickett  
Cllr Daniel Cave  
Cllr Mel Jacob  
Cllr Edward Kirk  
Cllr Stewart Palmen  
Cllr Antonio Piazza  
Cllr Jo Trigg  
Cllr David Vigar

This page is intentionally left blank

## **LOCAL HIGHWAY & FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENT GROUPS (LHFIG)**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### **Membership of the LHFIG**

The LHFIG will normally be made up of:

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

It is recommended that the groups do not normally consist of more than 10 representatives, but for larger community areas this may not always be feasible.

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

Recommendations 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 LHFIGs will cease when a member ceases to hold the stated office as first appointed, or when a parish/town council or group choose to nominate an alternative representative.

The LHFIGs 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 LHFIGs members**

Appointment of Wiltshire Council members to the LHFIGs 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 LHFIGs (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 LHFIGs must not issue press statements on behalf of the Area Board.

Any press statements about the work of the LHFIGs should be agreed between the Chairman of the LHFIGs and the Chairman of the Area Board, and in consultation with

Wiltshire council's communications team. You can contact the communications team at [communications@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:communications@wiltshire.gov.uk).

### **Meetings**

It is recommended that the LHFIGs meet four times a year. Ideally the meetings should be 2 to 4 weeks in advance of the Area Board meetings. 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 LHFIG chair wishes, and by invitation. It should be noted that LHFIGs are advisory bodies and do not exercise delegated decision-making powers. All decisions are to be ratified by the Area Board.

### **Officer support**

Meetings will be attended by relevant officers from Wiltshire Council, including a Senior Transport Planner, a Senior Traffic Engineer, Local Highway Maintenance Engineer and the local Community Engagement Manager. Attendance by officers of other expert knowledge may be arranged when necessary.

Additional support will be provided outside of the meeting by the Corporate Office Business Support unit as currently for Area Boards, for the purpose of arranging meetings, venues, and the production of meeting action notes.

### **Terms of reference**

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

The LHFIGs terms of reference are set out at Appendix A:

Examples of projects the LHFIGs can and cannot fund are set out in Appendix B:

**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 Transport, Waste, Street Scene and Flooding. The funding allocation is a mixture of highways and council 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 routine maintenance schemes or the provision of passenger transport services.

A list of schemes which the groups can fund in contained in Appendix B

Schemes considered by the LHFIGs must have first been raised through the highway improvement request system and endorsed by the relevant town or parish council.

The LHFIG's can be directed to look at issues identified by Highways Officers when considered appropriate. For example, when an issue is raised for which other centrally held resource does not exist.

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.

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 more than the total discretionary amount available as part of the group's annual allocation.

**Appendix B** – Example of projects which can and cannot be funded by LHFIGs

**LHFIGs can fund the following:**

**Pedestrian improvements:** including dropped kerbs, new footways, substantive improvements to existing footways, pedestrian crossings (including assessments).

**Cycle improvements:** new cycle paths, cycle parking / storage.

**Bus infrastructure:** new and replacement Shelters (subject to agreement on future maintenance liability), bus border kerbs, bus stop road markings.

**Traffic signing:** new and replacement signs (including signposts), street name plates, village gateways.

**New road markings:** new and replacement of existing markings.

**Speed limits:** assessment and implementation.

**Waiting restrictions:** assessments and implementation.

**Footpath improvements:** styles, gates, surface improvements to rights of ways (council maintainable only).

**Drainage:** minor improvements, new gullies.

**Street lighting:** new installations.

**Traffic management measures:** including Sockets and posts for SID (Speed Indication Device) equipment.

*As a general rule, an asset should exist at the end of the project, i.e. something new that wasn't there beforehand.*

**LHFIGs cannot fund:**

**Routine maintenance:** such as gully emptying, ditch clearing, hedgerow cutting, pot hole repairs.

**Service subsidy:** bus services

**Promotional campaigns**

**SID equipment**

**Improvements for individuals and properties**

*As a general rule, activities that repair, clean, tidy or remove something that is already present are likely to be considered routine maintenance and cannot be funded by LHFIGs.*



# Trowbridge CPT Area Board Update



Page 53

May 2022

Agenda Item 10



# Your CPT - Trowbridge

**Inspector:** Gill Hughes

**Neighbourhood Sergeants:**

Sgt James Twyford (Bradford on Avon, Melksham)

Sgt Charly Chilton (Trowbridge)

**Neighbourhood Officers:**

Page 54 PC Louis Bowden (Bradford on Avon)

PC Jennifer Miller (Melksham)

PC Alan Paterson (Melksham)

PC Rob Dentry (Trowbridge)

**PCSOs:**

Laura Wallace, Maria Badder (Bradford on Avon)

Luke Hosken, Janet Gould, Mel Culliford (Melksham)

Tom Storm, Sophie Piper, Adam Smith, Robyn Dentry, William Browne, Amy Clifford,

Jack Thomas (Trowbridge)

# Performance – 12 months to April 2022

## Force

- Wiltshire Police recorded crime reports a YoY increase of 11.9% in the 12 months to April 2022 and continues to have one of the lowest crime rates in the country per 1,000 population. The 11.9% increase is attributed to a return to pre covid volumes and an extended Summer high experienced as restrictions were removed.
- Our service delivery remains consistently good.
- In April 2022, we received:
  - 8,468 '999' calls, which we answered within 9 seconds on average;
  - 10,272 '101' calls, which we answered within 10 seconds on average;
  - 11,017 CRIB calls, which we answered within 1 minute and 42 seconds on average.
- In April 2022, we also attended 1,596 emergency incidents within 9 minutes and 35 seconds on average.

Crime Type	Crime Volume	% of Crime
<b>Totals</b>	<b>41,849</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Violence without injury	7,368	17.6
Violence with injury	6,270	15.0
Criminal damage	5,206	12.5
Stalking and harassment	4,140	9.9
Public order offences	4,006	9.6
Other crime type	14,860	35.5

## Trowbridge CPT

Crime Type	Crime Volume	% of Crime
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,705</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Violence without injury	1,066	18.7
Violence with injury	941	16.5
Criminal damage	752	13.2
Stalking and harassment	590	10.3
Public order offences	514	9.0
Other crime type	1,842	32.3

### Stop and Search information for Trowbridge CPT

During the 12 months leading to March 2022, 243 stop and searches were conducted in the Trowbridge area of which 61% related to a search for controlled drugs.

During 67.1% of these searches, no object was found. In 32.5% of cases, an object was found. Of these cases 77.4% resulted in a no further action disposal; 22.6% resulted in police action being taken; 9.9% resulted in an arrest.

Of the stop and search subjects who defined their ethnicity:

- White – 211 stop and searches.
- Black or Black British – 10 stop and searches
- Mixed Ethnicity – 7 stop and searches
- Asian or Asian British – 1 stop and search

# Performance – Hate Crime overview

## Force

Hate Crime volumes report as within normal bounds, however show some signs of unease within its trend.

Summer highs have been slightly more extended which has resulted in year-on-year increases (126 crimes, +16.2%), largely within Sexual Orientation and Racial crimes, however Transgender also reporting an increase (+14 crimes, +73.7%).

This extended summer high is reflective of the trend seen within overall crime volumes, but is now showing signs of returning to the norm.

The Force is monitoring any signs of activity with detail that suggests hate directed towards the following activities; those of Russian origin, those of Muslim faith following increased visibility surrounding Ramadan, pro-Palestinian protest activity across the UK relating to Israel and Gaza conflicts.

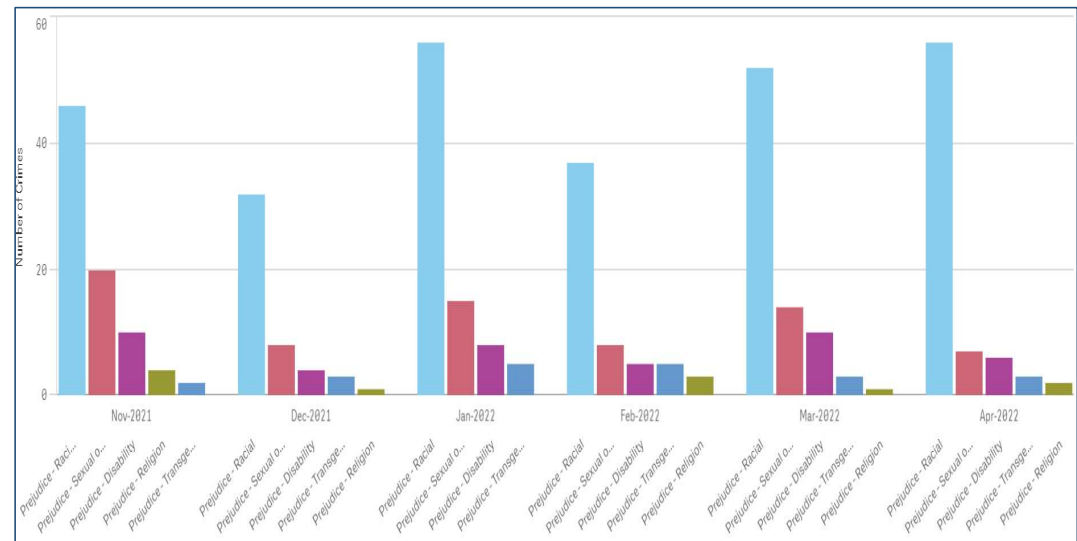
The Hate Crime Silver Scrutiny Panel are looking to create a hate crime video to raise awareness of Hate Crime and how to report it, including details surrounding how the Criminal Justice System responds to it.

## Trowbridge CPT

	Number of Crimes	Change (number)	Change (%)
<b>Total</b>	118	20	20.4%
<b>Prejudice – Racial</b>	72	22	44.0%
<b>Prejudice – Sexual orientation</b>	24	8	50.0%
<b>Prejudice - Disability</b>	14	-13	-48.1%
<b>Prejudice - Religion</b>	2	1	100.0%
<b>Prejudice - Transgender</b>	6	2	50.0%

Year on year comparison May 2021 to April 2022 (note: an individual crime can be tagged with more than one prejudice type e.g. sexual orientation & transgender)

### Force Hate Crime (6 months to April 2022)



# Local Priorities & Updates

Priority	Update
Repeat Offenders	The May Statistics show that last Month's three Top Offenders by frequency, have not come to notice since bespoke interventions were implemented. This month, we are focussing on six individuals, who are responsible for 10% of our Demand across the Hub.
Community Events	The Team are busy planning involvement with a number of Community Events. Those held over the Platinum Jubilee Weekend were successful and well attended.  We will be attending the Trowbridge Carnival Fayre on 25 <sup>th</sup> June.
Community Speedwatch	The ever-present issue of Speeding continues to receive attention. Most recently; the Neighbourhood Team Newcomer, PC Dentry, stopped 37 Motorists in an hour on Leap Gate, Trowbridge. Two, both 'on the School Run' were reported to Court for wholly inappropriate Speeds.  Our Volunteer Speedwatch Team on Cock Hill, have detected 405 Speeding Offences so far this year.
Op Aidant	The Team have been paying attention to places where there's potential for Human Trafficking and Exploitation, as part of a National Week of Action. We have conducted six visits to businesses which are traditionally susceptible to these sorts of Organised Crime.
Anti-Social use of Vehicles	We are looking at two specific problems, which relate to inappropriate use of vehicles. We are in the process of scoping a potential perennial issue at Spitfire Retail Park; also looking to identify an individual on an e-scooter in Melksham, who has caused some fairly widespread local concern with the manner of his riding.



