

# AGENDA

**Meeting:** Westbury Area Board  
**Place:** The Laverton, Bratton Rd, Westbury BA13 3EN  
**Date:** Thursday 15 February 2024  
**Time:** 7.00 pm

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Including the Parishes of: Bratton, Dilton Marsh, Edington, Heywood, Westbury.

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## Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Gordon King (Chairman)  
Cllr Carole King, Westbury North (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr Matthew Dean, Westbury West  
Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Ethandune

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Items to be considered	Time
<p>1. <b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	7.00pm
<p>2. <b>Minutes</b> (<i>Pages 1 - 38</i>)</p> <p>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2023.</p>	
<p>3. <b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>4. <b>Chairman's Announcements</b></p> <p>The Chairman will give an update on outcomes and actions arising from previous meetings of the Area Board.</p>	7.05pm
<p>5. <b>Information Items</b> (<i>Pages 39 - 90</i>)</p> <p>The Board is asked to note the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire AGE UK update</li> <li>• BSW Together update</li> <li>• Community First update</li> <li>• Healthwatch Wiltshire update</li> <li>• Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Report</li> <li>• Local Nature Recovery Strategy Public Engagement</li> </ul>	7.10pm
<p>6. <b>Partner and Community Updates</b> (<i>Pages 91 - 102</i>)</p> <p><b><u>Written and Verbal Updates:</u></b></p> <p>To receive any verbal updates from representatives, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire Police</li> <li>• Town and Parish Councils Nominated Representatives</li> <li>• Westbury Foodbank</li> </ul>	7.15pm
<p>7. <b>Area Board Priorities Update</b></p> <p>To receive updates from Lead Councillors for the local Area Board priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combatting Social Isolation and Loneliness (<b>Cllr Gordon King</b>)</li> <li>• Wellbeing for Young People and Positive Activities (<b>Cllr Carole King</b>)</li> <li>• Local Environmental Action (<b>Cllr Matt Dean</b>)</li> <li>• Child Poverty (<b>Cllr Suzanne Wickham</b>)</li> </ul>	7.30pm

8. **Special School Developments** 7.40pm

To receive an update on Special School Developments in the local area.

9. **Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG)** 8.00pm  
*(Pages 103 - 128)*

To note the minutes and consider any recommendations arising from the last LHFIG meeting held on 18 January 2024, as set out in the attached report.

Further information on the LHFIG process can be found [here](#).

10. **Area Board Funding** *(Pages 129 - 134)* 8.05pm

To note the remaining budgets and to consider any applications for funding, as detailed in the attached report and summarised below:

**Remaining Budgets:**

Community Area Grant	Older & Vulnerable	Young People
£4,889.00	£5,468.46	£2,375.00

**Area Board Initiatives:**

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG1571	Westbury Area Board - Westbury Public Living Room	£1000.00
ABG1572	Westbury Area Board - Dementia Friendly Westbury	£500.00

**Community Area Grants:**

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG1480	West Wilts Ramblers Work Party - Work Party Equipment	£678.80
ABG1558	Bratton Recreation Ground Management Committee - Bratton Recreation Ground New Storerooms	£5000.00
ABG1559	Westbury Shed - Westbury Workshop facility repair and upgrade	£3448.00
ABG1561	Westbury Youth FC - Westbury Youth FC equipment and facilities improvement	£4450.00

ABG1565	Blue Circle Bowls Club - Blue Circle Bowls Club new external seating area	£2000.00
ABG1573	White Horse Short Mat Bowls Club – New Short Mat Bowls carpet for White Horse Short Mat Bowls club	£550.00
ABG1575	Westbury Leigh community project - Westbury Leigh community project improvements	£3000.00

### Young People Grants:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG1320	Leigh Park Community Centre - Skills for personal development and employment 2023	£5000.00
ABG1525	Westbury Parochial Church Council All Saints Church - Youth Cafe Westbury	£1820.00
ABG1569	Westbury Town Council - Soapbox Derby Workshops Wind turbines	£500.00

Further information on the Area Board Grant system can be found [here](#).

#### 11. Urgent items

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

#### 12. Close and Future Dates

Future Meeting Dates (7-9pm):

- 19 June 2024

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8.30pm



# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Westbury Area Board  
**Place:** The Laverton, Bratton Rd, Westbury BA13 3EN  
**Date:** 30 November 2023  
**Start Time:** 6.30 pm  
**Finish Time:** 9.00 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Matthew Dean, Westbury West  
Cllr Gordon King (Chairman), Westbury East  
Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Ethandune  
Cllr Carole King, Westbury North

### **Wiltshire Councillors in Attendance:**

Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cabinet Member for Transport, Street Scene, and Flooding

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Graeme Morrison, Strategic Engagement Partnerships Manager  
Dominic Argar, Assistant Multimedia Officer  
Ben Fielding, Senior Democratic Services Officer  
Sam Howell, Director Highways and Transport  
Allan Creedy, Head of Sustainable Transport

### **Town and Parish Councils**

Heywood Parish Council  
Bratton Parish Council  
Edington Parish Council  
Westbury Town Council

### **Guest Speaker**

John Derryman, Head of Strategy, Performance and Oversight, OPCC

**Total in attendance: 54**

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<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1.	<p><u>Informal Networking</u></p> <p>Those in attendance had the opportunity to partake in an informal networking session with the Cabinet Member, Director and Highways Officers.</p>
2.	<p><u>Welcome and Overview</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed those in attendance and provided an overview of the meeting. The Chairman also provided Councillors and Officers in attendance an opportunity to introduce themselves.</p> <p>It was outlined that there would be presentations covering the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Business Plan Priorities</li> <li>• Maintenance</li> <li>• Local Transport Plan</li> <li>• Congestion</li> <li>• Public Transport</li> <li>• Air Quality</li> </ul>
3.	<p><u>Highways and Transport Presentations</u></p> <p>The Area Board received a presentation from Sam Howell (Director Highways and Transport), Allan Creedy (Head of Sustainable Transport) and Cllr Caroline Thomas (Cabinet Member for Transport, Street Scene, and Flooding). The presentation covered, but was not limited to, the following matters:</p> <p>Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overview of the Wiltshire transport context was provided, including how the highway network represented the Council's largest and most valuable public asset with a replacement value of over £5billion including over 2,8000 miles of road.</li> <li>• The relation of Highways and Transport to the Wiltshire Council Business Plan was outlined.</li> <li>• Statistics were provided regarding asset management, including statistics of how many parts of the asset needed to be maintained.</li> </ul> <p>Investment in the Network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overview of the funding available to Highways maintenance was outlined, including that there was a Highways Maintenance fund of £21million, which was topped up by additional funds, such as an additional £3.6million pothole fund.</li> <li>• Other additional sources of funding top ups were covered, including additional investment from Wiltshire Council and further Government funding to span a two-year period.</li> </ul>



- It was noted that as a local authority, Wiltshire was robust and had a preventative eye with the importance of prioritising issues outlined.

The Local Transport Plan:

- The importance of having a Local Transport Plan was outlined, with it setting a framework for maintaining and improving transport in Wiltshire.
- The importance of the Local Transport Plan aligning with the Local Plan Review to help deliver Wiltshire Council's Business Plan priorities was stated, with key themes identified including decarbonisation, freight, and active travel.

Public Transport Review:

- An overview was provided regarding the public transport review, which would aim to shape the future bus policy as well as priorities for support.
- The consultation timeframe, which ended on 10 November 2023, was outlined as well as that there had been over 1,000 responses.
- The aim was for a new policy and network to be implemented from April 2024.

Highways Maintenance:

- It was outlined that the Council has three different approaches to maintenance:
  - Reactive Maintenance - Responding to issues as they arise, such as repairing potholes or replacing damaged signs.
  - Planned Maintenance - Scheduling regular maintenance tasks to prevent issues from arising in the first place or getting worse.
  - Asset Maintenance - Taking a long-term view of highways maintenance and involves evaluating the condition of roads and infrastructure and prioritizing maintenance tasks based on factors like condition, safety, cost, and rate of deterioration.
- An overview of benchmarking for Highways was provided following a 2022 South West Road condition scanner survey, with Wiltshire in a good position compared to other local authorities. Furthermore, it was noted that this data was used to prioritise investment.
- An explanation of why so many potholes have occurred was provided as well as detail regarding interim and permanent repairs.
- It was noted that officers have a defect dashboard which enables them to monitor data relating to reported and completed defects by area.
- Work regarding flood prevention was outlined.

Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG):

- The role of LHFIGs was outlined as well as areas which they could fund.
- It was stated that currently the Westbury LHFIG has 19 live projects, a current budget of £34,958 and spending commitments of £32,470.

Parish Stewards:

- The role of Parish Stewards was outlined, with it noted that there is 18

Parish Stewards, one for each area, who work with representatives in their parishes to ensure all work requests are clear and are logged for review before they start the work.

Verge and litter clearance:

- It was outlined that grounds maintenance and street cleansing in the Westbury town and surrounding area was the responsibility of Wiltshire Council and had received an extra investment of £0.3m this year.
- Enforcement resources were being increased to tackle the issues of fly tipping and rural littering.
- The following Wiltshire Council campaigns were outlined 'We're Targeting Fly-Tippers' and 'Don't Mess with Wiltshire'.

The Area Board received a presentation from John Derryman (Head of Strategy, Performance and Oversight, OPCC). The presentation covered, but was not limited to, the following matters:

Investment:

- The PCC has invested in 3 new Community Speed Enforcement Officers to support the work of Community Speed Watch Teams, made up of 1,000 volunteers who capture details of speeding to report to the police.
- Additionally, 3 Road Safety Officers had been recruited with each having been assigned areas to work with residents around road safety,
- Investments had also been made in technology including cameras and vehicles.

Partnership:

- The role of Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership working was outlined.
- It was stated that the PCC had recently recruited a new Road Safety Partnership Manager, who would work with partner organisations to conduct work.

Enforcement:

- Bespoke enforcement data for Bratton and Edington was provided, which outlined how speed awareness courses and fines were issued.
- In general, there had been an increase of tickets produced in 2023, with the number above 8,000 for Wiltshire and Swindon.

Speed Indication Devices:

- Wiltshire Police was the first police force in the UK to accept data from SIDs.
- Data provided from Dilton Marsh and Edington was presented, with the impact of enforcement in these areas demonstrated with the average maximum speed declining from 45mph to 37 mph.
- It was noted that every Monday, the police, and Speed Enforcement Team have a meeting to scrutinise the latest SID data and a range of

	<p>other sources of intelligence, then objectively choose locations and times for enforcement activity.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Q&amp;A Session</u></p> <p>A question-and-answer session took place coordinated by the Area Board Chairman.</p> <p><b>Question – Cllr Matt Dean:</b> Westbury suffers from poor air quality and there have been ongoing issues for 30 years with debates about bypasses. Now that investment from Wiltshire Council in the north of the county should be finishing following the completion of developments, it is thought that it is now time to start thinking about a bypass in Westbury following the Department of Transport route study from Southampton to Bristol.</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> Regarding the M4 to South Coast Study, Wiltshire along with neighbouring authorities wanted to press the Secretary of State to have a study to explain and address the poor connectivity between the M4 and south coast. The study has been successfully mandated with only two of such studies in the whole of the country. The study has been undertaken through the last year by National Highways, who have agreed that there are issues with this route. Currently the study has been submitted to the transport minister responsible for roads, and the Council wants to make sure that every stage of the process proceeds and moves to the next stage. The next stage would be for something real to be proposed, with consideration of bypasses for Melksham and Westbury to make improvements to the A350 corridor. It is hoped that there will be an announcement from the Department of Transport early next year regarding the next funding period of 2025 and Wiltshire is working alongside neighbouring authorities to make sure that voice isn't lost, and the minister is encouraged.</p> <p><b>Question – Cllr Matt Dean:</b> There is an ongoing problem with congestion in Westbury because of the Cleveland Bridge closure and no traffic zone in bath, which has had a negative impact on the town. It seems after making vital public interventions, Westbury is no closer to improving hotspots of congestion.</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> Linking back to the M4 to South Coast study, if this work was to prevail, this would mean that those in Bath would be able to do things more easily to protect the city and not at the expense of Wiltshire. Work is being conducted at an officer and political level to do all that can be done regarding the clean air zone and the bridge weight restriction with hard work conducted to try and change things which produce detriment to communities in Wiltshire.</p> <p><b>Question - Cllr Matt Dean:</b> A lot of residents of the Oldfield Park former Council estate have exercised the right to buy their properties and there is a lot of land in that area under the ownership of Selwood Housing, which used to be Highways land. The estate currently has more cars than it was designed for and is in</p>

desperate need of more parking spaces. How might more carparking spaces be created?

**Answer:** It is unusual for the Highways Authority to invest in parking for private parking and normally, attempts are made to put things in place to manage the existing situation. It was noted that this issue would be taken away with a written response to be provided.

**Question – Cllr Matt Dean:** With the development of Mane Way, it was promised that a bridge would be made over the railway line. Developer contributions have now been paid, therefore what are the plans for securing a bridge in Mane Way to alleviate traffic problems in Oldfield Park?

**Answer:** The commitment has been made to complete a bridge over the railway line, primarily using developer funding. The next stage is to have discussions with Network Rail to finalise the design of the bridge and gain their best advice on requirements for trains. The situation is in a good position and residents will be kept updated.

**Question – Resident:** Can assurance be sought whether the West End's roads and pavements will be maintained to the highest possible level to help mitigate the impacts of heavy traffic increasing over time.

**Answer:** The M4 to South Coast study is the best chance of resolving issues regarding the A350. In the meantime, the asset will be maintained by using the approaches outlined in the earlier presentation, with prioritisation of work taking place accordingly. With there being more lorries on the road, scanner surveys will pick up defects therefore meaning that this part of road will likely get more attention due to the effects of HGVs. Additionally, conversations are taking place with BANEs about the impact of increased transport the Local Transport Plan Review will prioritise such areas of the freight management strategy.

**Question – Resident:** As a result of climate change, a number of locations in Westbury are seeing regular flooding due to heavy downfalls and debris being pushed into gullies. The drainage system seems to not be fit for purpose, what prevention work is being done?

**Answer:** Carbon commitments and climate change are at the heart of the Wiltshire Council Business Plan. Though flooding is presenting a challenge, and the system is a historic asset, more funding has been allocated so that more work can be scheduled when challenges occur. There are good landowners in Wiltshire as well as poor ones, therefore conversations take place to avoid unnecessary silting. An extra £10million has been allocated towards highways maintenance over the next two years and it is hoped that this will be repeated. It is recognised from an asset maintenance perspective that due to climate change

we are having significant and heavier rainfall.