# Useful links

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

- PCC's Website - <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/>
- HMICFRS Website - <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/>
- Police.uk - <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/>
- For information on what crimes and incidents have been reported in the Trowbridge Community Policing Team area, visit <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/police-forces/wiltshire-police/areas/about-us/about-us/cpts/trowbridge-cpt/> to view a crime and incident map and find links to more detailed data





# Get Involved

Keep up to date with the latest news and alerts in your area by signing up to our **Community Messaging service** – [www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk](http://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk)

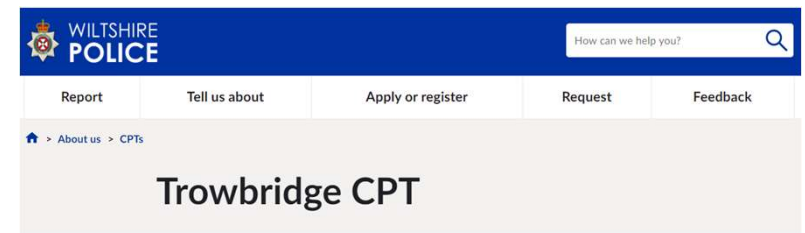


## Follow your CPT on social media

- [Trowbridge Police Facebook](#)
- [Trowbridge Police Twitter](#)
- [Melksham Police Facebook](#)
- [Bradford on Avon Facebook](#)

Page 59

Find out more information on your CPT area at: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk) and here [www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk)



CPT Trowbridge covers the areas of Trowbridge, Melksham, Bradford-on-Avon and surrounding areas

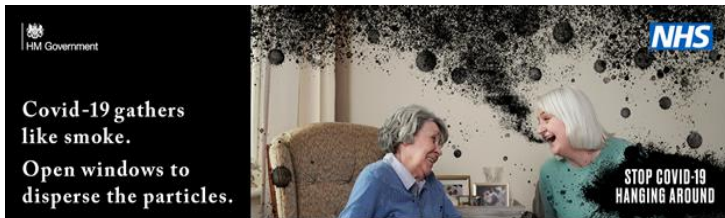
To contact your CPT about a community-related matter, such as a school visit, then please email [TrowbridgeAreaCPT@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:TrowbridgeAreaCPT@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk). Please note that this mailbox is not monitored 24/7.

You are unable to report crimes of any type via email and please do not report any situations that require an urgent response. In the case of an emergency please contact 999 and for non-urgent crimes and incidents, please call 101 or [Report a crime here](#)

You see a map of crimes in the Trowbridge area [by visiting www.police.uk](#)

This page is intentionally left blank





**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:

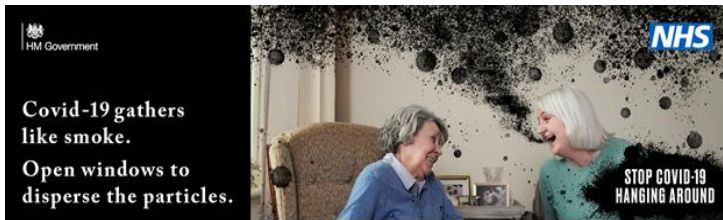
- Using electricity safely
- Cooking safely
- Making an escape plan
- What to do if there is a fire
- Keeping children safe
- Good practice – night time routine and other points relevant to you
- Identifying and discussing any further support the occupier may need

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](mailto:fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk) and the Fire Safety Team will respond in office hours.

### Fire Safety Complaint

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

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

## On Call Recruitment

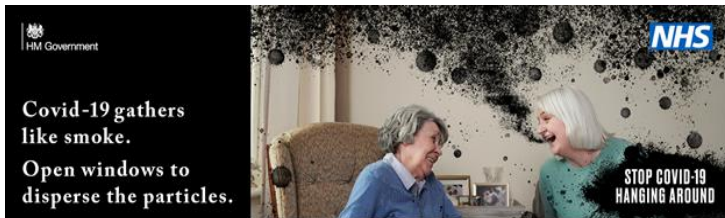
Have you always wondered if you could join the fire service, but haven't had the opportunity to find out more? Have you found yourself seeking your next challenge, keen to give back to the local community or wanting to learn new skills including leadership and teamwork? Then becoming an on-call firefighter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

As a paid position, on-call firefighters commit anywhere between 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/](http://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

### First national Biker Down safety campaign held

The National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) held its first national Biker Down safety campaign between 11-17 April.

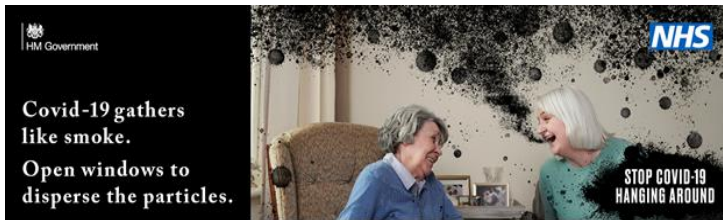
Biker Down is a free three-hour course that provides practical and potentially lifesaving advice, and the sessions are suitable for riders of all experience levels.

The course gives riders an awareness of what to do if they are involved with or see an injured motorcyclist, and how to reduce their own risk of being in a collision.

The national campaign also highlighted the importance of motorcycle maintenance and the wearing of legal and protective riding gear, especially since the trade in counterfeit and fake gear has grown in recent years.



More information can be found at [www.dwfire.org.uk/biker-down](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/biker-down)



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE**

## **Bonfires and garden safety**



Bonfires are very common in the summer, but they can get out of control very easily. If you want to burn off garden waste, here's some safety advice:

- Site any bonfire well away from buildings, fences, trees and garden structures.
- Have a garden hose to hand in case the fire starts to get out of control.
- Don't light a bonfire on a windy day, as it could flare up more than you expect.
- Be courteous to your neighbours – if you're planning a substantial bonfire, let them know, and stay with it at all times to ensure that it remains safe.
- If you're intending to have a large bonfire, use our **on-line form** – we often receive emergency calls from people who can see lots of smoke, and it helps us to know where this could be a controlled burn.
- Never use flammable liquids such as petrol or paraffin to start a bonfire.

If you have concerns about the environmental impacts of bonfires, such as smoke, you will need to contact your local council.

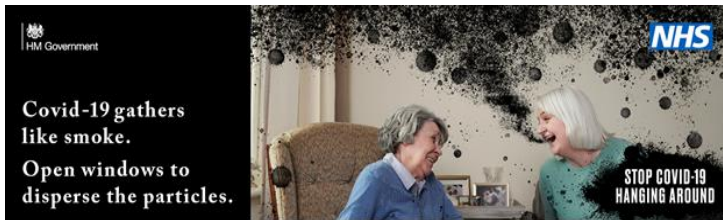
For further information regarding bonfire and garden safety please visit - <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safety-outdoors/bonfires-and-garden-safety/>

## **UK fire services rally to support colleagues in Ukraine**

The Service has donated some surplus equipment to support colleagues in Ukraine, as part of a wider effort coordinated by the [National Fire Chiefs Council \(NFCC\)](#).







**DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE**

## Water safety



Cooling off in rivers, canals, ponds, quarries and lakes can have deadly consequences.

Every year, firefighters are called to incidents where residents (particularly children and young people) get into difficulty when swimming in open water.

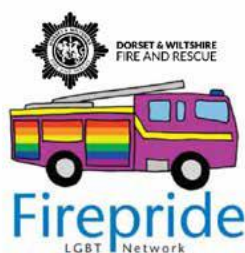
For further information on the dangers of cooling off in open water and some key safety tips for staying safe near water, please visit: - <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safety-outdoors/water-safety/>

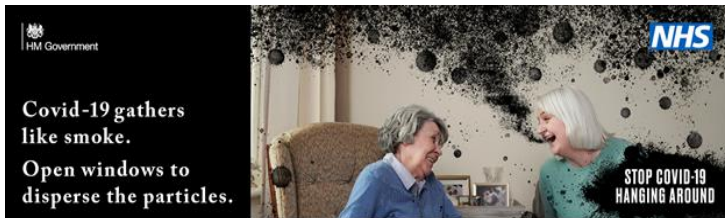
## Supporting Pride

The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, which is marked every year on 17 May, was created in 2004 to draw attention to the violence and discrimination experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex people and all other people with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities or expressions, and sex characteristics.

As a Service, we work hard to create a culture where all staff can come to work and be themselves. We also have a supportive network in place, Firepride, which is open to everyone.

As part of our commitment to supporting all communities, we will be attending the Pride celebrations within our Service area, which are back this year after being affected by Covid over the past two years.





**DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE**

## Demand

Total Fire Calls for Trowbridge Fire Station for period 07/03/2022 – 26/06/2022:-

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	60
No. of Fires	Open small – 13 Bonfire – 1 Shed – 1 Car – 2 Bathroom – 1 Garage – 1 Electric – 3 Kitchen – 1 False Alarm – 1 Smoking – 1 Candle - 1
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	Co – Responder – 6 Minor release – 5 HazMat – 1 Gain entry – 8 Petrol spill – 1 Bariatric – 1 RTC – 3 Rescue (height) – 1 Small animal rescue – 1 Flooding – 1
<b>Total</b>	<b>114</b>

### Local Incidents of Note

No incidents of note for this reporting period.

There has been an increase in small fires, this is mainly due to rubbish being ignited in various locations around Trowbridge.

**David Geddes  
Station Manager**

**Email: [david.geddes@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:david.geddes@dwfire.org.uk)**

**Mobile: 07826 532607**



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE**

This page is intentionally left blank



## **Hilperton Parish Council Update**

The parish council budgeted £30k (in total) for the jubilee celebrations and everything seemed to go fine with many appreciative comments received.

The new play equipment for the village hall was installed in time for the bank holiday and thanks go to TAB, from the village hall, for its £5k contribution. It was good to see that the village hall could order/instal the equipment so speedily. It has been well received by all who have used it.

The village fete was a great success with the parish council underwriting several aspects of it including the marquees, the bouncy castles, and the cream scones.

The Hilperton Area Action Group (a working group of the parish council) continues its work with regard to the 'contemplated' 2,000 houses shown in the draft WC Local Plan. Work continues with neighbouring parishes.