**Question – Resident:** Having lived opposite the army base on Warminster Road for 14 months there has been a high increase in cars and lorries and the roads are unsafe with cars coming round quickly when pedestrians cross. It isn't understood why there isn't a camera or traffic light here to slow traffic.

**Answer:** Currently Wiltshire Council is not using speed cameras for fining purposes and if it was to, money would not be made due to the cost of running and maintenance. It was suggested that the resident speaks to the Town Council about potentially getting a SID, which would deter and slow drivers down with data also being able to be fed into the police for enforcement if the area was a hot spot.

**Question – Resident:** As a resident living on the West End, various defects in the road have been reported however replies have always been received saying that they are not bad enough for repair. These defects can cause houses to shake at 4am and over the past three years this has got worse with residents struggling to sleep and various houses on this road being put up for sale. If a defect isn't bad enough to repair, then when is it?

**Answer:** A defect doesn't need to be a safety defect of a P5 category perspective to make houses rattle, therefore it might not be a safety defect but rather one of noise and vibration. Officers apologised and stated that the forward work plan would be reviewed to see when work was scheduled as well as when the latest inspection was undertaken. If the last inspection had been long ago, another would be rescheduled.

**Question – Resident:** Regarding the Mane Way bridge, it was previously suggested that the roads within the housing development were too small compared to original plans. Are the roads wide enough to facilitate the bridge?

**Answer:** Yes, the roads are wide enough.

**Question – Resident:** Living in Westbury Leigh, there is a problem with pollution and congestion in the town centre on an internal and external level, with families also making short journeys. There is a reluctance to promote cycling to loved ones and families as it is believed that the roads aren't safe with too many parked cars. What can be done to make active travel viable and alleviate problems?

**Answer:** Currently the Council is working on a Wiltshire Wide Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) and that additionally, plans specific to Salisbury, Trowbridge, Chippenham and Devizes were planned with areas such

as Westbury next on the list. LCWIPs are important as they take a holistic approach to market towns and connectivity with surrounding villages. The importance of LCWIPs was further stressed as they are important for securing funding for such things as cycle lanes due to the Department of Transport criteria of bidding requiring a plan. Local ownership is important when developing an LCWIP, therefore it would be great for local people to be involved in the process.

**Question – Resident:** A lot of issues have a long-term solution, however has the Council considered short term solutions such as lorry bans like in London and approaching organisations who use the highways to potentially ask if they would like to contribute to maintenance?

**Answer:** This is a great idea but not one that is familiar to being used before, therefore it would be taken away for thought. Regarding potentially banning vehicles, this could potentially lead to the displacement of traffic, like what has happened in Bath. Wiltshire Council does have conversations with local freight operations, such as those operating at the distribution centre in Solstice Park, Amesbury and local quarries.

**Question – Resident:** Where does the money collected by speeding tickets go?

**Answer: A proportion of this** to Wiltshire Police to partly cover the cost of the enforcement officers trying to catch those who are speeding.

**Question – Resident:** What support is there to help parking in rural villages? In recent times fire engines haven't been able to get through narrow roads.

**Answer:** The LHFIG can implement additional parking restrictions, after that it then becomes an enforcement issue which is dealt with in partnership with the Police. Officers are aware of particular locations.

**Question – Resident:** What percentage of the Wiltshire Council budget has been spent on the A303 Stonehenge tunnel?

**Answer:** This was not a Wiltshire Council project but rather a Highways England one, however Wiltshire Council would financially benefit from work relating to this with an element of Council resources going towards the project. The project would require one of the largest archaeological digs that the country had seen for years, which should be taken advantage of. Currently the project is under a judicial review, which would take place at the start of December, with the outcome awaited.

**Question – Resident:** With a bypass unlikely to happen, what is the plan B for Westbury?

	<p><b>Answer:</b> The bypass is the intended solution, however over the coming years, reactive and preventative work will take place to support and manage the assets in Westbury as well as the traffic flowing through. The Council will keep maintaining the A350 to the highest standard possible with the resources available. The best chance to secure long term funding for a bypass is the M4 to South Coast study. Reference was made to the Local Transport Plan, which would aim to balance the objectives of all road users as well as the council moving towards a safer systems approach for road safety.</p> <p><b>Question – Resident:</b> The future will bring the use of electric vehicles, which are heavier than those currently on the road. What will be done to combat this on a road which currently can't cope?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> Though the electric cars will improve air quality, this might lead to the roads requiring more maintenance. The Council would deal with this and look to Government if cars were to get heavier.</p> <p><b>Question – Resident:</b> Homes are currently being damaged a lot more due to roads, is the Council responsible for paying to damage caused by roads to properties?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> Officers are unaware of property owners coming to the Council and placing a claim towards structural damage on properties. If a claim was to be made, then this would entirely depend on what was put before the Council.</p> <p><b>Question – Resident:</b> The pothole outside of my house doesn't fit within the Council criteria but still wakes me up when lorries run over it and causes vibrations. Has the Council considered vibration monitors and does vibration analysis exist?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> This will be taken away by officers who will then be able to provide current data available. Recently there is a member of staff who is completing a Master's degree on vibration in roads and the ability to monitor and measure it. This could potentially generate information.</p>
5.	<p><u>Session Summary and Next Steps</u></p> <p>The Chairman of the Area Board summarised session as well as next steps with key actions to be provided in due course.</p>
6.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2023 were presented for consideration. An amendment was raised regarding minute item 8, in which it was clarified that the question raised relating to capacity for dealing with an increase in shoplifting was to do with a recent policy change where police</p>

	<p>officers would have to attend each case.</p> <p>After which, it was;</p> <p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b></p> <p><b>To approve and sign as a true and correct record of the minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2023 following the completion of the suggested amendment.</b></p>
7.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of disclosable interests.</p>
8.	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Chairman informed the Area Board of the opening balances for grant funding.</p> <p>The Area Board considered the following applications for funding:</p> <p><b><u>Community Area Grants:</u></b></p> <p>Leigh Park Community Centre - £2,000 towards replacement tables.</p> <p><b><u>Decision:</u></b></p> <p><b>Leigh Park Community Centre was awarded £ towards replacement tables subject to the Community Centre being able to demonstrate the rest of the match funding for completing project.</b></p> <p><b>Moved – Cllr Matt Dean</b>  <b>Seconded – Cllr Carole King</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason</u> – <i>The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24.</i></b></p> <p>Westbury and District Cricket Club - £5,000 towards mower for Leighton Sports ground.</p> <p><b><u>Decision:</u></b></p> <p><b>Westbury and District Cricket Club was awarded £5,000 towards mower for Leighton Sports ground subject to the Cricket Club being able to demonstrate the rest of the match funding for completing project.</b></p> <p><b>Moved – Cllr Matt Dean</b></p>



	<p><b>Seconded – Cllr Gordon King</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24.</b></p> <p><b><u>Youth Grants:</u></b></p> <p>Leigh Park Community Centre - £5,000 towards Skills for personal development and employment 2023.</p> <p><b><u>Decision:</u></b>  <b>Leigh Park Community Centre had contacted the SEPM earlier in the day in to ask to defer the application to a future meeting.</b></p> <p>The Equivalent Project CIC - £1,500 towards self-harm support programme.</p> <p><b><u>Decision:</u></b>  <b>The Equivalent Project CIC was awarded an amended amount of £1,388.89 towards self-harm support programme.</b></p> <p><b>Moved – Cllr Matt Dean</b>  <b>Seconded – Cllr Carole King</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24.</b></p>
9.	<p><b><u>Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG)</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman introduced the minutes and recommendations from the LHFIG meeting held on 19 October 2023.</p> <p>After which, it was;</p> <p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b></p> <p><b>The minutes of the Local Highways and Footway Improvement Group meeting held on 19 October 2023 were agreed as a correct record with it noted that no spending recommendations had been made.</b></p>
10.	<p><b><u>Urgent items</u></b></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
11.	<p><b><u>Future Meeting Dates, Forward Plan, Evaluation and Close</u></b></p> <p>The date of the next meeting was 15 February 2023.</p>

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# Highways Matters Westbury

30 November 2023

# Agenda and Housekeeping

1. Welcome and Introduction – Chair
2. Highway Matters Presentation
3. Update from Office of Police and Crime Commissioner
4. Q&A
5. Close

# Wiltshire context

**Modern transport has transformed our society and economy. It has enabled us to take advantage of a wide range of dispersed opportunities and to keep in contact with family and friends. Advances in road haulage and distribution methods have stimulated economic growth by helping to provide us with unparalleled consumer choices, a 24-hour society and just-in-time deliveries.**

At the same time, however, our reliance on the private car and the lorry has led to busier and more congested roads. This, in turn, has resulted in fewer people keeping healthy through walking and cycling, increased concerns with regard to noise and other community aspects, accessibility issues for people who rely on public transport, and significant environmental impacts such as air pollution and climate change.

So, while transport can be viewed as simply a 'means to an end' (i.e. it just gets us from A to B), in reality it's a key element of a modern society with impacts on the economy, climate change, people's health, social exclusion, street scenes and the countryside.

# Wiltshire Context

- The highway network – roads, bridges and related infrastructure – represents the Council's largest and most valuable public asset with a replacement value of over £5 billion.

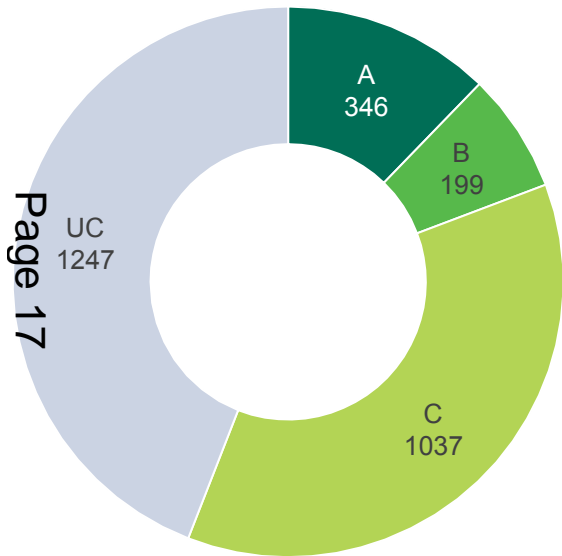
Over 2,800 miles of roads, and extensive public rights of way network;

- Extensive public transport network, which we have sustained despite financial challenges and changing travel patterns



# Asset Management - some numbers

Over 2800 miles of road  
by class



50,000 street lights and 6000 sign lights



65 signal controlled junctions



145 signal controlled pedestrian crossings



293 Belisha beacons



981 highway bridges



85000 road gullies

# Investment in our network

Highways Maintenance Fund - £21m

Additional £3.6m pothole fund

Integrated Transport Funding - £2.1m

Bus Service Improvement Plan - £4.2m

Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure - £4.7m

## Additional Investment by Wiltshire Council - 2022

- £150,000 pa over three years to tackle fly-tipping
- £200,000 per year for next three years for white-lining
- £333,000 per year to help prevent flooding, directed to gully cleaning

## 2023

- £500,000 for signing strategy
- £510,000 for flyposting removal and enforcement, litter picking rural highways, cleaning multi-story car parks and communications

**2023/24/25** - additional £10m for preventative maintenance

**2023/24/25** - additional £5.228m from cancellation of HS2





# Local Transport Plan

- The Local Transport Plan sets the framework for maintaining and improving transport in Wiltshire;
- It needs to align to our Local Plan Review and will help deliver Wiltshire Council's Business Plan priorities for transport across the County;
- We will be undertaking consultation on 'issues and options' towards the end of the year. Key themes will include:
  - Road Safety;
  - Public Transport;
  - Car Parking Strategy;
  - Freight;
  - Active Travel
  - Decarbonisation.



# Public Transport Review - consultation

- Aim is to help shape future bus policy and priorities for support
- Will help ensure we are providing value for money whilst delivering on Business Plan priorities and objectives of the National Bus Strategy
- Bus market has changed since COVID 19 - lower patronage levels
- Driver shortage and inflationary pressures
- Stakeholder consultation June 2023 - 163 responses
- Wider public consultation until November 10<sup>th</sup>
- Over 1000 responses to date
- Aim for a new policy and network for implementation from April 2024
- <https://wiltshirebusreview.commonplace.is/>



# Local Issues

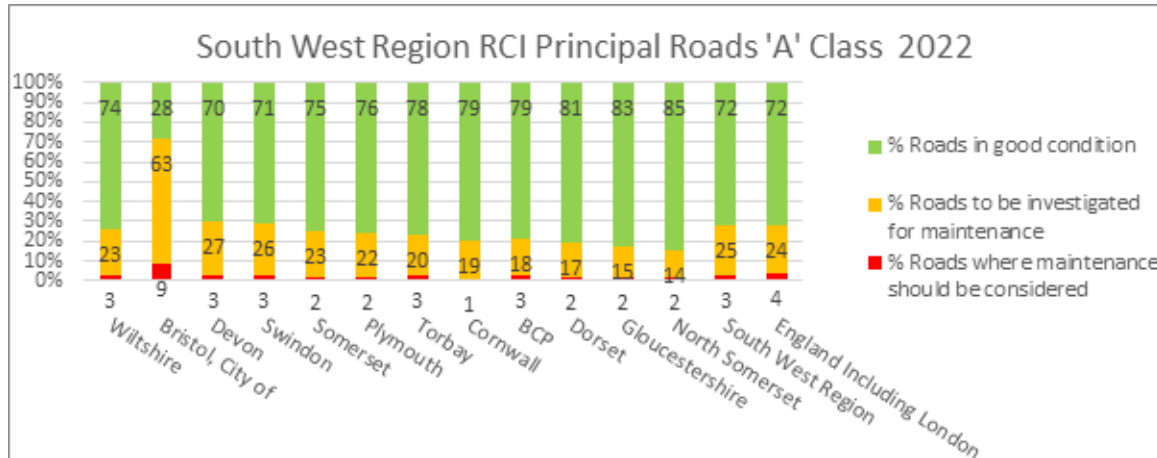
- Highway Maintenance
- Current traffic conditions:
  - HGVs on A350
  - Road safety – all users
- Parish Steward Scheme
- Flooding

# Highways Maintenance

Highways maintenance typically refers to the upkeep and repair of public roads, pavements, and other related infrastructure. This can include tasks such as filling potholes, resurfacing roads, repairing bridges, road signs and markings, traffic signals and street lights.

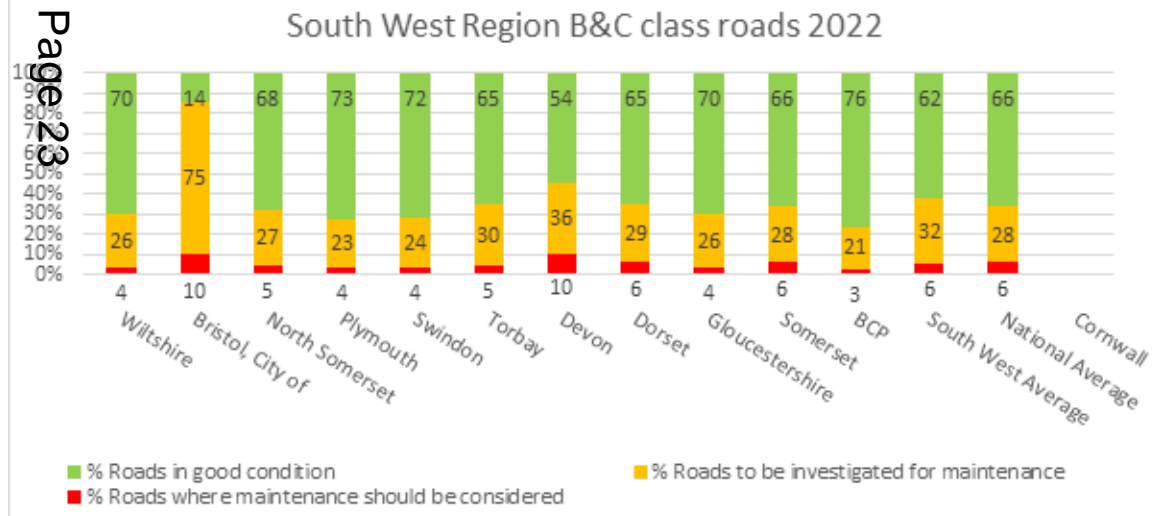
- 1. Reactive maintenance:** This approach involves responding to issues as they arise, such as repairing potholes or replacing damaged signs. Reactive repairs are primarily driven from our scheduled inspections but also public reports such as via the MyWilts app. When assessing defects, we apply intervention levels as laid out in our Highways Inspection Manual – in other words, we prioritise the response based on specific safety criteria.
- 2. Planned maintenance:** This approach involves scheduling regular maintenance tasks to prevent issues from arising in the first place or getting worse. For example, regular road resurfacing or bridge inspections to identify and address issues before they become more serious.
- 3. Asset management:** This approach involves taking a long-term view of highways maintenance, and involves evaluating the condition of roads and infrastructure and prioritizing maintenance tasks based on factors like condition, safety, cost, and rate of deterioration.

# Highways Maintenance - Benchmarking



## 2022 South West Road condition scanner survey benchmarking

Scanner surveys provide a consistent method for measuring road surface conditions. The data is used to help inform maintenance decisions. The Scanner survey collects surface and geometric data using vehicle mounted lasers and cameras. Forty three parameters are collected and the results reported to the Department for Transport on an annual basis.



# Potholes Why so many?



Summer 2022 Dry & Hot

Road Surface Temperatures in Excess of **55 degrees C**



Autumn 2022 Wet

November – 145% of normal rainfall



Winter Dec Onwards – long periods Sub Zero

Road Surface Temperatures fell below **-9 Degrees C**



# Interim Repair

- Undertaken to keep road safe
- Can provide a durable repair
- Enables more extensive repairs to be programmed efficiently



# Permanent Repair

- Failed Area Cut out using a mini planer
- Reinstated using “hot” material hand laid



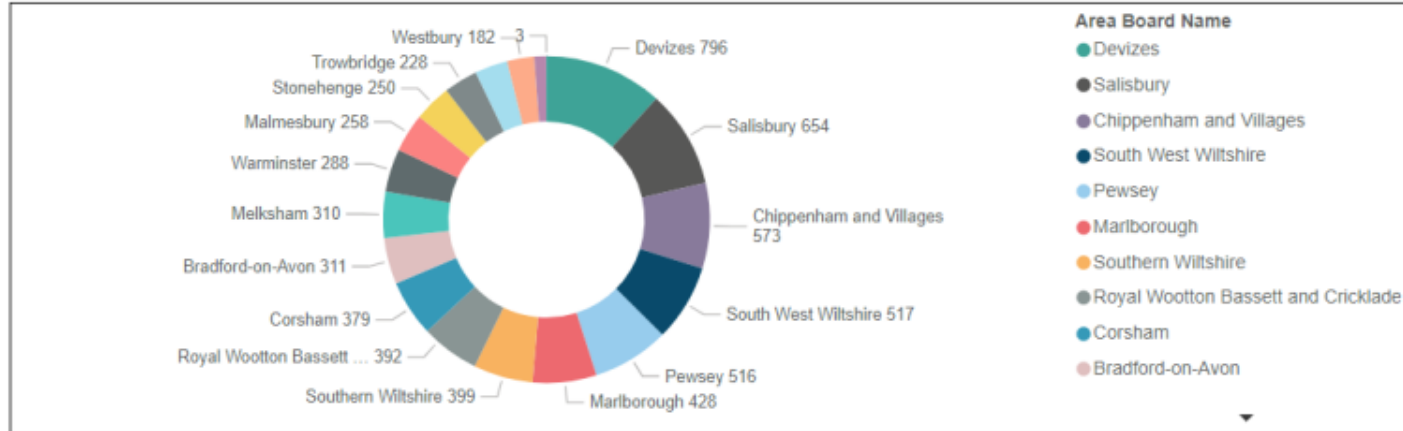
# Innovation – Defect dashboard

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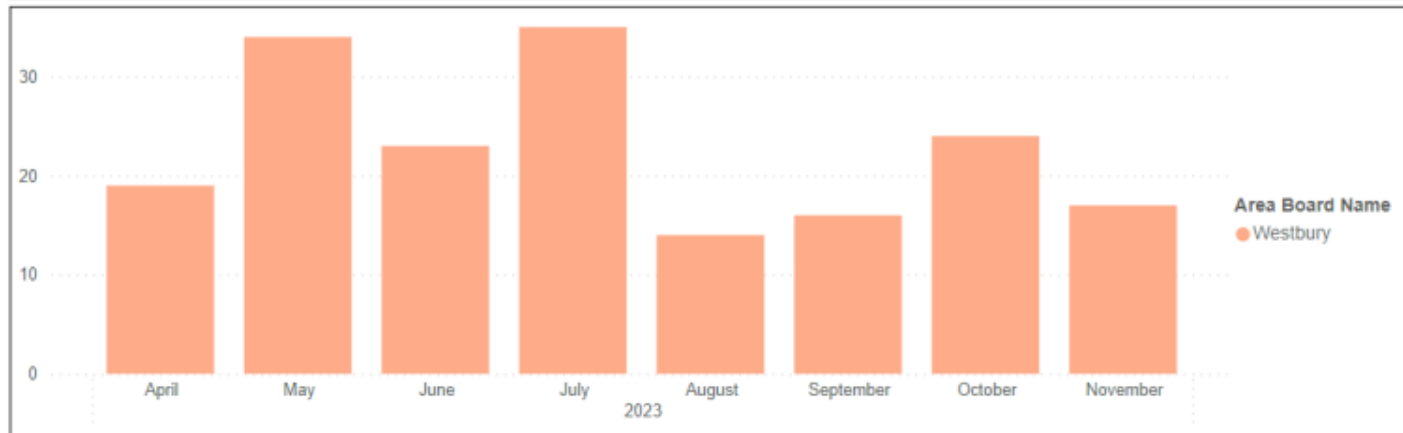
P1 -4 Defects, 1 April 2023 to Present

MILESTONE  
INFRASTRUCTURE

A part of MGroupServices



**6,783**  
Total Completed Defects



Area Board Name  
Westbury

**182**  
Completed Defects

**2.68%**  
%County

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# Flood Prevention

- A & B Roads Gullies Emptied Annually
- Along with around 5500 gullies classed as High Risk
- Remaining Gullies emptied on a 3 year cycle



Gully Tanker/Vactor

- Grips cut annually



Tractor Mounted Grip  
Cutting Head

# Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)

- 18 Groups across the County aligned to the Area Boards.
- LHFIGs exist to enable local communities to raise local highway issues, prioritise them, and provide a mechanism for these issues to be addressed.
- The Groups have an annual funding allocation to allow delivery of solutions.
- Representation at the Group is through Parish & Town Councils.
- Lots of detail on the Wiltshire.gov website on the Highways pages.

## Westbury LHFIG

- Current budget £34,958. Commitments £32,470
- 19 live projects

# Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)

## 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.

# Parish Steward Scheme

- Our team of Parish Stewards are specially trained to complete small-scale discretionary local highways priority works to town and parishes.
- There are 18 Parish Stewards, one for each community area, who work with representatives in their parishes to ensure all work requests are clear and are logged for review before they start the work. We also have a support gang that works with the Parish Stewards on larger-scale projects, based on demand.
- Tasks include proactive and reactive works. For example, verge siding out, vegetation clearance, pothole repair, drain and gully clearance.

# Verge and litter clearance – extra funds

- Grounds maintenance and street cleansing in the Westbury town and surrounding area is the responsibility of Wiltshire Council and has received an extra investment of £0.3m this year.
- Enforcement resources are being increased to tackle the issues of fly posting, fly tipping and rural littering.

Loan cleaning equipment is provided by the council's street cleaning contractor, idverde, to town and parish councils to support community events.

- Idverde are also available to support community groups with street scene improvement works.
- **'We're Targeting Fly-Tippers'** and **'Don't Mess with Wiltshire'**

# Thank you for listening.

**There will time for questions from the floor;**

**All questions received, in advance and this evening,  
will be responded to;**

**Answers will be made available on our website.**



**MAKING WILTSHIRE SAFER**

**"If it matters to you, it matters to me."**

**John Derryman, Head of Strategy, Performance and Oversight, OPCC  
30th November.**

Wiltshire and Swindon  
**pcc**

# Road Safety

- 1) Investment – CSW / CSEO / RSO / Vehicles / Technology
- 2) Partnership – Road Safety Partnership Manager
- 3) Enforcement – SID data / enforcement / trends





# CSEO Activity Dashboard

Outcomes are dependent on previous convictions and history

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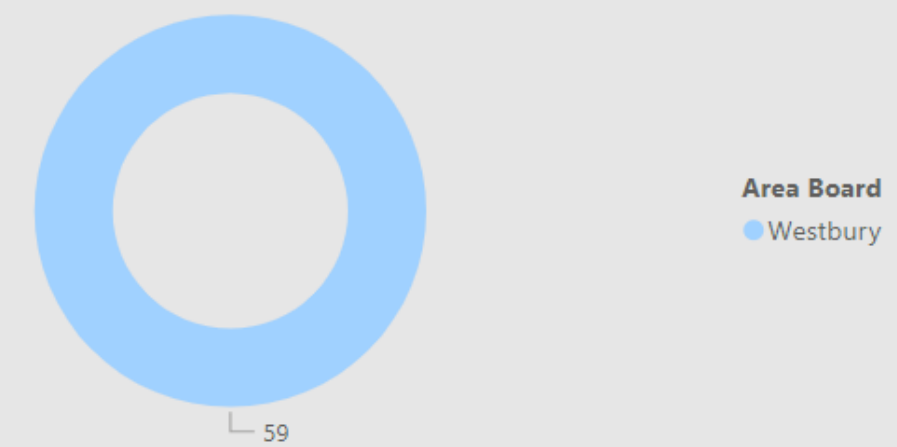
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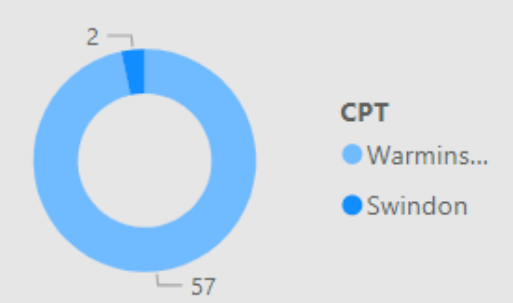


Location	Year	Month	Speed awareness course	Fine & Points	Court	CPT	Area Board
Bratton - Melbourne Street	2023	July	8.00	0.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Bratton - Trowbridge Road	2023	August	8.00	1.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Edington - 14 Westbury Road	2023	July	8.00	1.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Edington - Longlands Close	2023	January	8.00	1.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Dilton Marsh	2021	December	7.00	0.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Edington - Telephone Exchange West	2023	October	5.00	0.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Bratton - Melbourne Street	2023	January	4.00	0.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Edington - 14 Westbury Road	2023	June	3.00	1.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Bratton	2023	January	2.00	0.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Bratton - Trowbridge Road	2023	October	2.00	0.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Chapmanslade - Cleyhill Gardens	2023	October	2.00	0.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Chapmanslade - Layby	2023	November	2.00	0.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Dilton Marsh	2022	November	2.00	0.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Liddington - Pavement in front of field gate opposite Kobee Cottage. B4192	2023	September	2.00	0.00	0.00	Swindon	Westbury
<b>Total</b>			<b>66.00</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		

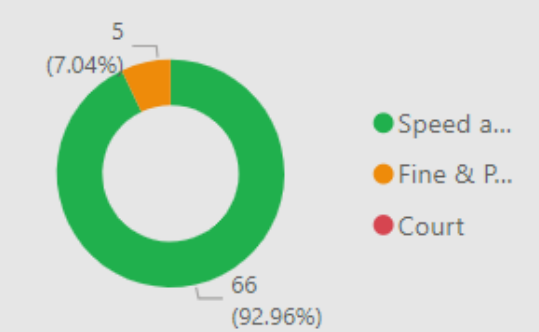
## Activity by Area Board



## Activity by CPT



## Outcomes



# Trends and Distributions

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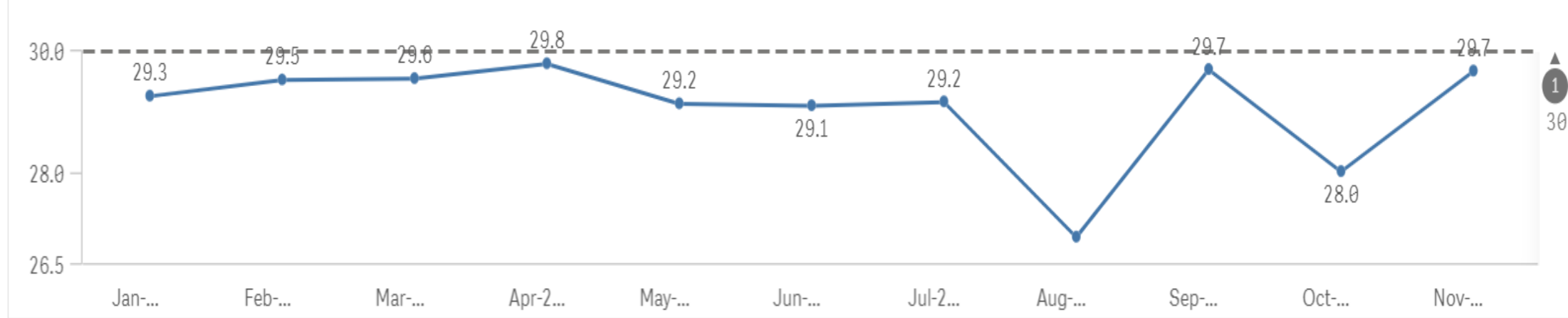
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## Average Speed by Month Year Recorded