This page is intentionally left blank

## **Support for Ukrainian Guests in Wiltshire – an update from Karen Linaker, Community Engagement Manager lead link to the Wiltshire Council Refugee Support Team**

### **General Position**

Currently Ukrainian refugees can enter the country in two ways - as part of the [Homes for Ukraine scheme](#) or through the [Ukraine Family Scheme](#)

What is the Homes for Ukraine scheme? Well, this scheme allows Ukrainian nationals and their family members to come to the UK if they have a named sponsor under the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

The government makes local authorities like ourselves aware of the numbers coming through so we can carry out checks and provide access to benefits.

The government supplies funding including the one-off £200 emergency fund per guest and the £350 monthly thank you payment for sponsors. As a council we also receive £10,500 per individual to provide wraparound support.

The Ukraine Family Scheme allows applicants to join family members or extend their stay in the UK. However, councils receive no notification and there is currently no government financial support.

It is important to say those arriving as part of the Ukraine Family Scheme can still access council services just as any resident of Wiltshire. There are more details on the services provided on our Help in a Crisis page.

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/958/Help-in-a-crisis>

For those coming through the Ukraine Family Scheme it is helpful to know where these families are based as that will help map out where additional support to wider services may be needed.

This could be for school places or to work with partners where services may be required.

Therefore, we do ask people or communities who are welcoming Ukrainian refugees under the family scheme to email us at [H4U@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:H4U@wiltshire.gov.uk), so that we can build a real accurate picture of the situation.

### **Wiltshire Specific Position**

Our Ukrainian guests continue to arrive and settle in communities. We thank you for your ongoing support and we hope you find these briefings provide useful updates.

Latest figures show approximately 2850 households have registered for the [Homes for Ukraine scheme](#) and currently 537 households have been

matched with 1,383 individuals. There are 230 school applications, 145 primary and 85 secondary. 155 school places are under offer, with the rest pending.

Latest figures show 37 Ukrainian guests matched to hosts in the Trowbridge Community Area (0-18 yo x 9 and 19-64 yo x 28)

There are a number of community groups set up across Wiltshire which are supporting Ukrainian guests. The latest information on these groups is available on [Key information links - Wiltshire Council](#)

Both Trowbridge Town Council and Trowbridge faith leaders are included in this list of community groups.

The [Wiltshire Together website](#) is also a good source of advice and information and also has details on community support, including a page on [Supporting Wiltshire's Refugees](#).

Pound Arts in Corsham has introduced an initiative to open the doors of cultural organisations across the county to welcome refugees and provide free tickets. A host of organisations have agreed to take part - meaning free tickets to music, theatre, museums etc. The initiative is spreading beyond Wiltshire. To book just get in touch



with your local organisation and ask for tickets. Our communities are keen to welcome all. More details on Pound Arts shows are available here [Homepage - Pound Arts](#). Look out for other organisations showing the Culture Welcomes Refugees logo (pictured below) to find other venues joining in this initiative.

We have a number of Ukraine nationals taking up lessons for people aged 19+ from the Wiltshire Council [Family and Community Learning](#) (English for Speakers of Other Languages) courses and the plan is to deliver courses across Wiltshire over the next couple of months. Melksham is currently underway with a new cohort due to start in July. The next cohort for Chippenham is in July. Devizes ESOL lessons started on 8 June and Calne the week beginning the 27 June with similar numbers projected. Salisbury is starting on 30 June and Marlborough is due to start in July. Details will be shared on the [Work Wiltshire website](#) in the coming days. People can find out more about the ESOL courses by going to [familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk) or by calling 01225 770478.

For young people aged 16 plus there is a host of information on options for employment, education and training on our Work Wiltshire pages. [Support for young people arriving from Ukraine - Work Wiltshire](#) The pages have information on transport, higher education, community support, and resources/equipment. There is more information about this in our news story - [Training and job opportunities for Ukraine nationals in Wiltshire - Wiltshire Council](#)

Employers who want to offer work to Ukraine nationals can find out more about how to register and share job offers by visiting the government pages - [Offer work to people who have come to the UK from Ukraine - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) More detail for employers is available at [UNHCR - Tapping Potential: Guidelines to Help British Businesses Employ Refugees](#);

There is also advice available for Ukraine nationals on finding work in the government information pack [Ukraine Welcome Guide.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

You may find people do regularly approach you for details on how we are supporting Ukraine nationals here in Wiltshire. They may have more specific queries around payments or the £200 voucher. Please encourage them to view our Ukraine web pages which has information for sponsors and more general information as well as a welcome pack for Ukraine people living in Wiltshire. [Wiltshire stands with Ukraine - Wiltshire Council](#)

Wiltshire Council's Refugee Support Team has recently expanded to accommodate the increasing demands on its services, previously its main focus of work was for Syrian and Afghan refugees. Very regularly the team hosts a multi-agency meeting with all relevant statutory and VCS partners to ensure we are doing the best we can to work together on the Ukraine situation. At that meeting, Karen Linaker – lead Community Engagement Manager on refugee work regular feeds in local community work and insight. Karen links then with the CEM for each community area – Liam for Trowbridge – to ensure the team is up to date and regularly feeding back local information into the multi agency meetings. At the regular Town and Parish Council Network meetings hosted by Wiltshire Council, councillors will have noted that a standing item is included now on this agenda for updates to be given about the county's work for Ukraine guests and for town and parish councillors to feed in their local insight and issues.

*Please use the following as your main points of contact:*

[H4U@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:H4U@wiltshire.gov.uk) to contact the refugee support team

[Karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk) to contact the lead Community Engagement Manager linked to the refugee support workstream

*Please do regularly check this website page for updates: [Wiltshire stands with Ukraine - Wiltshire Council](#)*

This page is intentionally left blank

## **Family and Community Learning**

The Family and Community Learning team is currently offering ESOL courses to the Ukrainian guests at Trowbridge Town Hall.

Although the course has started, we are still taking expressions of interest from new arrivals from Ukraine. If there is interest to deliver further ESOL courses, we can offer further provision and keep in touch with the host families and their guests.

Please contact us if hosts/guests/services are interested: call 01225 770478 email: [familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk) explore <https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-learning/>

This page is intentionally left blank



## **FUEL Programme**

I'm pleased to inform the FUEL summer camp registration is now open for participants to apply for places. The camp will run over the 4 weeks of August, Monday- Thursdays 10am-2pm at The Oasis Academy, Longmeadow in Trowbridge.

The FUEL programme is for those that are eligible for benefit related Free School Meals. We can also open up 15% of the places for refugees, those currently in the care system or those that have been referred into the programme through professional organisations such as social services and schools.

Participants will be able to attend free of charge and provision will include a healthy meal and enriching activities each day, as well as regular healthy eating and nutrition workshops. The attachment provided includes both the letter and leaflet with all the required information including how to apply.

The camps have limited places so please encourage families to register early to avoid disappointment via the link below (link is also included on the letter/leaflet attached).

[Apply here](#)

This page is intentionally left blank



**Dear Parent/Carer,**

I am pleased to inform you that your child is eligible to attend our summer holiday programme, FUEL.

FUEL is a free holiday activity and food project that offers children the opportunity to take part in a range of fun activities during school holiday periods in 2022. Children will also be provided with a nutritious meal on each day that they attend.

FUEL summer camps will run in 10 locations across Wiltshire, Monday to Thursday for the four weeks of August (10am to 2pm), from 1 August - 25 August. Please note if you are applying for Royal Wootton Bassett FUEL camps these are running 11am to 3pm.

The FUEL programme is available to eligible children attending primary, secondary or special schools and is not open to pre-school children.

You can apply for all four weeks or just the days you want to attend. Spaces are limited so please apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. All applications will be assessed and participants will receive a confirmation email if successful. Please note one-to-one care is limited.

Please apply by completing the application form using the link below. If you have multiple children you will need to apply for each one separately. If you require any support with completing this form please speak to your school.

Please find below a leaflet providing more details about the FUEL programme that you can share with your child.

If you have any further queries please email [hafcentral@bydesign-group.co.uk](mailto:hafcentral@bydesign-group.co.uk)

**Click here to apply** no later than noon, Friday 15 July 2022 to take part in the summer FUEL camps.

Kind regards,

**Helean Hughes**  
Director - Education and Skills

**David Redfern**  
Assistant Director - Leisure, Culture and Communities



The free holiday activity and food programme

**FREE**  
fun holiday  
camps across  
Wiltshire

A range of  
activities  
delivered  
over  
4 weeks

[Click here to see the last FUEL camp video!](#)

Recieve a  
nutritious  
meal each  
day

From: 1- 25 August  
Days: Monday - Thursday  
Time: 10am - 2pm\*  
Ages: reception - year 11

\*If you are applying for Royal Wootton Bassett FUEL camp please note the time of this camp is 11am - 3pm

 **APPLY HERE**

You can apply for all 16 days or just the days you want to attend, as well as your preferred meal each day. Spaces are limited, apply early so you don't miss out!

All applications will be assessed and participants will receive a confirmation email if they have been successful. Please note one-to-one care is limited.



Activities on offer over the 4 weeks will include:

- **CLIMBING WALL**
- **DANCE**
- **TEAM GAMES**
- **CIRCUS SKILLS**
- **ZORB FOOTBALL**
- **NUTRITIONAL WORKSHOPS**
- **FOOTBALL**
- **ATHLETE VISITS**

### Food

F is for Food! You will receive a nutritious lunch each day and you'll also have fun and keep fit!



### Unity

Unity means making new friends in your community, while friendly staff are supportive and understanding.



### Energy

Take part in a range of activities that will keep you energised, exercised and educated.

E F

### Laughter

There will be plenty of opportunities for fun and laughter throughout the programme and opportunities to learn new life-skills.