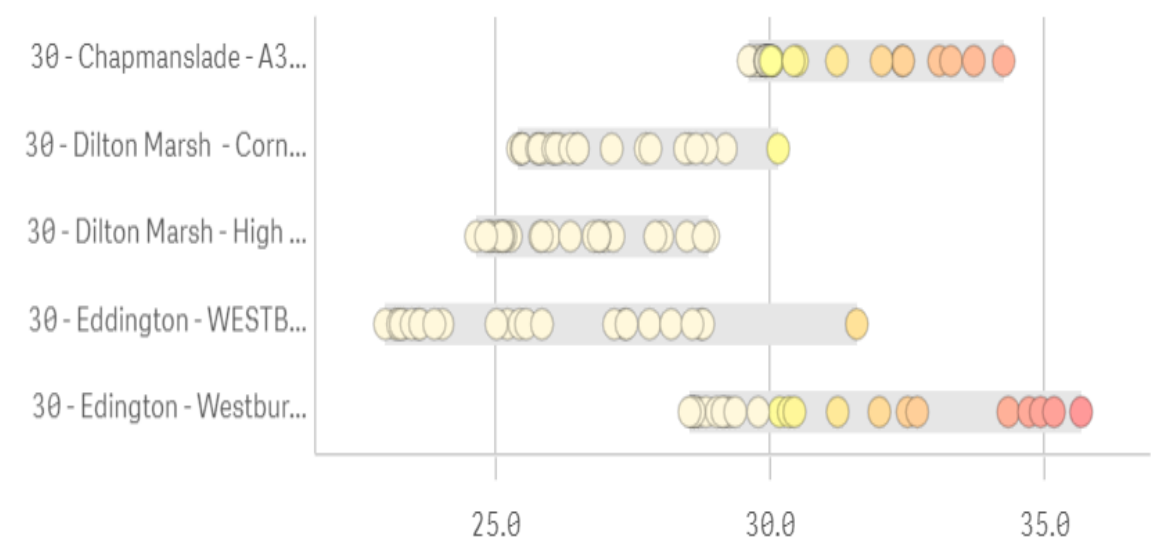
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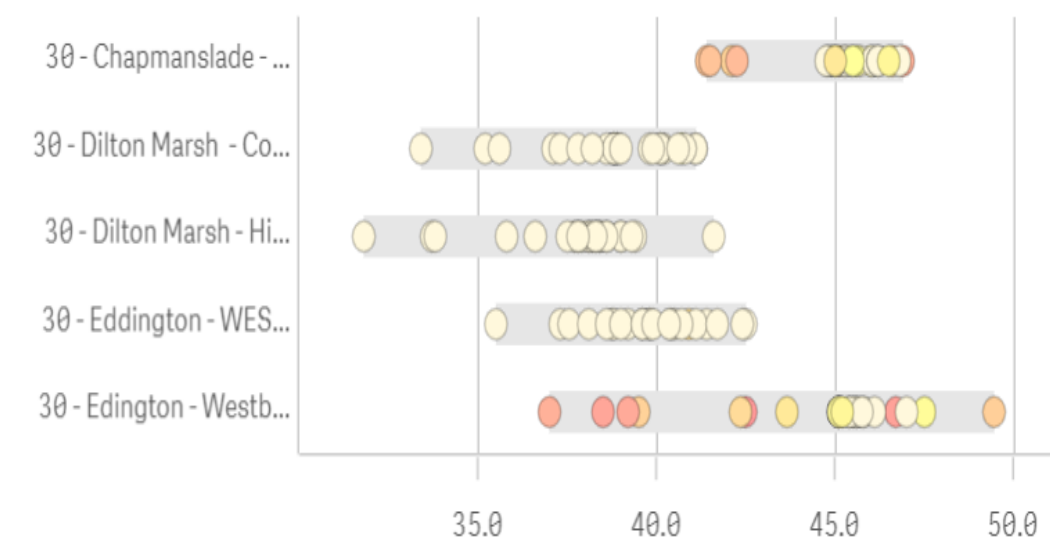
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## Average Speed Distribution by Location and Hour



## Median Max Speed Distribution by Location and Hour



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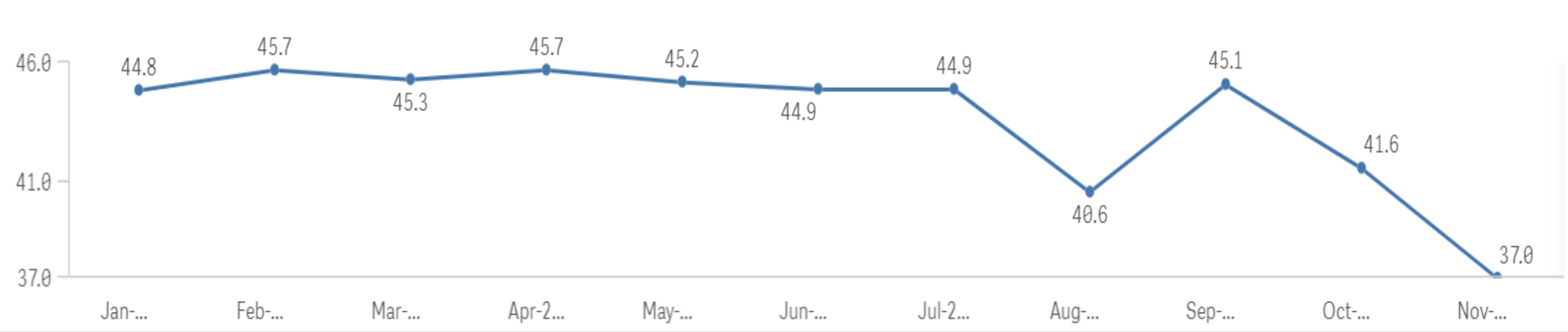
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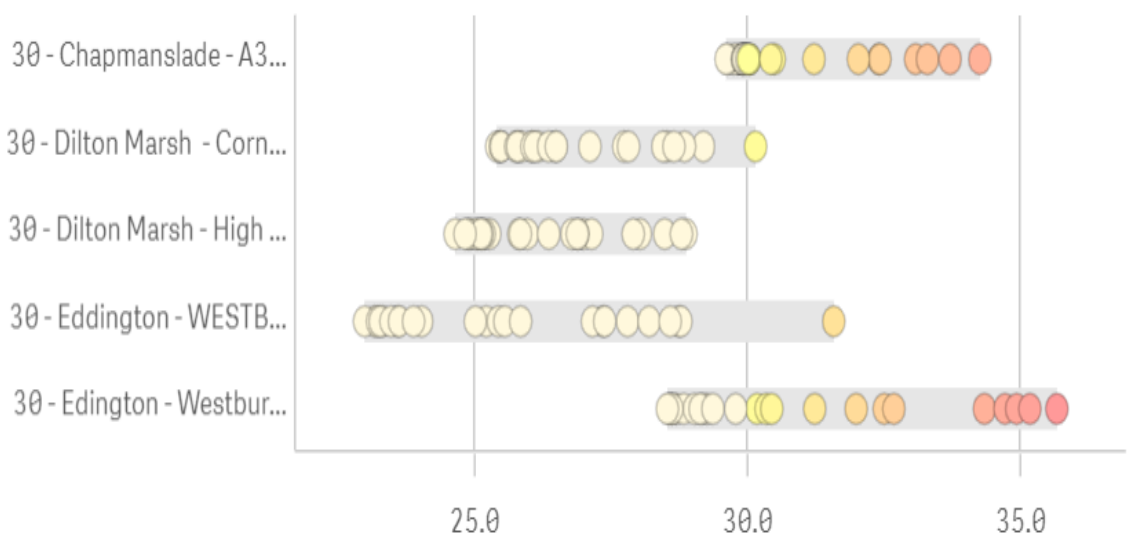
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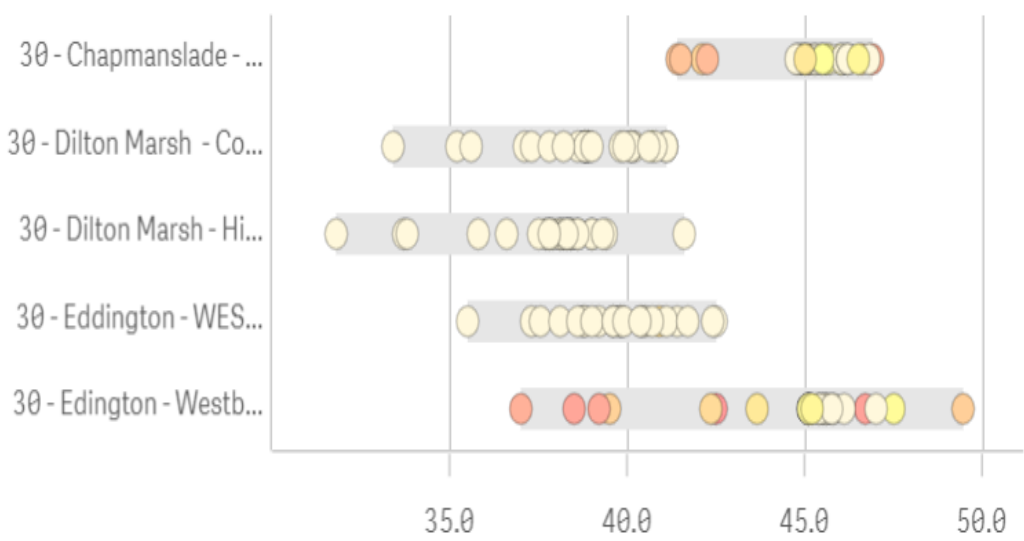
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### Average Speed Distribution by Location and Hour



### Median Max Speed Distribution by Location and Hour



# Q&A



### Charity Shops and Information Hubs:

We have now opened our new Charity shop in Salisbury. We were delighted to have the Older People's Champion for Salisbury, Irene Kohler, cutting the ribbon for us. Our shop is also an Information & Advice hub, offering the opportunity for older residents to have accessible, face-to-face advice, by an arranged appointment. Leaflets about a range of issues affecting older people and our services are available in the shop. Our Information & Advice service offers a free quality accredited information & advice service for older people, their families, and their carers. They cover a wide range of issues affecting older people, including welfare benefits and money, care and support, housing options, local services, and later life planning.

We are looking to open other shops, with information points across the county, including in Marlborough and Devizes, so watch this space! If anyone would like to get in touch or is aware of a need arising in their area, please do get in touch and we may be able to explore this.



There is information on how to make donations on our website: [Age UK Wiltshire | Charity Shops](#)

### Fitness and Friendship:

Our Fitness & Friendship classes are ever popular and growing, with 17 clubs across the county, including some new clubs within sheltered housing schemes. These clubs provide seated exercise and activities. Members value the clubs as important places to make friends and connections which in turn reduces feelings of loneliness and isolation. The clubs are supported by 47 volunteers, many of whom started as members. A list of clubs is available on our website: [Fitness & Friendship Clubs | Age UK Wiltshire](#).

### Meals+:

Our Meals+ service is a service that provides a visit to an older person and the delivery of a hot meal. It is a lunchtime delivery all year round, apart from Christmas day. Our drivers have a conversation with the older person and conduct a welfare check as a part of every visit. Often the driver will be the only person they see all day. We continue to receive positive feedback on this service, and the peace of mind that it provides to relatives/carers, as below.

*"You are absolutely fab and I cannot thank you enough for the way you look after my Mum!"*

### **Neighbourhood Collaboratives/Health:**

Our Chief Executive, Sarah Cardy, is the voluntary sector representative on the Wiltshire Health & Wellbeing Board, and Age UK Wiltshire are involved with various ICA workstreams. We are part of the Neighbourhood Collaborative Pathfinder work in Melksham and have also been involved with work to improve the hospital discharge process. As an organisation we often speak to older people who have insight into how this process could be better, from lived experience.

We believe that co-production and lived experience insight are integral to shaping future service provision.

Our latest newsletter can be found here - <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/bp-assets/globalassets/wiltshire/about-us/november-external-newsletter.pdf>. Please email [jasmine.forbes-lumby@ageukwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:jasmine.forbes-lumby@ageukwiltshire.org.uk) to be added to the mailing list.

## Update for Wiltshire Area Boards

December 2023

### System-wide Primary Care Access Recovery Plan (approved BSW ICB Board 16.11.23)

The Primary Care Access Recovery Plan for BSW has been developed following the publication of NHSE guidance earlier in the year and has been led by the BSW ICB Primary Care team working with all the GP practices across BSW and with system partners. The document format is based on a standard template provided by NHSE regional colleagues.

The context and content of the document was discussed in detail at the Board development session in October. Following the discussions, a final version of the document has now been produced with an associated communications plan.

The Board is now asked to approve the plan.

The following sets out a brief summary of the content of the document, however the full version is available to Board members and to the public via the ICB website, found [here](#)

The Primary Care Access Recovery Plan PCARP forms part of the operational planning guidance. The PCARP supports all three elements of the Fuller Stocktake vision and the development of Integrated Neighbourhood Teams but focusses on the first element of streamlining access to care and advice. The **national ambitions** for the PCARP are:

- To make it easier for patients to contact their practice and;
- For patients' requests to be managed on the same day, whether that is an urgent appointment, a non-urgent appointment within 2 weeks or signposting to another service.