## FUEL camp locations:

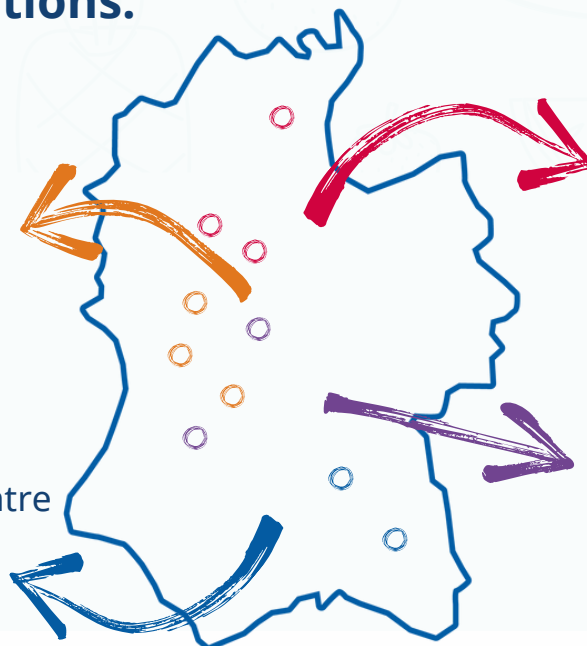
**Melksham:**  
Canberra Centre

**Trowbridge:**  
Oasis Academy,  
Longmedow

**Westbury:**  
Matravers School

**Amesbury**  
Amesbury Sports Centre

**Salisbury**  
Sarum Academy



**Royal Wootton Bassett:**  
Lime Kiln Leisure Centre

**Calne:**  
Calne Campus

**Chippenham:**  
Sheldon School

**Devizes:**  
Devizes Leisure Centre

**Warminster:**  
Warminster Sports Centre

This page is intentionally left blank

# Trowbridge Child Wellbeing Partnership

**Presentation to Trowbridge Area Board  
Thursday 7<sup>TH</sup> July 2022**

# Who are we?

- A group of key stakeholders who work with children, young people and families in Trowbridge. Our members include
  - Wiltshire Council Family Learning
  - Trowbridge Town Council
  - Trowbridge Children's Centre
  - HCRG Healthcare Health Visitor Team
  - Collaborative Schools
  - Trowbridge Future
  - Youth Action for Christ
  - Selwood Housing
  - Trowbridge Town Hall



# What do we do?

- We work strategically to
  - improve the life chances of children young people and families
  - give children and young people a voice
- Using the work done in Leeds, Bristol and elsewhere we aspire to make Trowbridge a 'child friendly community,' a town where no child is left behind, where young people are supported to be actively involved in envisioning the future of their community
- We have
  - raised money to buy digital devices for disadvantaged pupils during the pandemic
  - run a successful pilot in developing training on how to respond to trauma induced behaviour for the broader community
  - worked with Trowbridge Youth Parliament
  - carried out research into the views of children, young people and families

# Trowbridge Through the Eyes of a Child

- Online survey completed summer/autumn 2021.
- 40 respondent spread across Trowbridge but none from deprived areas.
- Gender 45% male 55% female.
- Age an equal spread across the age 1 to 14 with no responses from 9 year olds 57.5% aged 1-8 and 42.5% 10-14.
- Ethnicity 97.5% white British 2.5% white other.
- 17.5% of respondents had some special need or disability.
- Questions about how they spend their time, best and worst things about the town.

# General Flavour of Responses

- The sample is small and not representative, but provides a wealth qualitative information about the experience of living and bringing up children in Trowbridge.
- This is completely different for different families. Some find it positive others very negative.
- Spending time with friends and family is very important to all respondents.
- The pandemic had a major impact on activities and at the time (summer 2021) some activities had not been restarted – there was a particular frustration about swimming lessons.
- 57.5% of respondents felt their child was concerned or worried. These worries ranged from friendship and school to the pandemic and environment.

# Main Positives

- Parks, green spaces and the closeness to nature were mentioned throughout as a big advantage about living in Trowbridge.
- The range of organised activities especially sport were mentioned
  - 55% of those in school took part in clubs and after school activities
  - 48% take part in organised activities at the weekend.
- Other facilities such as the cinema, museum, library and town hall are also valued.

# What are the things you like about Trowbridge that benefit your child

- Parks and playgrounds 15 (37.5%)
  - Lots of activities 7 (17.5%)
  - Access to nature 6 (15%)
  - Sense of community 6 (15%)
  - Good transport links 5 (12.5%)
  - Proximity to amenities 5 (12,5%)
  - Museums 4 (10%)
  - Swanning pool 4 (10%)
  - Schools 3 (7.5%)
  - Cinema 3 (7.5%)
- Library 2 (5%)
- Children's Centre 1(2.5%)

# Main Negatives

- A lack of activities and facilities especially for older children and teenagers.
- The perceived prevalence of antisocial behaviour and linked to concerns about safety in the park, the multi storey car park and other public spaces.
- Some concerns about schools especially secondary schools.

# What would you like to change about Trowbridge to make it better for your child?

- More activities/facilities 21 (52.5%)
- Safety & anti-social behaviour 13 (32,5%)
- School & education 8 (20%)
- Better maintenance of facilities 4 (10%)
- Cycle paths to link areas 3 (7.5%)
- More and better toilets 2 (5%)

# How could you and others make the change happen?

This attracted a range of different responses

- Some respondents were prepared to get directly involved by volunteering.
- Others believed change could only be brought about by the action of Wiltshire Council and Trowbridge Town Council because it requires significant investment.
- Others offered specific solutions to specific concerns such as greater police presence to tackle antisocial behaviour.
- Others had no ideas at all.
- 13 respondents 32.5% provided their email addresses for further contact. These have all now been sent a copy of the findings.



# Community Foundation Research

- Hannah Parry as part of a university placement with Wiltshire Community Foundation undertook some research with young people in Trowbridge beginning in September 2021.
- She worked with 26 young people attending sessions run by Trowbridge Future.
- She worked with 2 groups of young people, one aged 8 to 12 and the other 12-18. All live in areas ranked high on the Index of Multiple Disadvantage.
- The young people were asked to respond by writing answers on post-it notes to a series of questions.
- Although a small sample it provides a useful insight into perceptions of young people.

# Key Findings

- The younger group expressed concerns about bullying in school and wanted safe spaces in schools.
- The older group found schools very stressful places.
- Covid and the isolation it imposed had a very negative impact on both groups.
- The older group were concerned about a lack of trust from adults, and that adults do not understand that growing up today is completely different and the pressure on mental health much greater.
- The older group wanted spaces, groups and activities in the community where they could express emotions and talk about issues.
- Most support came from friends , family and gaming.

# Overall Conclusions

- Both sets of responses are from small groups which may not be representative but nevertheless offer insights into how parents and young people experience life in Trowbridge.
- Safety and the prevalence of antisocial behaviour remain a big concern for a significant number of families which has an impact on their behaviour.
- While there are many organised activities in the town there is a strong perception that there is little for teenagers.
- Young people themselves say they would like a safe space in the community. At the moment although Trowbridge Future runs youth clubs in 3 neighbourhoods there is nothing in the town centre.
- Parents and young people care about the town and have strong and articulate views about how it could be improved. It is critical to give both a voice in the future.

# Future actions.

- The findings of the survey helped to inspire the Youth Parliament in a project to develop and display a code of conduct for play areas.
- Work is about to begin on planning the provision of a new leisure centre. Is this an opportunity to do something to provide more activities for teenagers and also create a central safe space?
- Will the Trowbridge Area Board support and endorse the Partnership's aspiration to make Trowbridge 'child friendly?'
- Will the Area Board continue to look for ways to engage young people so their voices can play a central part in shaping the future development of the town?

**Trowbridge through the eyes of a child survey results**  
**The results of an online survey carried out in the summer of 2021 by Trowbridge Town Council on behalf of Trowbridge Wellbeing Partnership**

**Executive Summary**

40 responses were rereviewed from a range of postcodes across the town. 45% were male and 55% female and the age range was from 1 to 14. Respondents were overwhelmingly White British with only 1 (2.5%) from White Other and no responses from BME families. 7.5% had some educational, mental, or physical disability.

Responses give a fascinating insight into the different experiences of children growing up in Trowbridge. Some revel in the activities their children can engage in, whilst others find little or nothing and lament the town's lack of bowling, a proper leisure centre etc. The feeling seems more prevalent as children get older and several respondents in question 15 cite the lack of facilities for teenagers as an issue.

**Favourite things to do in Trowbridge including at home.**

Parks and green spaces were the most popular with 43 mentions (some respondents mentioned several parks) followed by home play, creative activities, walking and organised sport. This is confirmed in responses to question 10 about favourite things to do and places to go in Trowbridge, where parks were mentioned 44 times followed by earring out (16) and the cinema (11). They also feature highly in response to question 14, What things do you like most about Trowbridge which benefit your child? Parks were mentioned 15 times and access to nature 6.

**Typical weekday and weekend**

31 respondents, 78% have children at school. Of these 55% take part in after school clubs or other organised activities. Some respondents provided a detailed description of their week which gives a real flavour of their lives. At weekends 60% take part in activities with friends and family, 58% spend time with friends and family and 48% take part in organised activities. Only 20% go on visits outside Trowbridge which are not family related.

**The impact of the pandemic.**

Respondents cited a range of things they had done before the pandemic. Swimming was mentioned 10 times and there is clearly some frustration about the perceived difficulty in booking lessons. It also appears in some of the things that are worrying children and young people. 58% of respondents replied to this question with friendship, the environment, covid and school being the main causes of worries.

**Worst things to do in Trowbridge /Changes needed in the town.**

In this section nearly a third of respondents expressed concerns about safety, antisocial behaviour, drinking, and drug taking in the parks and other specific locations. This was replicated in question 15, What changes would you like to see in Trowbridge to make it better for your child? The same percentage raised similar concerns about safety. A

significant number of residents feel that safety is an issue. Although this is a perception data shows that in 2021 Trowbridge had the highest number of violent crimes in Wiltshire and the second highest number of incidents of antisocial behaviour. The biggest need for change, however, was in providing more activities with 52.5% expressing this with a variety of specific suggestions.

### **Moving Forward**

Question 16 was Thinking about your hopes for your child. How could you and others bring about these changes? This attract a wide range of interesting responses which have been reproduced in full have. The varied made them difficult to analyse. 13 respondents, 32.5%, gave their email address as being happy to be contacted. Copies of this report have now been sent to them.

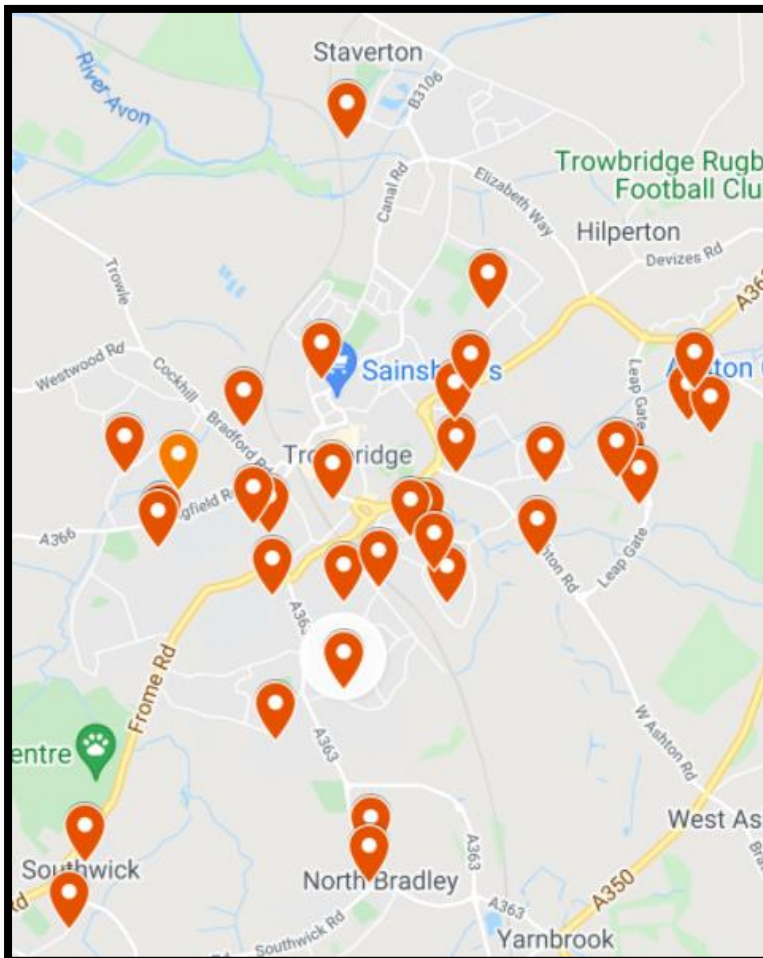
## Results of the Survey

### 1. Postcodes

(Hungerford Avenue Parsonage Rd Brook Road Old Farm Road Wood Marsh, Inox Road were referred to by name rather than Post Code.)