The PCARP seeks to support recovery by focussing on four key areas:

Area	Focus
Empower Patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving information and NHS App functionality</li> <li>• Increasing self-directed care where clinically appropriate</li> <li>• Expanding community pharmacy services</li> </ul>
Modern General Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementing 'Modern General Practice Access'</li> <li>• Better digital telephony</li> <li>• Faster navigation, assessment and response</li> </ul>
Build Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larger multidisciplinary teams</li> <li>• More new doctors</li> <li>• Retention and return of experienced GP's.</li> <li>• Higher priority for primary care in housing developments</li> </ul>
Cut Bureaucracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving the primary – secondary care interface</li> <li>• Building on the 'Bureaucracy Busting Concordat'</li> </ul>

## Caring Steps Together

We are incredibly pleased to be sharing with you the outcome of more than a year of work to improve the way in which we share information with people who are discharged from our acute trusts into intermediate community-based services. We led this work from Wiltshire, but we've worked with colleagues across the BSW system in doing so, and it will be used by all of our services system-wide.



**Caring Steps** 

  **Together**

Giving you confidence  
to move forward

Resources to help patients, families, carers and colleagues working in health and care understand the discharge process and how to access onward care and support.

For more information:  
[www.bswtogether.org.uk/discharge](http://www.bswtogether.org.uk/discharge)

The programme was established as a response to the learning and insights we gathered from patients and their families / carers and colleagues working in and around these services – whilst they often told stories of feeling well supported, too often they were about feeling confused, worried and out of control about what was happening to them. So, we've worked with people to understand what they wanted to know (both from those have gone through the pathway and those who haven't) and how they wanted to be given the information. We even got their views on language, colours, pace and the kind of people they wanted to see in the resources.

The Caring Steps Together web site is now available [here](#) and the websites of all our providers will point to this when referencing the discharge process. The site (which will also be accessible via QR codes on lanyards that we are handing out to colleagues across the system) is split into patient-facing and staff facing resources (though everything is open access). Our VCSE colleagues are also participating in the programme as well as providing information around the support they can offer outside of statutory services.

## Neighbourhood Collaboratives

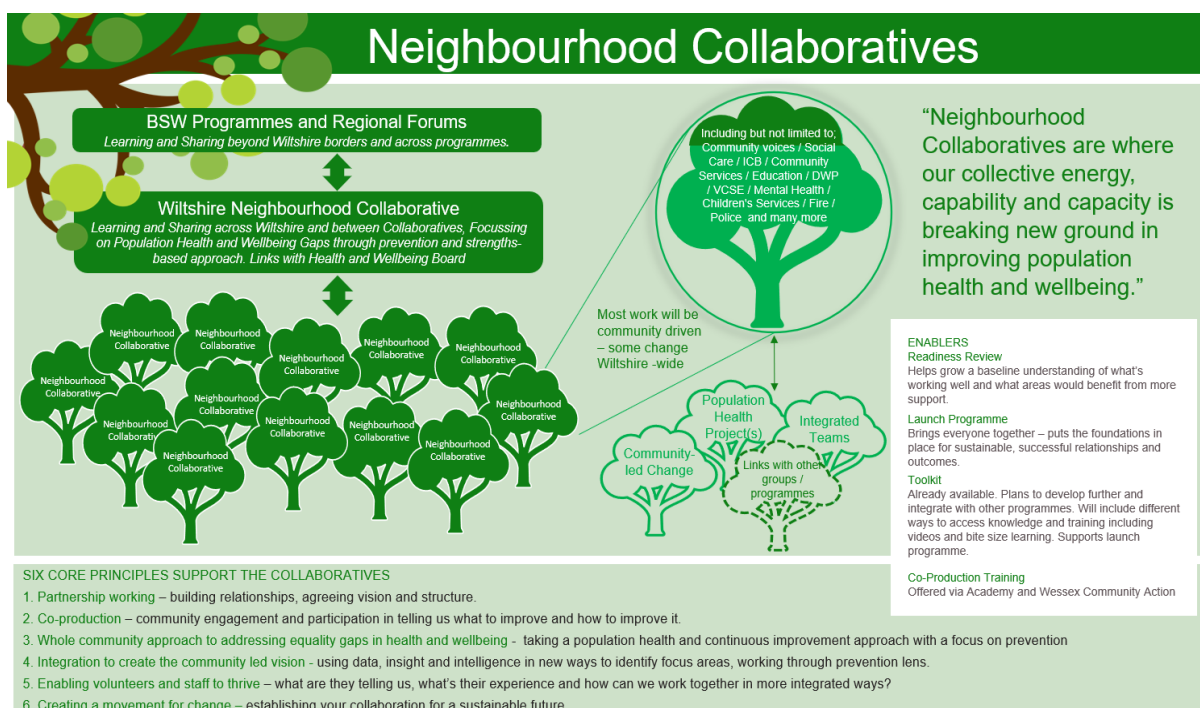
Aiming to reduce health and wellbeing inequality gaps within neighbourhoods across Wiltshire through partnership and a prevention focussed approach, we are continuing to make progress in our Neighbourhood Collaboratives which are part of the Implementation Plan of the Integrated Cared Strategy and the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy.



Whilst recognising that this is a significant change to the way in which we work and takes time, we are on track to reach our aim of working with at least 5 areas by the end of March 2024. With strong links to the Fuller Stocktake and Integrated Teams, the Collaboratives Steering Group is now made up of over 30 partners across health, local authority, public service and the VCSE sectors and supports the development of each of the collaboratives. It is building links with other programmes of work such as Community Conversations, the Families and Childrens Transformation Programme and work in mental health.

The Collaboratives have recently been awarded £100,000 of Health Inequalities Funding to provide seeding for increased pace and scale of the Neighbourhood Collaboratives movement and to be able to develop and test an innovative model of community engagement and co-production principles. We will be working to deliver this during 2024.

There is a lot more information available in the form of newsletters, a web platform and things like recorded presentations – all of which are available on request. The two graphics below hopefully offer a high-level summary of the model and the current status:



## Collaboratives in 2023

Neighbourhood	Highlights
Trowbridge	(initial pilot) continues with its work in preventing increases in the housebound population. Health Inequalities and Neighbourhood Collaboratives project teams met with Trowbridge and agreed a plan to establish a broader collaborative group and commence launch programme in early 2024.
Melksham and Bradford on Avon	<p>Pathfinder site – quick testing and learning from the model and will be able to share the learning to inform the tools and the approach that will be used by other sites.</p> <p>Coproduction training has taken across partners in this area. Feedback from the training will be used to help identify our baseline awareness of Co-production within the locality which should help to identify areas of future need.</p> <p>Cohort identified: Previously unidentified people as first of a first serious fall – aiming to reduce prevalence of serious first falls and subsequent ambulance attendances / hospital admissions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mapped and collected existing falls prevention resources across MBoA – will share example</li> <li>• Engagement with the identified group of patients is nearing completion – utilising co-production</li> <li>• Delivery of the Development programme, (an adaptation of the Launch Programme), happened 27/11/23</li> </ul>
Devizes	After a period of engagement with partners in this neighbourhood and plans to focus on children and young people, the support team stepped back whilst this area discussed and agreed it's way forward. This area will progress in early 2024 with the Readiness Review and launch programme.
Chippenham, Corsham & Box (CCB)	Areas of interest reviewed and undertaken data analysis with the Health Inequalities team. The early stages of this collaborative are progressing well and there is a structure of meetings in place. The Readiness Review has been completed – launch programme due early 2024. Reducing Hypertension is initial area of focus.
Salisbury – area wide	Three of the four Salisbury PCNs (offer to join will be extended to the 4 <sup>th</sup> PCN area) have proposed a Salisbury-wide approach to developing a Collaborative. This will be taken forward – next step is to undertake the Readiness Review. Plans also in place to work with farmers and support a dementia network approach.

## Holiday Season

We would like to wish all of our partners a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2024. Thank you for your support, hard work and commitment to the ongoing priorities. We hope you have a lovely break over the holidays with your nearest and dearest.



Fiona Selvin-Brown, Director of Place - Wiltshire

## A Unique Concert for Wiltshire

A Unique Concert for Wiltshire will be held at the historic Salisbury Cathedral on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024** to raise vital funds for key Wiltshire charities Youth Action Wiltshire, Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust.

Tickets are now on sale with prices starting from £15. More information about the event can be found in our blog post about the event:

<https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/news/a-unique-concert-for-wiltshire/>

Seats can be booked online from <https://tinyurl.com/uniquewiltshire> or by calling the Salisbury Cathedral box office on 01722 656 555.

We look forward to welcoming you to this very special event.

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## New website for Community Insurance

Community Insurance is a specialist insurance agent service from Community First. We work with leading provider Zurich to offer comprehensive insurance for village halls, community buildings, playing field associations and local councils.

We have recently launched a new website for Community Insurance with more information about insurance policies, claims information and online forms to request a free, no obligation quotation.

The website also features a series of useful guides.

For more information visit: [www.communityinsurance.co.uk](http://www.communityinsurance.co.uk), telephone 01380 732809 or email: [communityinsurance@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:communityinsurance@communityfirst.org.uk).

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## Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre

Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre is now taking new bookings for 2024. The centre is fully equipped for day and residential bookings for schools and groups with a variety of adventure activities including archery, canoeing and climbing. Our Outdoor Education Team can also design and lead a bespoke heritage learning day for your school or group. This is a truly unique learning experience that everyone will enjoy! Some recent examples of heritage learning days designed and delivered by our team at Oxenwood include:

### John of Gaunt School

Students from The John of Gaunt School recently attended a 'Living History Day' at Oxenwood. The students learned about British Army recruitment in 1914 and handled artefacts from the era. Some students were also kitted out as a soldier. The students formed battalion and learned how to fire a rifle and use a bayonet. The battalion then crossed 'no-man-land' whilst being fired at by the enemy (using a gel gun). The 'Living History Day' was delivered by the Oxenwood Outdoor Education Team who provided the trained re-enactor and led the safe handling of weaponry. Feedback was very positive:

*"The days provided an enrichment opportunity for Year 9 students who have been studying the events of the First World War and how these shaped our island's history. An event like this really brings History alive as the students don't just learn about events but experience them. It's the next best thing to having a time machine!"*

## Cricklade Manor Prep School

Students at Cricklade Manor Prep School attended a learning day at Oxenwood, led by our Outdoor Education Team. The team designed an immersive experience which taught the students about life in the Stone Age. The school said:

*“We were all blown away by your immersive experience and the children have been thoroughly inspired by their trip. Thanks must also go to Emily and Mo who led our group capably and who extended the warmth of Oxenwood to us all! We look forward to coming back and visiting again soon.”*

We are delighted to hear that schools and groups are benefiting from the amazing opportunities for learning and adventure offered by our team at Oxenwood. A full list of pricing for 2024-2025 is now available on our website. For more information or to design your bespoke residential, day or learning experience contact: [enquiries@oxenwoodcentre.com](mailto:enquiries@oxenwoodcentre.com).

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## Oxenwood - First Aid Training Courses

We are now offering a range of first aid courses at Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre, led by Deputy Centre Manager & Outdoor Education Instructor Mo.

A list of available courses is included with this briefing pack.

Please email Mo: [dmaloney@oxenwoodcentre.com](mailto:dmaloney@oxenwoodcentre.com) for more information.

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## Vacancy - MiDAS Training Coordinator (Driver Assessor)

Community First is recruiting for a MiDAS (Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme) Training Coordinator/Driver Assessor to support the delivery of our MiDAS training service.

- **Hours:** Flexible, in response to demand for training, including some evening/weekend working.
- **Salary:** £14.50 gross per hour. (Actual hours will vary by month according to training delivered).
- **Base:** Home-based, with hot desk at Community First as required. Will be expected to travel to venues across Wiltshire, Swindon and other areas as required to deliver MiDAS training (mileage expenses paid).

More information about the role, including a job description, person specification and application form can be found on our website: <https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/vacancies/>

If you would like to find out more about this position, please contact Harry Tipple, Head of Community and Partnership development on: 01380 732 824 or [htipple@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:htipple@communityfirst.org.uk)

Closing date: Midday on 15th of January 2024

Interview dates: 24th of January 2024

To download a job description, person specification and an application form for this post, please visit the links below. Please note we are unable to accept CVs for this position.

*Community First is an equal opportunities employer.*

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## Link Schemes and Community Transport

The Community Development team are currently involved in a project that will offer support to the Link Schemes to help with the recruitment of volunteers. The team have spent 5 days on the ground in 5 different areas across Wiltshire engaging with the community.

All primary schools in Wiltshire have been emailed with a flyer and many have been kind enough to share the recruitment flyer on their school newsletter. We have managed to recruit 16 volunteers. We have another 5 days available to offer to the Links, so if you would like help with volunteer recruitment, please do get in touch.

There are 42 Link Schemes in Wiltshire with approximately 1,600 volunteers who help to keep communities connected to vital local services by offering door-to-door transport to shops, lunch clubs and medical appointments. Volunteering with your local Link Scheme is a great way to meet new people, make friends and give something back to your community.

You can find your local Link Scheme by using our Community Transport Directory and there are several ways to be involved, including as a Link Driver or Link Coordinator. Link Drivers use their own cars and a mileage allowance is paid.

For more information or to enquire about volunteering with Link, please email: [linkproject@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:linkproject@communityfirst.org.uk)

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## Building Bridges and Inspire Swindon (Employability Programmes)

Community First will soon launch a refreshed website for The Building Bridges and Inspire Swindon Programmes. We aim to have this online as soon as possible. In the meantime, please continue to use the referral form on the holding page ([www.buildingbridgessw.org.uk/coming-soon](http://www.buildingbridgessw.org.uk/coming-soon)) or contact the lead team by email: [hello@buildingbridgessw.org.uk](mailto:hello@buildingbridgessw.org.uk) or telephone: 01380 732821.

Our two current employability programmes (Building Bridges in Wiltshire and Inspire Swindon for young people in Wiltshire) which started in July are both delivering strongly. Across the two programmes we are currently supporting a total of 75 participants with another 58 referrals currently being allocated out to Support Workers. The programmes are both already delivering fantastic outcomes - in Autumn 2023, 17 of the NEET/At Risk young people that we had been supporting moved on to college courses and with our support have sustained their attendance. We have also supported 6 participants into work and are currently supporting them to sustain their roles.

We are in discussions to build additional capacity into our Wiltshire programme to support more refugees and people affected by homelessness - we hope to be able to start this in early 2024.