BA140SB	BA14	BA149PG	BA140AN	Ba140SD	BA147WN	BA140RZ	BA147BQ	BA133JH
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
BA146FP	BA147BU	BA149QR	BA147LZ	BA149ES	BA147UD	BA140PA	BA147AJ	BA148LP
1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
BA149DR	BA147HN	BA140NS	BA140QL	BA147AH	BA148WD	BA147XA	BA147SS	BA149ER
1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
BA140LN	BA149TR	BA147WL	BA140AD	BA147WW	BA147JB	BA148JN	BA147WS	BA147SU
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
BA149AT								
1								

The map below gives the geographical location of respondents showing that none are from the most deprived areas of the town.



## 2. Gender

Male	18 (45%)	Female	22 (55%)
------	----------	--------	----------

## 3. Age

Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Number	4	2	1	2	4	5	2	3	0
%	10%	5%	2.5%	5%	10%	12.5%	5%	7.5%	0%
Age	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Number	6	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	0
%	15%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%

## 4. Ethnicity

Category	Number
White English, Scottish, Welsh, Northern Irish, British	39 (97.5%)
White Other	1 (2.5%)

## 5. Disability

Yes	7 (17.5%)	No	33 (82.5%)
-----	-----------	----	------------

- Learning difficulties and some physical challenges
- Autism 3
- Dyslexia 1
- Asthma and severe allergies 1
- Profoundly disabled epilepsy 1

## 6. Favourite things in Trowbridge including at home

Activity	Numbers	Comments
Parks	43	Parks (17), Town Park play area (6,) Town Park, Hilperton, Broadmead (2), Hope Nature Reserve (2), Southwick Country Park (2), Sensory Garden, Fairwood Lakes, Grove Park, Biss Meadow, gym equipment, zip wire, bike ramp at Studley Green, crazy golf, skate park (2), green spaces, the outdoors (2).
Home play	18	Reading (5), Lego (2), cars and planes, own garden (2), toys, alone.
Creative Activities	16	Drama (3), performing arts, drawing (3), crafts & arts (2), painting, clay modelling, origami, cooking (2), baking, online drama for those with SEN
Walking	15	River Biss, Dog walking, around Broadmead. Around town with friends, adventure trails



Sport	12	Rugby (4), basketball, Wildcats girls' football, cricket club, taekwondo, football (2), trampolining, Parkour
Eating out	11	Leykers, Shakeaway, kiosk in the park, milk bar at Brokers wood
Swimming	10	
Cycling	9	
Early Years	9	Baloos soft play (5), St John's Church (2), toddler groups (2)
Electronic	8	Gaming 5, Xbox, TV, facetime with friends.
Cinema	7	
Library	4	
Gardening	4	Allotment
Time with friends/family	4	
School	3	Maths, science
Museum	3	
Scouts etc	3	Scouts 2, Rainbows 1
Town Hall	1	

#### Other Comments

- Interested in wildlife
- Events
- More accessible play equipment
- Nothing
- Nothing outside home in Trowbridge either go to Bath or Wellow.
- Picnics daytrips

#### 7. A typical weekday during the school term

At school (3 special)	31	
Childcare/nursery	5	
Home	4	
Travel to school	Walk	10
	Cycle	3
	Drive	4
	did not specify	14
Take part in clubs or activities	17 (55% of those at school)	
Spend time at home	15	
Meet friend go into town	4	

#### Responses

- School + Wildcats on Mondays, swimming lessons in Westbury Tuesdays, Beavers in Warminster Wednesdays
- Being with a few select friends and adults
- Go to school and sometimes attend after school clubs.
- Does not like mess or people being mean

- Cycles to and from school sometimes parents have already gone to work so big brother helps her get ready. Comes home via friends.
- Walks to school 10 minutes can be stressful because street is busy, parking outside the school. Likes to meet friends on the way.
- School can be stressful as teachers do not understand dyslexia. The behaviour of other children makes her sad.
- New teacher is encouraging. Helps her to overcome her fears.
- Get up, play Roblox, chat with friends, school, home, more Roblox, dinner, game of cards or go round to Grove Park or Drynham Lane with family
- School and after school sports
- Walks dog with brothers then walks to school. Comes home and plays with friends often in houses nearby. Likes going to the town park but dislikes the odd smells (Cannabis.) Dislikes the alley by the pub on the way out because there are always lots of drunk people smoking there whom he finds intimidating. Dislikes the number of people sitting around the edge of the park. Doesn't understand why they are there as the signs say no drinking. Doesn't understand why the police don't move them on. Hard to explain to a child who sees rules being broken. Enjoys going to the play area in the town park, the cinema and the duck pond. Hates that there is often human excrement in the underpass by the Land Rover garage and asks to walk into town a different way. Wonders why there is so much graffiti on the underpass. I also have a 12-year-old who is less concerned but has similar views especially about intimidation in the park. Both wonder why there are so many electric scooters when they are illegal.
- 3 days a week childcare with nan which he loves. Monday started going to the library. Wednesdays goes for a dog walk or cycle ride around d way we live. Other 2 days spends with his mum who takes him round to friends for play dates in houses or gardens or sometimes to a playground. On Fridays he attends a local mum and toddlers' group where he likes watching other children play. At home he plays with cars and reads books and do messy play in his den.
- Staying at home
- Mead Academy scooter there and back. After school Mondays with alternate grandparents. Other nights talks to friends of the way home phones if he wants to go one of them. 2 nights a week scouts and taekwondo, enjoys both. Recently gave up swimming lessons because he found them boring.
- Likes specialist school. Struggle with attainment. School is a mixed bag
- Twice a week at nursery. On non-workdays half a day at home and half a day out whatever the weather
- School, home, tea, bath, bed
- Wake, breakfast, dress, playground, lunch, play in the garden, teatime, bath time, bedtime. Every Friday go to garden play session at Studley Green children's centre.
- Get up, walk to school, football training 1 night, really loves football.

- Primary school breakfast and after school club 4/5 days a week. Drive to school and drop off nursery age, school 1.5 miles would walk but time constraints. After school socialises with peers of all age groups play dates.
- Daughter goes to Silverwood School. Live close. people know us and say hello. She is happy at school. There are no after school clubs.
- Walk in the forest and woods, goes to science sessions theatre in Frome, Corsham, Trowbridge.
- Drive to school then home to be with brothers for a routine of tea, bath and bed. It upsets my daughter that the town park is always so busy with older kids on the swings who get abusive when asked to move. We go to Radstock or elsewhere which is never an option after school.
- Empty.
- Driven to and from school, taken to Wellow to tend horse, tea, homework, bed.
- Walk to school. After school swimming once a week, playing out on the green with friends, tree-climbing, building dens. Loves teachers at school is encouraged by them and teachers at clubs. Loves being out in nature and spotting birds, bugs, animals. Is upset by litter and people being unkind to animals.
- Walk to school. Finds school difficult because of lack of support with dyslexia. Walk home. Complete homework. Speak to friends on the phone. Tea. Bed.
- Mostly filled with school. After school activities are mainly playing at home or watching TV. Occasionally go to the park or play in the garden. 2 younger siblings and we spend most of the time after school winding down and getting ready for bedtime. She gets great joy playing in the park and meeting other children to play with. She gets upset if plans go wrong e.g., if we go to the museum and its shut or she doesn't get a go on the swings because it's too busy.
- Nursery 3 days per week, 1 day with parent, 1 with grandparent. Mixture of driving and walking to nursery. After nursery quiet time with books or dolls then dinner followed by a play in the garden or walk to the park. On days at home with me she likes to be out and about as much as possible. Notice a change in her behaviour on days we can't get out
- Mon- Friday school. Monday and Friday chill out day. Tuesday swimming, Wed martial arts, Thurs Grandparents. He enjoys after school activities but wishes there was more big boy equipment in the parks.
- Stay at home with mum or dad while the other is at work. Go to toddler groups. Go for a walk to the park, visit the ducks, play park. Go to the shops if needed. Play at home.
- Walk the dog, breakfast club, school, home, play games, watch telly, see family. My child is a happy child who only gets upset when she feels she has done something wrong or upset someone unintentionally. I encourage her by talking everything through.
- Mornings are always difficult and full of anxiety about the day ahead attending school. We never know what mood we'll be presented with. It's a little like firefighting. There is a lot of negotiation to get to school with a lot of reassurance.

We currently have little idea of how the school day goes due to Covid and limited interactions with teachers. After school we may go swimming or into the hot tub, attending siblings' activities or just relaxing.

You Tube is massive part of their lives.

They split their time between mum and dad over the week. They are fairly healthy children, they receive encouragement from us as their parents, their maternal grandparents who speak regularly and close friends.

- Monday to Wednesday goes to maternal grandparents while mum and dad work. He loves visiting his nan's and they often go to the local park. He enjoys seeing other children and watching/following them play in the park or football etc on the field. On Thursday to Friday, he is with mum, and they often visit places like soft play and friend's houses who have children of a similar age.
- Go to school get a lift. Come home walks through the town centre. At home in the evening, using phone, homework, tv. Chats to friends on facetime.
- Up, breakfast, dressed, drive to school, collected from school, homework while I am still working. Quick walk if weather ok, then reading. Tv. Games while I cook tea. Chat while I am cooking and cleaning and having tea. Chill a while together till bed, tv, reading. A few nights picked up from school by grandparents so gets to mix with younger cousins and other adults.
- Drive to school, day in school, walk to town to meet parents stopping off in the park. Get picked up and drive home. Attend guides/gym. Teachers, guide leaders and sports coaches encourage independence and resilience.
- Get up, breakfast, off to secondary school. Used to walk, now cycles. Two days a week he goes to rugby training after school, one day he goes to his girlfriend's for dinner. The other evenings are spent doing homework/ revision. My son doesn't really get out to see friends as he feels there is nothing to do for their age group in Trowbridge and doesn't want to just hang around. I'm not keen on him hanging around either.
- Get up at 7. Leave at 8.10. Takes 20 minutes to get across town in the traffic. All day at school. Also takes 20 minutes to get home. He's either picked up by me or picked up by dad to go to his. Limited after school activities as we both work from home full time. Friday evenings he plays cricket with Dynamos in Trowbridge. He absolutely hates homework so there is a battle several evenings a week. Once a fortnight he has a friend over for tea until 7pm. He gets upset that he doesn't enjoy football and that's what most of the boys in his class want to play so he often feels left out.