We are pleased to announce that with funding from The National Lottery Community Fund we will be able to start a new programme to support adults in Swindon in mid-January 2024.

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# Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre

## First Aid Training

### On Site Training

Delivered on site at Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre, Marlborough SN8 3NQ.

Course Name	Time
Activity First Aid - FAA Level 3 Award	2 day
Annual Refresher for First Aiders	Half day
Appointed Person	2 hour
Basic Life Support - FAA Level 2	3 hours
Emergency First Aid at Work - FAA Level 3 Award	1 day
First Aid at Work Re-qualification - FAA Level 3	2 day
First Aid at Work - FAA Level 3	3 day
First Aid for Mental Health - FAA Level 2 Award	1 day
First Aid for Mental Health Awareness - FAA Level 1 Award	4 hours
First Aid for Mental Health Supervising - FAA Level 3 Award	2 day
First Aid for <u>Youth</u> Mental Health - FAA Level 2 Award	1 day
First Aiders for Mental Health Annual Refresher	Half day
Paediatric Emergency First Aid - FAA Level 3	1 day
Paediatric First Aid - FAA Level 3	2 day

### Distance Learning

Training delivered remotely.

Course Name	Time
First Aid for Mental Health - FAA Level 2 Award	1 day
First Aid for Mental Health Awareness - FAA Level 1 Award	4 hours
First Aid for Mental Health Supervising - FAA Level 3 Award	2 day
First Aid for Youth Mental Health - FAA Level 2 Award	1 day

For more information, please contact Mo: [dmaloney@oxenwoodcentre.com](mailto:dmaloney@oxenwoodcentre.com) or telephone 01380 732806.





## Your feedback on prescription ordering revealed in new report

How people order their prescriptions is the focus of a new report from Healthwatch Wiltshire.

We worked with Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board (BSW ICB) to find out which ordering service people liked to use, how easy they found the process, and how important the service was to them.

We received 380 responses to our short survey, which ran for two weeks in October. As well as an online survey, we took paper copies to several pharmacies across Wiltshire, where we talked to patients as they collected their prescriptions.

### What did people tell us?

Most people told us they found ordering prescriptions easy, and used a variety of methods including SystemOnline, the NHS App and Prescription Ordering Direct.

The majority of respondents said being able to order repeat prescriptions was very important to them, but long waits for medication and shortages of preferred brands were among the concerns they raised.

Other issues included poor internet availability, or a lack of confidence in using online services, as well as a frustration at not being able to get repeat prescriptions for longer than one month, particularly when someone had a long term condition.

### What happens next?

The feedback we received has been welcomed by BSW ICB, who said: "We are very grateful to everyone for taking time to either talk in person, or fill in this Healthwatch designed survey,

which helps inform us on the experiences of a range of repeat prescribing methods used across BSW and how they compare.

"We will be reviewing the feedback and using it to help inform our understanding. We recognise not just the different perspectives reflected in the report, but also the differing needs of our population with some patients potentially very well served by digital solutions and others where alternative access routes are more suitable.

"We have also been listening to a broad range of stakeholders and we will now bring all of the feedback together to help inform our planning. Should anything need to be undertaken differently we will be clearly communicating in a planned and considered way.

"We would also like to acknowledge the hard work of the Healthwatch Wiltshire staff and their volunteers in bringing these views and reflections to our attention. We look forward to continuing to work with all Healthwatch groups across BSW to ensure we hear from our population about their experiences."

Stacey Sims, Healthwatch Wiltshire Manager, said: "Thanks to all who shared their experiences and their ideas to improve prescription ordering services.

"We make a series of recommendations in our report, and we're pleased that these have been welcomed by the Integrated Care Board."

[Find out more in our report.](#)







The Police and Crime Commissioner's  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
2022-23

Wiltshire and Swindon

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# Foreword from Philip Wilkinson, Police and Crime Commissioner



Welcome to my Annual Report which I hope you will find informative as well as providing an insightful summary of the work undertaken by myself and my team during the 2022/23 financial year. It has certainly been another busy and productive year, with progress being made across all the priorities of my Police and Crime Plan 2022-25.

Since starting in this role, my mission, and that of my Office, has always been Making Wiltshire Safer – safer for all those who live, work and visit our county. I am totally committed to driving this mission throughout the remainder of my term as

I continue to deliver on the commitments that I have made to all residents.

While the Police and Crime Panel hold me to account, the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner is, on behalf of the residents of Wiltshire and Swindon, to hold the Chief Constable to account to maintain an effective, and legitimate, police force and the delivery of my Police and Crime Plan. This plan focuses on the priorities that you made me aware of through my many meetings with the public and our various survey feedback.

“ My mission has always been to make Wiltshire a safer place to live, work and visit. ”



The recruitment of a new Chief Constable was a conscious decision on my part to bring an experienced and senior chief officer to Wiltshire and I am pleased to be able to report that the actions Chief Constable Catherine Roper has been taking are delivering the necessary changes that we need to improve the performance of Wiltshire Police.

There has been a defined focus on quality of service, on driving performance, an increased focus on victims and quality of investigations to boost outcome rates. We have also seen a determined effort by the Chief to encourage leaders within the Force to take control and drive-up standards and for our communities to receive more visible, proactive policing.



There remains much work to be done and Chief Constable Roper has been detailing these improvements and actions in her fortnightly open letter to me, which she also shares with you - so you can hold us both to account.

I, and my strengthened team spent much of last year challenging the previous Chief Constable to empower and better support the front-line commanders and officers and which included putting in place a new hierarchy of leadership training courses.

Towards the end of last year and supported by the Government's 'uplift' in police officer numbers, we finally started to see some serious improvements in operational performance, and I am delighted to report that with Chief Constable Roper, and a restructured leadership team in place, these improvements are accelerating.

In summary, Wiltshire Police is an improving police force, which combined with the additional services commissioned by my office is an improving police service.

Collectively we are making considerable progress in many specialist areas of policing but we still have much more to do before Chief Constable Roper and I can be confident that we have the most effective operational processes in place to provide the policing service that our residents want and deserve.

It has taken nearly two years since I was first elected but I am now confident that working with Chief Constable Roper, and her new team, we will see positive progress when they are next assessed by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services.

First and foremost, though, and more importantly than any inspection, I want Wiltshire Police, supported by my team, not only to continue to make Wiltshire safer but also for you, our residents, to feel safer in your communities too.

Only when we deliver that mission, and have earned the trust and confidence of you, our residents, will I be satisfied.

Philip Wilkinson  
**Wiltshire and Swindon Police and Crime Commissioner**

# Police and Crime Commissioner **role**

As PCC, I ensure the public has a direct voice in policing and crime matters. I am also responsible for:

- Setting the strategy for policing and community safety through a Police and Crime Plan
- Commissioning a range of services to deliver the Police and Crime Plan
- Commissioning support services for victims of crime
- Setting the annual policing budget and the precept
- Providing a local link between police, local authorities, Wessex criminal justice, partner agencies and communities
- Consulting and engaging with members of the public, specifically victims of crime
- Maintaining an efficient and effective police force
- Holding the Chief Constable to account for the operational delivery of policing and the performance of the force
- Publishing an annual report reporting on progress made against the Police and Crime Plan
- Appointing, and if necessary, removing a Chief Constable
- Contributing to the response to national and regional criminal activity and threats as set out by the Home Secretary in the Strategic Policing Requirement.





# Your Police and Crime Commissioner - find out about my role and work

I am keen that Wiltshire's residents can find out as much information as possible about the role of the PCC, my office and the work that is being carried out.

As well as sending regular updates to all parish council magazines, there are a range of options on my website where you can access the latest news and performance reports:

- » [Making Wiltshire Safer - Wiltshire and Swindon Police and Crime Plan 2022-2025 \(office.com\)](#)
- » [Quarterly Performance Reporting \(wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)
- » [Philip Wilkinson - Choose My Police and Crime Commissioner \(choosemypcc.org.uk\)](#)
- » [Campaigns \(wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)
- » [Media releases - OPCC News \(wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)
- » [Area boards - Scheduled meetings - Wiltshire Council](#)
- » [Police and Crime Panel - Scheduled meetings and reports \(Wiltshire Council\)](#)



# Our policing area

Surrounded by the counties of **Berkshire, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Oxfordshire, and Somerset**

## Two unitary authorities

Swindon Borough Council and Wiltshire Council



Covers an area of almost **3,500 sq km**



## Salisbury Plain

is the principal home and training ground for the armed forces



## Oldest county force

in England - established on **13 November 1839**



Population of **726,951\***

*Swindon = 222,881\* Wiltshire = 504,070\* (\*ONS 2020 estimates)*



## 2,298 employees

1,165 police officers, 122 PCSOs, 1,070 staff

## Swindon

a vibrant town located on the M4 corridor, homes lots of national and global head offices



## Historic monuments

such as Stonehenge, Avebury and the city of Salisbury

## Has rural and market towns

Calne, Chippenham, Devizes, Marlborough, Malmesbury, Royal Wootton Bassett, Warminster and Trowbridge



Budget of **£134m**

Central grant **£73m**

Police council tax **£61m**



## Wiltshire police demand:

More than **43,000** recorded crimes (pre-Covid)



More than **103,000** 999 calls

More than **268,000** 101 calls



**11,000** victims of crime supported by PCC victim services

# Making Wiltshire Safer: Police and Crime plan overview



Making Wiltshire Safer: Police and Crime Plan 2022-2025 was informed by you – our residents.

I consulted widely via the Use Your Voice survey, public discussion groups, with 462 responses from partners on behalf of large parts of our community, including MPs, local authorities, and councillors in Wiltshire and Swindon.

I listened to key stakeholders and partners, using Focus Group sessions including representatives from diverse communities and young people, and listened to the Chief Constable and colleagues within Wiltshire Police, before publishing my Plan, after approval from the Wiltshire and Swindon's Police and Crime Panel.

You told me that you wanted a police service which fights crime, prevents Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and drug-related activities in your communities, delivers improvements in road safety, tackles rural crime and reduces serious violence and domestic abuse.

These areas were important to you and my Police and Crime Plan has ensured that the strategic blueprint range of activities to achieve improvements have been carried out.

Since its publication in March 2022, I have continued to listen to the comments and ideas of Wiltshire and Swindon's communities, also drawing from a wide range of public surveys and crime data to shape delivery.

My mission has always been to make Wiltshire safer through the provision of a quality and efficient police service which tackles the crimes that matter most to our communities. My **Making Wiltshire Safer: Police and Crime Plan** sets out the direction for Wiltshire Police's focus and priorities from 2022 – 2025 to help to achieve this.

*“ It is my job as Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure Wiltshire Police has the necessary resources to fight and prevent crime. ”*

During the last year, our communities have reinforced the need for more frontline police officers – and I agree with them.



Using your support for a precept increase, Wiltshire Police has recruited additional police officers to help provide more visible policing in communities and quality investigations. Working with the Chief Constable, and on her operational advice, we will increase the total number of officers by 32 in the annual review of the current workforce mix.

These officers will bolster Wiltshire Police's work in the community, and crime investigation, and are in addition to the Uplift officers who are also coming through the recruitment and training pipeline into our communities, as well as specialist roles and the rural crime team. This will mean Wiltshire Police will better meet the needs of our communities.

The Plan has four priorities:

**PRIORITY 1:** Provide a police service that meets the needs of its community

Due to the government's uplift programme, we now have 150 more officers than two years ago – and the most police officers Wiltshire Police has had in more than a decade. This is alongside a new targeted operational model that places more officers in the neighbourhood teams and in the community.

We also now have two mobile police stations to visit our smaller towns and villages where police stations have been closed and to improve the service we deliver. Wiltshire Police has two more mobile stations in the delivery pipeline and we hope these will be out in our communities soon.



We still have work to do to improve our response to 101 calls but that is a work in progress.



and the Force have significantly stepped-up targeted enforcement and disruption activity to target these offenders involved in gang violence. Following the government's establishment of the Serious Violence Duty, my office has been leading efforts to better coordinate the multi-agency response to knife crime in our communities, through the Community Safety Partnerships in Swindon and Wiltshire and invest the additional funding we have secured to divert those young people most at risk of serious violence and support those affected.



**Op Sceptre:** some of the knives surrendered

## **PRIORITY 2:** Reduce violence and serious crime

Two years ago, the positive outcome rate for rape and serious sexual offences in Wiltshire were some of the worst in the country and less than 2%. The Force's positive outcome rate as of March 2023 is 22.6% which, while still too low, is an improvement I am determined to sustain, and I encourage any victims to please report any crimes to the Police.

The use of illegal substances is a complex and long-term challenge but Wiltshire Police is now the best performing force in the country per head of capita for county line drug disruptions and my office is working closely with partner agencies across the Combating Drugs Partnerships in Wiltshire and Swindon to help those affected by substance abuse by delivering high-quality treatment and recovery, as well as targeting the networks to reduce supply and demand.

There is understandable concern from communities about the rise in knife crime and serious violence, particularly by young people,



## PRIORITY 3: Tackle crimes that matter to local communities

You asked me to focus on road safety, anti-social behaviour, and rural crime.



Wiltshire Police's approach to delivering road safety is a combination of education, effective enforcement, and deterrence.

In 2021, the Force issued a total of **192** enforcement tickets, referrals to court and speed awareness courses. As a result of significant investment, between the 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023, this team undertook enforcement at **220** locations issuing **2,561** speed awareness course tickets, **330** fines and points and **44** court appearances.

A key commitment I made in my plan was to use data from community Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) to better inform and target the police's enforcement activities to areas of greatest risk and I am pleased to confirm that this is now happening.

You can keep up-to-date with where speed enforcement action is happening across our county by visiting my webpage – [Road Safety \(wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](http://wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk).

Tackling anti-social behaviour requires a comprehensive approach with local authorities and other partners, as many of the solutions and interventions are delivered by organisations other than the police. While the overall trend for anti-social behaviour is heading down, I recognise the impact this type of crime can have on individuals and communities, and I am pleased that where hotspots do emerge the police and local authorities are working together to tackle it swiftly.

Significant investment has been Op Galileo, which forms part of Wiltshire Police's Rural Crime strategic plan and is a national campaign which seeks to combat offenders poaching and hare coursing. My office has funded drones and night vision equipment to drive enforcement improvements. As a result, there has been a 55.5% reduction in hare coursing and a 64.3% reduction in poaching crime logs.



## PRIORITY 4: Improving the experience of victims and delivering justice

My office commissions many of the services which support victims and using local funding, as well as money from the Ministry of Justice, we invested £2M in these services in 2022-23.

I chair the Wiltshire Criminal Justice Board which works to coordinate criminal justice services and improvements across the system, working with the Crown Prosecution Service, HM Courts and Tribunal Service, Prison Service, Probation Service, youth justice services, local judiciary, Legal Aid Agency, and the police.

# 2022 – 2023 Police and Crime plan progress update

## Priority one



A police service that  
meets the needs of  
its communities

### Recruitment of Chief Constable

I was delighted to appoint new Chief Constable, Catherine Roper, following a competitive recruitment process in February 2023. Appointing a Chief Constable is one of the most important decisions I will make while in office and I am grateful for the support of my office in bringing the comprehensive recruitment process to a successful conclusion.

We are fortunate to have secured such considerable policing experience and aptitude in Chief Constable Roper. Her focus and commitment to delivering a quality police service for the county's residents was evident and I was particularly heartened to hear the passion she will bring to improving the performance of, and confidence in, Wiltshire Police.





## Uplift achieved

Wiltshire Police successfully increased its full-time equivalent police officer numbers to over 1,165 by March 2023 meeting the Government's national uplift campaign. I have also invested in additional officers and staff to ensure that Wiltshire's residents see an improved and more visible police service.

## Annual drug offences crime volumes

There was a 10% decrease between April 2022 – March 2023 (1,109) and April 2021 – March 2022 (1,205). The national figures for crime disruption activity show Wiltshire Police are the top force in England and Wales for the past two years.

## Mobile police stations

I approved investment for Wiltshire Police to purchase two further mobile police stations that will be active in rural communities and support night-time economy policing operations in our larger communities during certain weekends. They are equipped

and designed to replicate actual police stations, supporting neighbourhood policing officers further in their work protecting our communities.

## HMICFRS vetting and misconduct

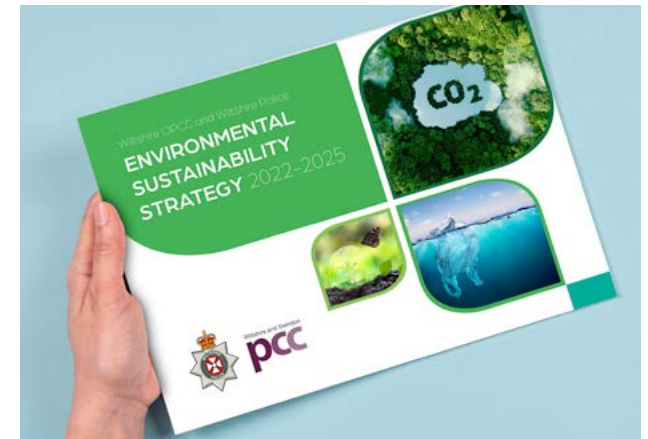
Together with Chief Constable Roper, I have reviewed all local standards and vetting policies to ensure they are fit-for-purpose. A comprehensive review of all existing misconduct cases has been completed by the Force. All Force staff and officers are being checked against national police data bases and I have taken the additional step to include all OPCC staff in this review.

## Police training

My office commissioned an external review of Wiltshire Police training, receiving 80 recommendations for immediate actions to improve training and development for officers and staff. As a result, I approved investment of £1.2m to improve the training estate which includes new facilities and IT equipment, with the aim to significantly enhance the capability and quality of training the Force can deliver for staff.

## Force and OPCC Environmental Sustainability strategy

We are focused on delivering reductions in emissions and reducing our impact on the environment. We have set our objectives inline with key government policies, and we are committing to refining our understanding of our environmental impact as an organisation and across our supply chains. We are working to increase our understanding and systems to monitor, and subsequently reduce our impact across our organisation and workforce.



## Melksham custody refurbishment

I approved a £3.7M investment to fund refurbishment works within the custody suite at Melksham, including mechanical and electrical system upgrades, an improved air lock system, a more secure alarm network and a refresh of the custody desk, offices, and cells. The improvements will also meet Home Office compliance advice, as well as HMICFRS inspection criteria. This in turn will help to improve future Wiltshire Police PEEL reports and overall custody standards.

These works will ensure Wiltshire Police provides modern custodial facilities for improved detainee safety and better evidence collection opportunities to inform investigation and charge outcomes. The design also incorporates important improvements to the way in which detainees with neurodivergent conditions are managed whilst on custody. I am confident that all areas of policing will reap the benefits of this refurbishment project.



## Tidworth police station

The new community police station in Tidworth replaces the town's ageing community centre and the old police stations in Tidworth, which was no longer fit-for-purpose for modern policing. The partnership with Tidworth Town Council is enabling the construction of a new police station, with an investment of £2M from the OPCC, with a better facility for people living in the local community, which will be more accessible and will create a better working environment for our officers and staff.



## Southern policing hub

I am committed to a Safer South Wiltshire and have listened to residents' concerns, alongside the operational advice from Wiltshire Police. A public consultation event was held at Salisbury Guildhall 31 October, which more than 100 people attended in person. It is a key part of my Police and Crime Plan – and a core component of my Estate Strategy- to have major policing hubs to cover the north of the county, which is Gablecross in Swindon, and one in the south, in the Salisbury area. We have proceeded to explore several options for possible locations – and finances allocated within the Medium-Term Financial Strategy for investment.

## Scrutiny panels

These panels are made up of local volunteers from a diverse range of backgrounds and experience. They meet regularly to review body worn video footage of the use of force and stop and search, and to monitor the use of Out of Court Resolutions by the police. The panel offers a public perception of policing, which is shared directly with officers, providing organisational learning and helping to improve procedural justice.



# Priority two



prosecution of rape and serious sexual assault. In March 2022 the Home Office announced Wiltshire Police would be included in phase two of Op Soteria, alongside Dorset and Hampshire forces. Op Soteria ensures every police force is focused - not only to improve the service victims receive - but to ensure everyone in the criminal justice system is working to improve charge rates and convictions, which have been appallingly low. These principles are perfectly aligned with the priorities within my police and crime plan.

## Serious Violence

Tackling knife crime and serious violence is a key priority for Wiltshire Police, and they have undertaken significant enforcement activity across response to community concerns. The police approach is always intelligence led, and operations have been focused on high-harm causers – those individuals known to be part of gangs and most at risk of being engaged in serious violence or carrying bladed weapons.

Following the establishment of the Serious Violence Duty by the government in January 2023 my office has been leading the coordination of partner agencies from across policing, health, local government, justice and education to work with the community to tackle the root cause of knife crime. The OPCC has funded a number

## Reduce violence and serious harm

### Op Soteria

Part of the government's Rape Review, Operation Soteria is a Home Office-funded research and change programme which has developed a new national operating model for the investigation and



of interventions and diversionary activities in partnership with other agencies to reduce young people's interaction with the criminal justice system.



These include 'PL Kicks' – a scheme run by Swindon Town FC Community Foundation in conjunction with the Premier League which uses football to engage young people between 8-18 years of age. It was set up in 2006 as a way of using football to engage young people and to try and tackle issues such as anti-social behaviour, youth violence and to improve community safety. The areas where the scheme is being delivered has seen an increase sports participation and a reduction in anti-social behaviour.

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One of my friends told me about Foundation park on Fridays. Then Miss (his teacher) said that you could come every Friday. I told all my friends and I've been here for a year or two and it's a very good experience. I play with some of the olders as well and it's beautiful.

**Joseph**  
PL Kicks Youth Member

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I found out about PL Kicks after they posted an advert at New College. I made a few friends and now I come every Friday. Without those Friday sessions, I'd probably be at home playing video games or on the street doing something worse.

Honestly, it's amazing because you get your legs warm and your heart pumping – you feel alive.

**Lenon**  
PL Kicks Youth Member

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The OPCC has also provided funding to support the mobilisation of the nationally recognised 'Focussed Deterrence' model, which involves police officers working with Swindon Youth Justice Service in a multi-agency team to deliver engagement and enforcement interventions for those young people who are the greatest risk of committing serious offences. Street Doctors and the Blunt Truth are examples of educational interventions the OPCC are also funding with the Youth Justice Service to deliver emergency first aid training sessions which empower young people affected by violence to keep themselves and others safe.

## Op Sceptre

In addition to these proactive operations and interventions, Wiltshire Police also undertake extensive community engagement, primarily through schools, as part of the national operation to reduce knife crime, Operation Sceptre. This involves the police conducting test purchase operations to ensure young people are not able to buy knives illegally, undertaking knife sweeps within the local community to recover discarded weapons



and placing amnesty bins in community locations to encourage the safe disposal of these weapons – since 2018 this has resulted in the removal of over 1,200 knives and blades from our streets.

## Op Scorpion

Together with fellow Police and Crime Commissioners, and their respective Forces across the south west, we have collaborated on Op Scorpion to disrupt drug dealing, and associated crime, in our communities. Tackling drug-related crime, rooting out dealers and disrupting supplies of drugs onto Wiltshire's streets has been the direct result of a regional, co-ordinated, campaign led by the south west region's five Police and Crime Commissioners. Outcomes from the campaign are detailed on page 20.



## Safety at Night Charter

My office launched the Safety at Night Charter across Swindon and Wiltshire in 2022 which is aimed at supporting local businesses across the night-time economy to reduce violence and help the public feel safer when out at night. Aimed at pubs, bars, restaurants as well as leisure and event venues and transport providers, the charter provides practical advice and guidance for businesses and their staff on establishing and maintain a safe space for everyone, but with a focus on women and girls as we know from our own survey that they are often disproportionately affected by crimes in these venues. More than 150 organisations have signed up across Wiltshire and Swindon

and this has been supported by proactive, high-visibility, policing operations, targeted in hotspots areas to tackle violence in the night-time economy and provide reassurance to the public.

## Support for victims

Almost £900,000 of funding for victims in 2022-23 was utilised in the support of victims of sexual harm and domestic abuse across Wiltshire and Swindon with more than 4,000 victims of domestic abuse being supported by specialist services and 1,700 victims of sexual violence receiving dedicated support. During the year I worked with Wiltshire Council to recommission the domestic abuse service with increased referrals available to victims, and the provision of mental health support and a specialist team to support moving people into refuge accommodation. My office also worked with NHS England to recommission therapeutic interventions to support victims of child abuse.

## FearFree

FearFree is an organisation working to break the cycle of domestic abuse and sexual violence. It brings together services for victims of Domestic Abuse and their families, providing a full range of services with a single, easy to use access point.



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I've had the pleasure of working with several Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs) over the last two years and they have all been extremely kind. As well as regularly checking in with me and keeping me updated, they helped my confidence grow.

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An in-person group full of wonderful facilitators and participants. The group captured a lot of what we experience on the other side of trauma and used that knowledge to help us pursue our personal growth. The group was also done in a safe and calming environment. The facilitators were kind and knowledgeable and always available to listen.

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Their professional, fully trained and hugely caring teams work across communities in the South West, providing personalised support services to help victims change or move on from abusive relationships, supporting people who have experienced sexual violence or stalking, supporting children and young people affected by abuse to move on with their lives and running voluntary programmes for perpetrators to help them change their behaviour.



## Domestic abuse perpetrator programme

Through a progressive partnership approach between my office and the Probation Service we have launched a domestic abuse perpetrator programme delivered by the Integrated Offender Management Team within Wiltshire Police to comprehensively monitor 64 high-risk offenders in the community and custody and deliver behavioural change interventions designed to reduce their likelihood of reoffending.

## Sexual Assault Referral Clinic (SARC)

This service offers immediate support to victims of recent or non-recent rape or sexual assault, offering confidential, practical and emotional support from a team of specialist staff. I was pleased that my office and NHS Southwest were awarded the “Best Procurement Delivery Award” for the recommissioning of this service in October 2022, following the launch of the new contract as it demonstrated our commitment to the quality of this service for victims and the importance of the support provided through every step of the process.

## Sounds Like Women

Sounds Like Women is an organisation raising awareness about the most pressing issues for women, girls, their families and communities, including domestic abuse. The group's mission is to empower through music and a range of music services and community activities.



“

As a survivor of domestic abuse, I found the group when I was a shadow of my former self. I went along to the musical workshops, where through various exercises it helped me to find my voice... quite literally! Now I have the confidence speaking out something I wouldn't say before!

”

“

I was so very quiet and very withdrawn and I started doing the workshops. It was once a week and over a period of time, it gradually brought out the real me that was hiding inside, the one that had been scared away. And it literally, though music therapy, bought my voice back.

”

## Starting Point mentoring pilot

My office has funded a pilot with Swindon Borough Council to deliver mentoring to 20 young people most at risk of entering the criminal justice system or being exploited through involvement in gang crime. This is focused particularly at those children attending EOTAS (Education Other Than at School) and I will fund a similar pilot in Wiltshire in 2023-24.