## 8. Typical weekend

Taking part in organised activities	19 (48%)
Socialising with friends and family	23 (58%)
Activities with friends and family	24 (60%)
Visits outside Trowbridge	7 (17;5%)
Activities at home	8 (20%)

### Responses

- Swimming 2
- Go to museums
- Not a lot because health issues keep parent confined to home
- Dog walking 3 (1 on Salisbury Plain)
- Socializing with family
- Spends time at grandmothers
- Skateboarding
- Learning the importance of achievement based on hard work
- Worry about speaking to new people or being in large crowds
- Read books, bike, play on x-box
- Saturday is a family day go to national Trust properties, on outdoor adventures have a meal with friends in or out.
- Sunday stagecoach in Westbury, pm board games, family meal
- Parents work alternate weekends. If home with Dad go geocaching if with mum catch up with friends. Walks in Southwick country park. Rugby training Sunday pm
- Go to places around Trowbridge, favourite places Hope Centre the parks are good places to ride bikes safely, walk dogs.
- See friends from school and play outside
- See grandparents who live close.
- Visit allotment
- Visit Town Park 1
- Play on computer with friends
- Walk cycle 2
- Visit B o A park and canal
- Drama club cycling
- Time with daddy Church Sunday morning
- Enjoys activities from Wiltshire outdoors
- Likes the crazy golf in the park but it's a bit shabby.
- Son goes into town but never on his own.
- Go to see friends either locally or out of the area. We also try to go further afield to give him different experiences, the beach, zoos camping etc. Most of the time at weekend is family time spent with mum and dad.
- Home with family
- Saturday food shopping with parents which he dislikes, happy if elder brother is home. Saturday afternoon family time. Trip out walking or cycling. Sunday morning Rugby Trowbridge RFC afternoon chills out with friends from rugby.
- A mixture of leisure, church and complete chill.
- Visiting friends and family, home for a rest, lunch, sports activities, more family visits.
- Playground, soft play, occasionally a cafe, the Weavers market.
- Alternate parents each weekend. Football matches 1 day.

- Saturday pm swimming lessons with puddle ducks. Rest of the weekend free for walks to the park. Library coffee shops. See friends and family go to play areas.
- We go for long walks we are fortunate to have an off the road buggy we wouldn't manage in her wheelchair. Some parts are difficult like the end of Green Lane where the track is very rough. Better paths in the woods would be good. We need changing places as well.
- Educational trips to Trowbridge Museum, Merlin Theatre, parks, Bristol. We are curious.
- Get out as much as possible visiting family and friends and doing things outdoors.
- Playing on PlayStation, at home where he is safe, days out, playing on our street, visiting friends.
- School Saturday morning, drive to Wellow to tend horse, out in Bath with friends, dinner, bed. Sunday rugby at BOA, tend horse at Wellow, homework, dinner, bed.
- Usually spends time at home watching TV or playing Minecraft. Might cycle to the park or drive to the woods Westbury White Horse. Might drive to other parks, BMX trail. Meet up with friends. Sometimes visits family or friends for the weekend or host them here. Parkour lessons in Trowbridge Sundays.
- Go out with family to Bradford for a walk. Visit White Horse at Westbury, or Devizes. Visit friends in Stroud.
- We play at home a lot and visit family in Bath and Devizes. Weekend activities are pretty simple. The parks, walks by the river, drives to other places like Westbury White Horse. If we're staying in Trowbridge, we like to get the bikes out. The Town Park is good for this or the paths around Broadmead estate. My child loves cycling, playing with other children and playing at home. Drawing and colouring in playing with her sisters. She is interested in nature and exploring local areas and attractions
- Saturdays with mum, Sundays mum and dad. Often go to the library on Saturdays followed by a treat at a local coffee shop. She is shy so can get overwhelmed by busy areas. After a nap we tend to go further afield than Trowbridge. On Sundays we tend to have family days out outside Trowbridge.
- Out most of the weekend- soft play, walks in the woods, seeing family. Mainly enjoys Longleat and National Trust places.
- Go and see friends and family to visit. Go out for daytrips.
- Attends drama clubs, goes out walking, sees family and friends. Spends time at home.
- Stagecoach Performing arts. Seeing family.
- Time is split between Trowbridge and Bath. Activities are still fairly limited because of Covid. We swim regularly at Woolley Grange and play using their facilities. The switch of activities can often bring anxiety to my son especially. We have to manage this well with down time which is very important to help them self-regulate.
- At the weekend it's family time, we normally do one day at a farm. soft play, aquarium, beach, somewhere outside Trowbridge. The other day we spend in the house or locally. Child likes being outdoors in all weathers.

- Walks to town meets friends, walks around shops. Horse riding lessons outside Trowbridge. Spends the rest of the time at home.
- Weekends are busy, sometimes I am on call. We have to stay home, but we are lucky to have a garden. We try and get outside for a walk or bake together every weekend, often we will find a movie to watch in the late afternoon around a few household chores and pets to look after. Occasionally we pop to town for some shopping. Or visit grandparents, but we spend a lot of time on our own.
- Face time with friends. Attending gym. Playing with friends in the park. Homework. Watching TV.
- My son spends his time doing homework, seeing his girlfriend or family time. He spends any other time on his x box.
- One day with dad one day with mum. Day with dad usually involves bike ride, walk in the park or woods. Day with mum usually involves going somewhere, bowling days out, seaside, out of town. He loves baking at home and especially days out. Hi TA in school does graffiti art in town and really inspires him to get arty and he loves art. Any workshops he can sign him up for I do. He did a Pokémon glass workshop in town with some school friends that he loved. He likes to try new things such as kayaking at Brokers Wood, climbing at cheddar, Go Aps, crazy golf. He loves spending time with his grampy.

#### **9. Things your child liked to do before Covid that they would hope to continue afterwards**

- Swimming 10 (We enjoyed doing lessons and fun swims, but this is more difficult now because sessions are booked up in advance.) She really enjoyed these. Had to stop because of circumstances and finances but are on the mailing list.
- Cinema 2
- Museums
- Hope Conte
- Drama club
- Attending birthday parties
- Lego was the main obsession
- Freer movement and travelling but found some joy in lockdown
- Meeting friends play dates 1 sleepovers meet friends 1 playdates with friends 1
- No 2
- Looking forward to camping with the scouts
- Not really our child is a foster child who arrived 9 months before Covid, so it was difficult to get him into anything.
- Beginners riding lessons
- Football training and matches 1, football club has stopped now doing martial arts instead
- Child too young to remember pre Covid clearly.
- Just visiting local attractions. We're still nervous of this. Many don't have changing places.

- Book club in Trowbridge library 1 We really missed the library 1.
- Lead a normal life without everyone being overcautious
- Events in the parks.1 Community activities especially in Trowbridge Park 1
- More variety of toddler groups.
- Seeing faces not behind a mask.
- We have gone back to doing then groups and friends we did before Covid/lockdown.
- Not sure
- Loved getting out more, visiting places, the cinema, swimming pool, also easier to meet family and friends. Used to trampoline but not able to get back to competitions yet.
- School trips
- Going to the beach
- Bowling
- More sports. There was a sports thing in Trowbridge town park we loved going to.
- I think we are quite relaxed, so we are doing more things that he used to do0 again now.

#### 10. Favourite things to do or places to go in Trowbridge

Activity	Numbers	Comment
Parks	44	Town Park (12), Skate Park, Green Lane Woods (2), Hope Centre (4), Hilperton Park, Castle Mead Park, Paxcroft, Biss meadow (3), Southwick Country Park, Broadmead, zip wire (2), Sensory Garden
Eating out	16	Prezzo (2), Starbucks (2), Coffee No 1, Leykers, Hidden Chef, Greggs (2)
Cinema	11	
Library	6	
Swimming Pool	6	
Soft play	6	Baloos (4)
Museum	5	
Walking	2	
Town Hall	2	Christmas workshop, Pokémon glass workshop
Markets	2	Inox Mills market
Home	2	Ball play, cuddles
Rugby Club	1	Trowbridge rugby club
Drama	1	Online drama club

#### Other Comments

- Hilperton Park because there are no dogs there. Don't go to the town Park because there are too many not on leads.
- Crazy golf needs a makeover but 1 finds it too busy and they drive to Melksham, would like a water station as in Warminster 1 feels the park could be safer tend to go to smaller village parks



- School scarecrow trails
- Often have to go outside Trowbridge to find things to do because what is in Trowbridge is limited
- Not a lot for my son to do in Trowbridge
- Will not go out to meet friends in Trowbridge
- Sadly, get a drink and a cookie from Greggs.
- Not sure
- Visiting the poor selection of shops that aren't bookies
- Beat the street had limited appeal because they were too far apart.
- For his age it is limited we mainly go out of town.

### 11. Worst things to do or places to go in Trowbridge

Issue/Place	Numbers	Comment
Safety	13 (32.5%)	Castle Place car Park (3), both main parks, drug taking and drinking in the Town Park (4), Stallard's Park cigarette butts, path by the railway
Shopping	7 (17.5%)	Food shopping, boring shops, empty shops
Appearance	5 (12.5%)	Rubbish (4), broken buildings, weeds in the street
Lack of public toilets	1 (2.5%)	

#### Responses

- Getting haircut
- Loathes to see rubbish the duck pond has been really depressing
- The car park parks especially Castle Place the stairwells terrify her 2. Stair wells smell of urine had to lift daughter over a puddle of urine.
- Daughter worries about the homeless people she sees in the town park that they will not get food and shelter.
- None 2 Not sure 2 My daughter has not yet shown a dislike of anything 1
- The pond he is too young to express his feelings but if it was a nice area, I think he would like it.
- Repetition of some activities
- Going outside
- There is not enough for young people to do in Trowbridge. Fun things are a distance away.
- No CCTV so unstoppable vandals
- Stallard's Park grass too long for football
- Can't take her swimming as the pool is not accessible
- More accessible countryside
- Playground overcrowded with teenagers using bad language.
- Park too busy full of foreign people my daughter can't understand.
- Likes the skate park but would like easier ramps so he can practice.
- Trowbridge.
- Busy roads when on bikes.

- Not much to do in Trowbridge.
- Sometimes she's worried if we're walking and there's a lot of rubbish and it feels a bit dogy. I'm thinking of the riverside or by the train line which seems a bit neglected.
- Shires gets overwhelmed
- The main park and the one by the station. Could be a lot safer, undesirable behaviour from adults and older children.
- Park in the evening is intimidating with groups hanging about.
- Never really complained about any particular place.
- My son doesn't like visiting the town or the park as there are unsavoury people hanging around and it makes him feel unsafe. I don't really go out unless it's to do something like go to the cinema.
- Anywhere with rowdy teenagers.
- School
- Soft play is too young.

## 12. Is your child concerned or worried about anything at the moment?

Issue	Number	Comment
Responded with worries	23 (57.5%)	
Friendship	6 (15%)	
The environment	5 (12.5%)	Climate change, protecting nature
School	5 (12.5%)	Moving to secondary school (2)
The Pandemic	5 (12.5%)	Tired of restrictions
Future jobs	4 (10%)	
Animal welfare	2 (5%)	
Homeless people	1 (2.5%)	
Poorly people	1 (2.5%)	
Lack of toilets	1	
No/ not sure/ nothing	7	Too young (2)

### Responses

- He is aware he is different, finds learning difficult and some things physically challenging
- School has been a challenge for those entering KS2 this year and were not allowed in school last year.
- Worries about more lock downs has not done a complete school year 1 Global pandemic and losing friends and family triggered by a recent loss 1
- Settling back into school making good friends
- Don't like outside house and garden
- Not a lot. Difficult for us because of Covid. Doesn't show much emotion really.
- School being closed again because of Covid and going into isolation. Losing social contacts.
- She is not verbal, but I worry about what comes after school.
- She is happy as a pig in shite.

- At 5 she isn't really worried about global issues or bigger things than her immediate world. However, the pandemic has certainly got her thinking and asking questions about things on a bigger scale.
- Getting too close to people. Touching things.
- Worries about friendship groups has begun.
- Where to start. A massive part of his autism is worrying about lots of things. This changes daily.
- Proper worrier, worries about health illness covid, has anxiety. Worries about getting lost etc.
- Ability to go out and see friends. Will lockdown ever end.
- Strange men following them.
- He is worried about his future. He feels disadvantaged because we are on benefits as a family due to my long-term illness. This impacts whether he can afford to do things like the cinema.
- He is off school this week as his class is isolating again due to a positive test. This upset him hugely, tears etc. He worries about friendships as all the boys in his class enjoy football and he doesn't. Family concerns. I think he worries about his dad moving house again soon and my nan being poorly.

### **13. What hopes and aspirations does your child have for the future?**

- Get a good job and drive
- To be fit and healthy so our child has the opportunity to do their best they can at school.
- Wants to be a mermaid don't know how to break it to her
- Play with Lego all day
- Worried about covid effects on school and friends
- Wants to learn to surf and live by the sea
- Wants to go swimming.
- Want to run her own business be her own boss.
- To go on to Brownies, have sleepovers, go camping
- Looking forward to secondary school. 2
- Wants to work in wildlife conservation.
- Become really good at Parkour and swimming in rivers and the sea.
- Wants to be a teacher
- He is too young to express his views, but I think he would like to grow up somewhere that is safer where he can learn, new skills, do new activities and get a good job. A place that is safe to go out and meet friends.
- None
- Being happy.
- Learn to paddle board
- Too young to have any aspirations. Maybe a chef
- Today she wants to, pilot a helicopter
- Wants to be a professional footballer

- Better parks, see friends more, more fun places and activities.
- To be happy and included in the local community.
- He wants to be a scientist and chef.
- A formula one driver.
- Hoping for A levels and rugby.
- To finish school and work with animals 1 WORK WITH ANIMALS 1
- She hopes to do swimming lessons and go to clubs with other children outside of school. She; s interested in singing dancing and sports.
- Not sure 2
- She's too young to say.
- My child wants to help and support people and animals.
- I think he would want to live in a safe community which he can explore and engage with different members of the community.
- Wants to be a zookeeper is working really hard to achieve this dream.
- Get good valuable qualifications. Have a cleaner town with a more diverse and engaged population.
- Seeing people have more pride on their local environment looking after their streets, outdoor spaces and buildings.
- He wants to do rugby when he leaves school in some sort of way.
- He would like to go to university to become an architect,

#### 14. What are the things you like about Trowbridge that benefit your child?

Activity	Numbers	Comment
Parks & playgrounds	15	Town Park 3, park expansion, Biss Meadow, open spaces close to home 5, skate park.
Lots of activities	7	Active Trowbridge (2), holiday club, scouts, number of clubs to choose from, Rugby club, leisure centre,
Access to Nature	6	Country air, river, canal,
Sense of community	6	Fantastic community feel, very friendly and accepting town, diversity of community, multi-cultural
Good transport links	5	Other places to visit
Proximity to amenities	5	
Museum	4	a beautiful space, accessible to all, great space for learning, good it is updated
Swimming pool	4	
Schools	3	Walwyn Court
Cinema	3	
Library	2	excellent resource with steady supply of books
Children's Centre	1	

Soft play	1	
Restaurants	1	

### Other Comments

- Better swimming facilities
- Parks are the only thing that benefits me
- Lots of green spaces in Broadmead where we live so children can play safely.
- Lucky to live close to schools, shops and open spaces
- Has found the school community of mums really supportive and has made good friends.
- How close we are to amenities like the railway station and other towns to visit.
- Like where we're living. I would be nice to have more activities e.g., bowling,
- Not a lot. The town is run down and lots of places are closed.
- The opportunities we have in this town versus other towns.
- Can't think of anything.
- Good facilities for the size of the town
- We live close to amenities schools, nurseries, swimming pool
- We don't tend to socialise much in town. We do use the swimming pool and might go for a meal out occasionally.
- My child gets to meet people from different backgrounds.
- I like that there is lots to do, but it's not really busy like a city.

### 15. What would you like to change about Trowbridge to make it better for your child?

Issue/Place	Numbers
More activities/facilities	21 (52.5%)
Safety & anti-social behaviour	13 (32,5%)
School & education	8 (20%)
Better maintenance of facilities	4 (10%)
Cycle paths to link areas	3 (7.5%)
More and better toilets	2 (5%)

### Responses

- Less antisocial behaviour more care and respect for the community 3 parks and antisocial behaviour 1
- Better educational outcomes, a planet that isn't screwed up, better opportunities for women, freedom of movement across the globe
- Better secondary schools we will probably move to get her into school in BOA
- More SEN clubs
- Tackling root causes of poverty and deprivation. More civic pride not just for commercial areas. Less fast-food joints credible services for young people, support for rough sleepers and support for the venerable part of our society.
- My daughter is really keen on climbing but there is no facility in Trowbridge have to go to Swindon or Bristol.

- Greater range of activities bowling, roller skating, ice-skating. Trowbridge is supposed to be the county town should have more activities.
- More investment in the activities in the town centre.
- I have concerns about anti-social behaviour and safety in general. We avoid going into town after 6pm
- Better secondary school a grammar school
- More activities to do with a toddler on a rainy day.
- Feel safer in the town centre in the evening/ early evening 1 safety on the streets
- Less housing
- Secondary school on Paxcroft side of town
- Youth club, bowling, crazy golf. Things we can do as a family without travelling
- Bigger swimming pool
- Cleaner
- Less cars more pedestrianisation
- Investment in green spaces
- More shops fewer flats
- More in the town centre less on the outskirts
- Real investment in the town to create better jobs for future generations
- More child focused activities more safety. 2
- Broader range of stimulus
- More regular maintenance of parks 1 park safety play equipment supervised
- Drugs
- Library children sessions restarted.
- Better use of empty shops – pop up
- More accessibility.
- Keeping her school in the town.
- More clubs for children with different interests with low prices.
- Have more than one park in the town.
- People be a little more understanding of autism.
- More activities a swimming pool with children's groups, bowling a craft centre
- Raze it to the ground, get rid of the Lib Dem council, white elephant Doric Park, provide sports facilities for residents not used by outside groups and funded by the residents. The list is endless.
- I would like improved cycle lanes from Broadmead. It is difficult to get into town safely on a bike. This could easily be rectified with a decent cycle route. More activities for teenagers to do as they get older. Springfield in Corsham which was designed by the community is a great example of a park with facilities for all ages. If something like that could be created at Stallard's skate park it would be fantastic. A decent pool or even a leisure centre with a climbing wall and pool. An outdoor pool like the one at Shepton Mallet. A splashpad in the park.

- Better school support for all children e.g., for mental health and in the range of affordable extracurricular clubs and activities (or better advertised). More sports teams to join Stallard's Park is very under used.
- The main road through Trowbridge and near the school need better speed control, walking to school along a 30mph road is not ideal (many cars exceed the speed limit) better cycle paths would be great.
- The paths beside the train line and riverside are very neglected and often dangerous with broken glass and dog poo.
- Public toilets are very lacking (very child unfriendly in the Shires, nowhere to park a buggy and no loo in the baby change. Castle Place similar situation and sinks are always too high for handwashing.)
- Nothing.
- A safer environment- far too much unsociable behaviour makes us feel concerned about our child's safety. The secondary schools in our town apart from St Augustine's do not have a great reputation. This concerns us for the future when we look for a school place for our child. It would be great to hear good news about the schools and feel that there is a good option in our local town rather than feeling we have to look for a place in a school outside our catchment area.
- New leisure centre. Community activities for children up to teenagers.
- More cycle paths and green spaces to link up.
- The upkeep of local neighbourhood parks and green spaces.
- More activities in town that can be done independently
- Would like to see more things for teenagers to do, 10 pin bowling, more swimming sessions, places to hang out with friends.
- Stop the centre from dying. Having visited the towns of Frome and Devizes those towns feel engaged with the population. There is a range of businesses and shops providing a wide range of employment. Their town centres are always busy. It feels as if the population mix is not as broad in Trowbridge and that there is a significant concentration of people on lower incomes. We need better facilities a pool, bowling alley, sporting venues. There needs to be more deterrent to antisocial behaviour with more police patrols around the town.
- Make it safer and to have somewhere for older teens to go that is safe.
- More opportunities would be great. Somewhere to be creative. Things we can do as a family climbing walls, bowling etc. In the library more events aimed at his age not just little ones. Also, more policy on antisocial teenagers they frighten me the most.

#### **16. How could you and others make the changes happen?**

- Organise litter picks
- Using the services. Engage the community maybe volunteer myself.
- Don't know
- Attract bigger names to development spaces.
- A secondary school on the Castle Mead / Hilperton side of town

- A piece of land to grow fruit and veg, have community activities to develop the sense of community in the Castle Mead area.
- Investment by businesses. Good use of FHSTF
- It's hard to see how you can change the actions and behaviours of others. It does not feel like a safe town.
- More patrols and regulations placed on communal areas.
- Get Town Council to invest in the youth. Youth for Christ are fantastic but need more funding.
- Vote for the right party
- Vote green
- Don't vote Tory.
- Support local businesses in the town centre
- Look after community spaces better
- Invest invest invest. 1 More investment in community projects 1
- Provide feedback via surveys
- Support providers of new events and services.
- We will continue to fight to keep a special school in the town.
- Expressing their demands
- Constantly making things better for my daughter always strict on routines.
- Asking for volunteers to run children's groups and have fun and forget about the world for a minute.
- Open a leisure centre in the town.
- Move out of Trowbridge.
- Writing to the Council. Responding to surveys getting actively involved at the point of consultation.
- Working together community having a voice. Steering groups. Charity events. marketing Educating communities.
- As a community we need to be better guardians of our green space, but we can't do this without support from the council e.g., better bin provision CCTV etc. I think a lot of things I've raised are down to the council honestly.
- Nothing
- More police presence in our local community areas and tougher penalties for those who commit antisocial behaviour. More marketing of the safety and success of our local secondary schools rather than the bad news stories you hear.
- Relies on people setting up groups that appeal to people. Not sure what they should be as they are not for me.
- Work together as a community.
- We already do litter picks we would like to see more of the neighbourhoods' team engaging with residents to improve areas around the town together. This will help the residents take back ownership and give them a greater sense of space and the impact they have on the town.
- Don't know



- A Trowbridge events manager someone in charge of sourcing workshops and putting on events.

This page is intentionally left blank

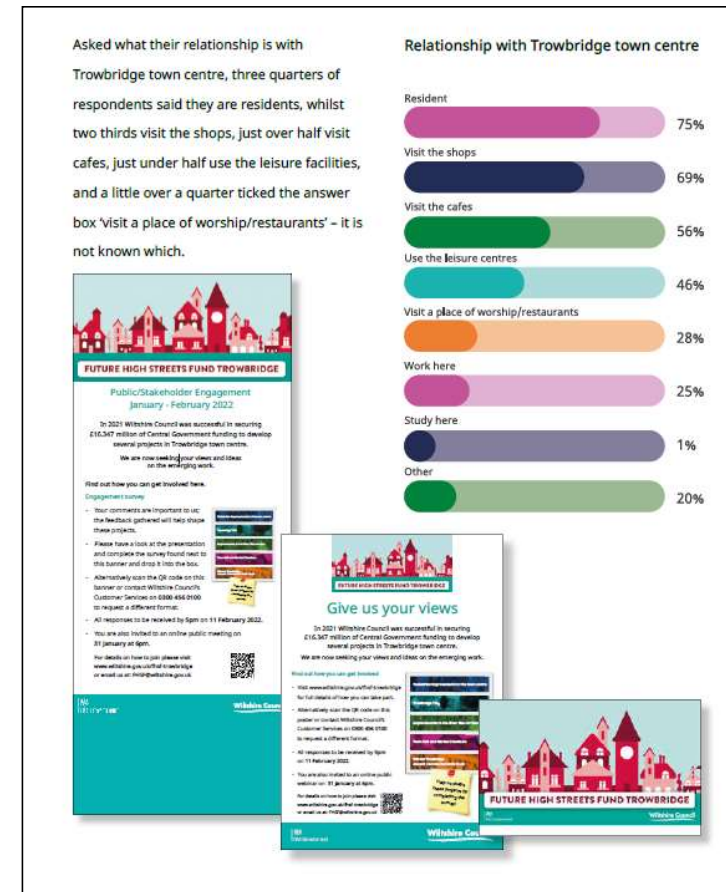
# Trowbridge Future High Streets Fund Update

7 July 2022

# FHSF Public Engagement

- January/February 2022 saw an opportunity for stakeholders and residents to learn more about the overall programme aims and objectives, as well as the concepts for each of the projects.
- The survey conducted over a two-week period from 27 January to 11 February 2022, was an early opportunity to ask questions and seek feedback to help shape the delivery of the proposed programme of investment for Trowbridge. We received:
  - 415 RESPONSES:
  - 348 ONLINE
  - 58 ON PAPER
  - 9 BY EMAIL
- Engagement report is available online at [Future High Streets Fund Trowbridge - Wiltshire Council](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/future-high-streets-fund-trowbridge)

Page 120



# FHSF Public Engagement

## River Biss Corridor

- A strong majority, 79% of those answering the question, thought the proposals were a good/excellent idea.
- 9% commented on the wildlife/nature/environmental aspects.
- 9% suggested keeping it clean and having more litter bins.
- 8% commented on making sure it was safe.
- 6% expressed negative views

1896121

## The Trowbridge Trail

The proposals for a Trowbridge Trail were well received.

- Nearly two thirds of those answering the question said that it was a good/excellent idea,
- 11% feeling that it would encourage tourism.
- 12% gave a negative answer.

## Town Hall

Asked how the offer from the Town Hall venue could be improved, there was a wide range of answers: 13% suggested good spaces for hire, 7% mentioned parent/baby classes, 7% mentioned disability access, and 5% suggested having a café or restaurant. 7% gave negative answers, and 9% feel it would be a waste of money, other things being more important.

# Trowbridge FHSF – Project Update

## Project 1.1 - Highways

- Design work is progressing on the 5 locations – Atkins have been appointed for design
- Technical work progressing

- Page 122
- **Project 1.2 – River Biss**
  - Landmark have been appointed to undertake the design consultancy and costing work
  - Technical surveys are progressing
  - RIBA stage 3 designs to be complete and ready for review in mid July
  - Budget and delivery plan will follo

## Project 1.3 – Trowbridge Trail

- RIBA stage 3 designs to be ready by mid-July
- Project will then be reviewed by Wiltshire Council and Atkins for further development and delivery

# Trowbridge FHSF – Project Update

## **Project 2.1 – Town Hall**

- RIBA stage 2 is underway
- Town Hall Trust business case scrutiny ongoing

## **Project 2.2 – Market Chamber**

- Project optioneering continues although there are risks around a lack of deliverable options that would secure long term viability. Possible solutions, including the delivery of the same outcomes via the vacant unit grants project is being explored.

## **Project 3 – Vacant Units Grant**

- Project Manager has changed and review is ongoing
- Scheme scheduled to launch over summer

# Contact us

[raquel.leonardo@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:raquel.leonardo@wiltshire.gov.uk) – Strategic Programme Manager

[rory.bowen@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:rory.bowen@wiltshire.gov.uk) – Economic Development Manager



**Report To** Trowbridge Area Board  
**Date of Meeting** Thursday, 07 July 2022  
**Title of Report** Trowbridge Area Grant Report

### Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Trowbridge 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
<b>Opening Balance For</b> 2022/2023	£ 34,670.00	£ 30,464.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 34,670.00	£ 30,464.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ 14,670.00	£ 30,464.00	£ 7,200.00

### Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG577</a>	Community Area Grant	The Amber Foundation	Ambers Bedroom Refurbishment Project	£20520.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>                      For many of our young people, Amber is the first safe and secure place they have lived for years. These young people have often experienced family breakdown, leaving care, childhood trauma, poor mental health, addiction, prison release or losing a job. Before arriving at our centre, young people have often been living chaotic lives and do not know how to take care of themselves properly, often lacking the confidence and self-belief they need to live fulfilling lives. We therefore want to ensure that our centres are inviting, comfortable and homely places for them to regroup, deal with their past traumas and be supported by our trained staff to move on to bright, independent futures. Our Wiltshire centre, provides a home for up to 30 young people at a time. From February 2021- February 2022 we housed more than 75 young people, meaning the bedrooms get an awful lot of use. Our centre is now in need of repair and supporting young people with vital independent living skills is a key focus of Amber’s development programme. The bedrooms and bathrooms are now in desperate need of redecoration and updating, along with window refurbishment.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG591</a>	Community Area Grant	North Bradley Peace Memorial Trust	Safe access for North Bradley Peace Memorial Trust recreation ground	£18525.00	£5000.00

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  The need for more parking is often apparent. User groups such as youth football, Brownies and Guides and our older people's club always require far more safe, onsite parking than is available. This is also the case for large functions and events such as the annual fete. We need to be able to provide sufficient safe parking onsite. Parking on Westbury Road is not a safe option. Our proposal is for rubber mat surfacing that would allow safe parking without spoiling the sports pitches as grass grows through &amp; it cut as normal. We would also like to provide some bike storage racks. We will purchase the matting &amp; soil &amp; sand for levelling &amp; self install with committee members &amp; volunteers from user groups &amp; local residents. Our part time handyman will help &amp; oversee the project.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG713</a>	Community Area Grant	Studley St Johns Rainbows Brownies Guides and Rangers	Studley Rainbow Brownies Guides and Rangers new building to store equipment	£19988.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Studley units are wishing to purchase a wooden store/building to store their equipment , this building needs to be strong secure dry and vermin free to store canvas tents and other essential equipment which is used by all groups. Studley units have been in existence for many years and an average over 50 young people attend every week from the local community. Currently all the tents and equipment are stored in our own homes and garden sheds, the marquee is also used by the local local community in the summer months for events . Other equipment is stored in private sheds in gardens which is not easy to access when needed, the current store / shed is over 25 years old and shows wear and tear, the roof is constantly having to be replaced. All units meet in Studley St Johns church hall weekly and all units are run by volunteers . All units store a small amount of the weekly equipment in a cupboard in the hall which is shared with other organisations that use the hall which is not an ideal solution.With all the equipment in one secure location this would make insurance simpler . the units are all attached to St Johns Church who are very supportive of Girlguiding and joint activities are often undertaken in association with the church such as barbecues, fundraising activities and other community joint activities. The proposed store would be located in an area at the back of the church hall where all units meet, on this basis all units would have equipment easily accessible and available when needed, and provide a long term facility for storage. Young people from the age of 4 to 18 will benefit as all units would have equipment where they meet, the store will provide easy access to the community and units to access equipment . We have already been granted planning permission for the store.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG714</a>	Community Area Grant	Trowbridge Future	Longfield Portakabin	£26000.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Establish a dedicated youth and community space on Weavers Drive in the heart of the community of Longfield. Trowbridge Future will use this funding to contribute towards the purchase and installation of a portakabin. Trowbridge Future have been delivering youth work from the community centre and school, as well as detached youth work in the community for many years. We have also recently started hosting our Longfield Community Fridge (re-distributing un-sold food items from supermarkets) from the community centre. As part of our work we recently completed a survey that identified that local people are interested in running a local craft group, a mother and toddler group and want to see more activities for young people on the Estate, amongst other things. Unfortunately there is no available space in the community centre and there is a desperate need for more community space for local people to connect and build peer support. We have also recognised that the main hall in the community centre is not appropriate for running the types of youth activities with the level of need of the young people we support. In Seymour and Studley Green, our other priority areas, we have managed to secure a portakabin that offers a dedicated space for youth and community activities. We would like to replicate this model on Longfield and feel confident that we will be able to deliver a rich portfolio of activities based on the needs of the community. We are keen for the portakabin to dovetail with the community centre and support a synergy of activities over time.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG487</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Trowbridge Womens Shed	Trowbridge Womens Shed Publicity Campaign	£901.45	£500.00

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>The Trowbridge Women's Shed aim's to enhance the health and wellbeing of women in the Trowbridge area, by providing a safe space, the opportunity to meet up, make friends and join in with a range of activities including DIY, arts, crafts, and other interests. We are welcoming and inclusive, and we aim to create a connected community where women are empowered to pursue their interests. We wish to reach out to more women in our community and to enable that to happen, we request a grant for publicity and advertising materials.</b></p>					

## 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.

## **Report Author**

Liam Cripps, Community Engagement Manager, [Liam.Cripps@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Liam.Cripps@wiltshire.gov.uk)