## Operation Cavell

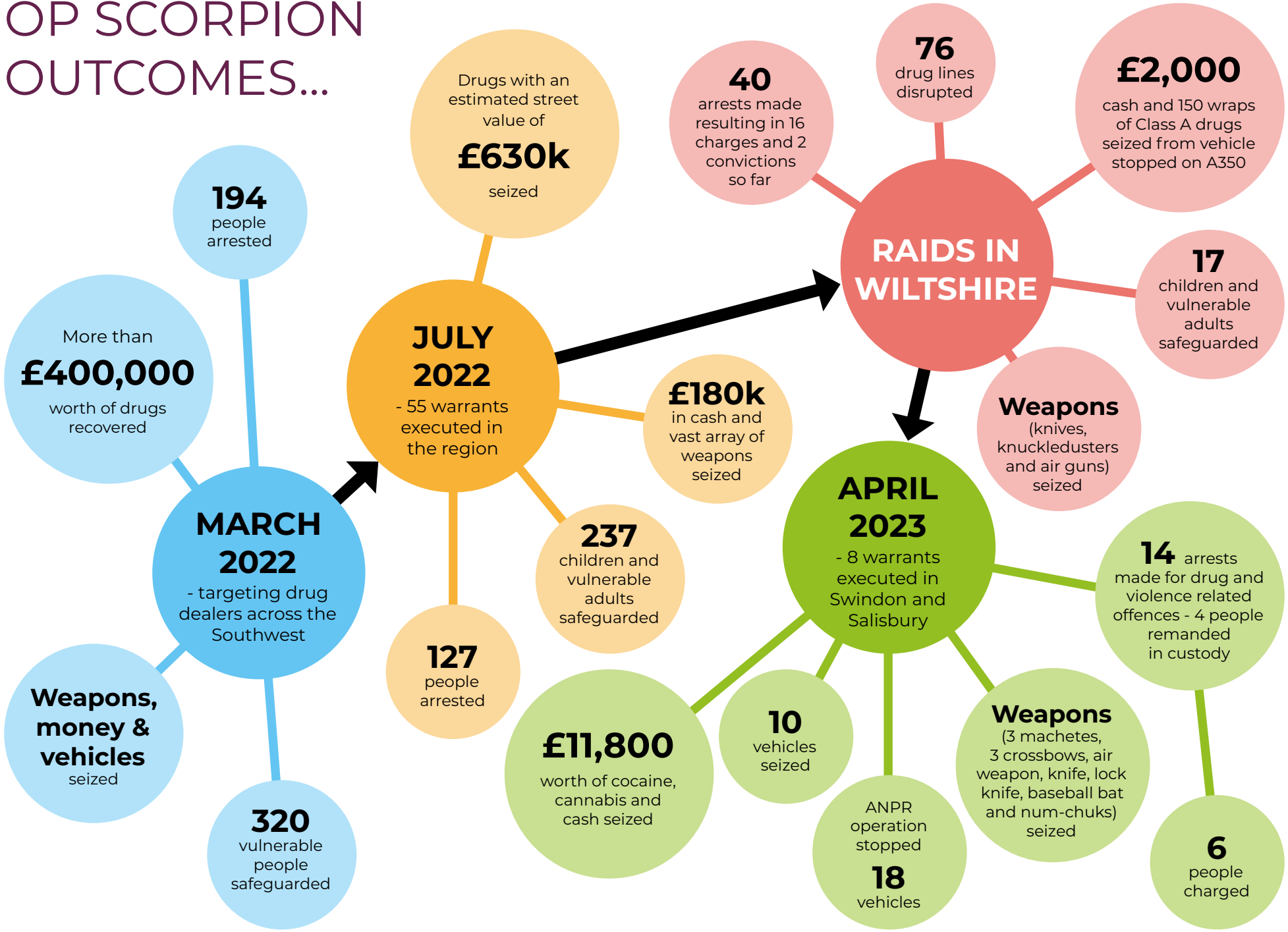
Together with Wiltshire Police, I joined partners across the southwest to support Operation Cavell which is a campaign to tackle rising assaults against emergency responders and increasing support for all emergency workers to secure convictions for offenders.

“

I went to join in some Sounds Like Women workshops with a group of women who had all suffered due to domestic abuse. We had so much fun and laughed, sung and recorded a song together! I can't recommend Sounds Like Women enough for healing and empowerment!

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# OP SCORPION OUTCOMES...



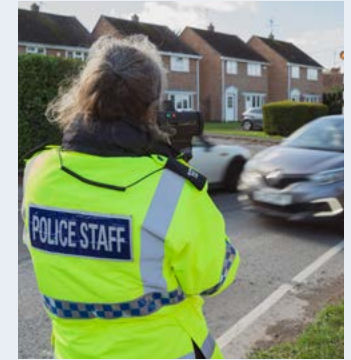
# Priority three



Tackle crimes that matter most to local communities

## Road Safety

I promised to improve road safety and make better use of intelligence data. My office has led increased road safety focus, including collaboration with all partner agencies to improve co-ordinated outcomes. Three new Traffic Enforcement Officers have been employed; as well as state-of-the-art equipment, three new Road Safety Officers and associated cars, two administrators to process speeding tickets increasing focus on road safety and supporting Community SpeedWatch activities.



Between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023 the team undertook enforcement at 220 locations, resulting in:

**2,561**

speed awareness  
course tickets

**330**

finest and points

**44**

court appearances

I said we would use data from Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) across Wiltshire and Swindon to inform Force deployment of enforcement activities in my Police and Crime Plan - and we have. A pilot has



been successfully undertaken from January to June 2023 to gather data from 20 SIDs for use by Wiltshire Police. The monthly data was extracted by volunteers over a period of five months. This data has been sent to Wiltshire Police and imported into their computer system.



The data has been used to assess average and maximum average speeds on an hourly / daily / weekly, and monthly basis, at all locations covered by the SIDs. The Force uses this data, together with other sources of intelligence, to make speed enforcement decisions. This has now been rolled out to all SIDs across Wiltshire and Swindon, with 60 SIDs registered and submitting data.

Wiltshire Police have joined the Department for Transport campaign and are using positive drug wipe data to enhance intelligence and to improve road safety.



### Community Speed Watch

The Community Speed Watch scheme, which is run by volunteers across the county, encourages local people to address speeding in their communities. The volunteers work closely with Community Policing Teams, supported by the Special Constabulary Roads Policing Unit. All volunteers are trained by Traffic Management Policing Officers to monitor traffic speed and must comply with a code of practice.

“ We are absolutely delighted with the investment in more Speed Enforcement and Road Safety Officers and all of the visible speed enforcement they have undertaken in our village. This makes our Community Speed Watch volunteers and residents feel supported, and we know that improving Road Safety is a major priority. It is great to see that things are really being done to make our roads safer. ”





“ Over the past year our Community Speed Watch Team has really appreciated the support from the Speed Enforcement Team (special thanks to Speed Enforcement Officers Jack, Debbi and Scott). Our records indicate that the combined roadside presence has significantly contributed to the speed awareness and a reduction in the number of speeding vehicles. Thank you. ”

### Anti-social behaviour

This is not a low-level crime – it can be devastating for those who become victim to it, and it can be a precursor to more serious crime. I am determined that Wiltshire Police tackle it, working jointly with local authorities and other partners to respond robustly and comprehensively to issues where they arise.

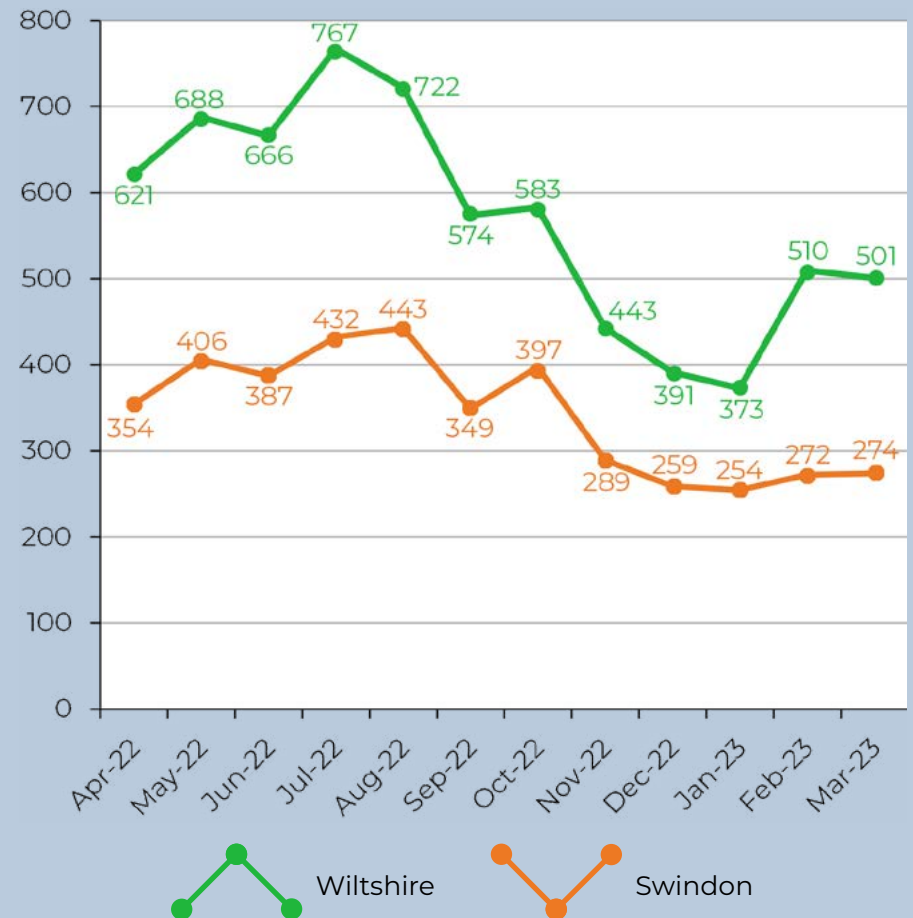


In the last year, Wiltshire Police has worked with Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough to utilise the range of powers available to address anti-social behaviour and reduce its impact on the community. This has included the use of public space protection orders, dispersal orders in areas of concern, injunctions on individuals and closure orders on properties where such behaviour has caused significant distress to local

residents. The Force have also undertaken high-visibility patrols in hotspots identified by the community and targeted enforcement at those individuals perpetrating this sort of crime.

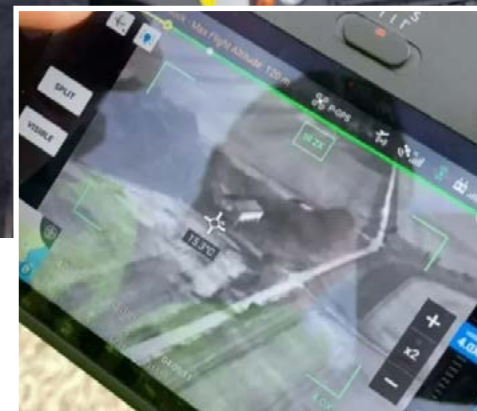
My office has worked with partners across the Community Safety Partnerships in Wiltshire and Swindon to develop an ASB toolkit which helps the public access the support they need and sign post to the right agency which can deal with any issues they are experiencing. Whilst I am pleased to see a drop in incidents of anti-social behaviour in the last year of 27% in Wiltshire and 32% in Swindon, there remains more to do, and I will continue to focus on this issue as residents have told me how important it is to them.

### ASB incidents in Wiltshire and Swindon April 2022 - March 2023



## Safer streets fund

My office worked with Swindon Borough Council and Wiltshire Council to successfully secure over £0.5M through the government's Safer Streets Fund to deliver projects designed to combat acquisitive, anti-social behaviour and tackle violence against women and girls. The range of interventions delivered included targeted youth work with young people in deprived areas, establishment of pop-up youth cafes, procurement of a mobile CCTV unit and installation of CCTV in hot spot areas, prevention work with schools and parents, provision of taxi marshals in Swindon to help increase safety for those out socialising at weekends.



## Rural crime

I know how important tackling rural crime is, so I have invested in the Rural crime team with the uplift of three staff, doubling the size of team and purchasing a new pursuit and off-road vehicle. I have supported visible operations and work with Rural Crime Partnership to improve confidence in our rural communities.

## PCC community action fund

This year I relaunched my Community Action Fund which offers grants up to £5,000 to local organisations and charities to support delivery of activities which align with the priorities set out in my Police and Crime Plan. Working closely in partnership with the Wiltshire Community Foundation, we have redesigned the application process to make it even more accessible for smaller group and enable multiple opportunities to apply throughout the year. Funded by proceeds from the Police Property Act, the pot of money available has come from auctioning any unclaimed property that has been recovered following a crime.

## Priority four



### Supporting victims

During 2022-23 across Wiltshire and Swindon, I dedicated more than £500,000 in addition to national funding of more than £1M to support victims of crime, resulting in over 24,000

victims being assisted with a range of specialist and practical support depending on their needs.



### Horizon

At the centre of Wiltshire and Swindon's model of support services is Horizon Victim and Witness Care, which provide support to all victims of crime. The team is funded by the OPCC and during this year I have supported the development and extension of the new advocate role which is aimed at enhancing the support and guidance available to particularly vulnerable victims.



Improve the experience of victims and deliver justice

## Restorative justice

Restorative Together is a service provided by Horizon which brings those harmed by crime or conflict together with those responsible. This service offers victims of crime a level of resolution and possible closure and can help the harmer recognise and understand how their behaviour affects others. The Restorative Justice facilitators are all volunteers who are highly trained to work with those harmed, and their harmers, to help all parties move on in a positive way. I was delighted that Wiltshire's Restorative Justice volunteers won the Citizens in Policing 'Police Support Volunteer Team of Year' at the South West regional awards - this particularly recognised the dedication and skills they have to make this vital programme a success.



## Mental health triage

This year my office has recommissioned the mental health triage service, working with partners in Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Trust and the Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board. The service provides a dedicated clinical mental health professional 24/7 located in the Force control room to assist police with incidents where the mental ill health of an individual gives rise to concern.



## Custody healthcare

During the year my office worked with colleagues from police forces across the south west to commission a new regional custody healthcare contract. Worth £8M, over ten years, this contract provides professional health services to detainees while in custody delivered by qualified medical professionals, ensuring high standards and quality of care and support throughout the custody process. This contract went live in Wiltshire Police in October 2022.

## Reducing re-offending

My office commissions a range of services aimed at reducing reoffending by providing appropriate help, rehabilitation, and support services for offenders.

In the last year the OPCC has worked with NHS England to recommission the mental health treatment requirement service which provide individuals with complex mental health needs with specialist support through community sentencing.

We have also worked in partnership with our local authority colleagues to recommission substance misuse contracts in both Swindon and Wiltshire. These services provide drug and alcohol treatment pathways through out-of-court resolutions and court



orders for offenders, delivering alcohol treatment and drug rehabilitation requirements. These contracts include hubs across the force area as well as outreach services into custody where dedicated staff work alongside the police to engage and support offenders to tackle substance misuse.

In addition to these specialist services, the OPCC commissions a range of out-of-court resolutions. These are a means of dealing with



less serious offending, which do not need prosecution at court and can be dealt with quickly and more effectively through alternative means. My office funds an interventions hub hosted online which provides 35 e-learning interventions targeted at common low-level offences or at specific offender groups such as vulnerable females.



An external review of the **Wessex Criminal Justice system**, which identified case supervision, training, police / CPS (Crown Prosecution Service) relationships, initial response, and processes as areas to improve. The significant improvement in DA (Domestic Abuse) 1st hearings from 79 days (May 21) to 22 day (May 22). Now, includes a 33% decrease in the average days from police referring a case to the CPS and the CPS authorising a charge, March 23. Alongside 7% (65) growth in investigations where an offender was issued with a charge outcome: victim-based offences.

# Listening to you

Hearing your feedback and your experiences of the service you have received from Wiltshire Police is vital and helps me to scrutinise and challenge the policing service being delivered with the Chief Constable, and her leadership team.



As part of this, gathering feedback from our communities either I, or a member of my Office, has attended 15 Area Boards across Wiltshire between April 2022 and March 2023. We were also present at 12 Parish Council meetings and seven town council meetings. I have also been responsible for providing regular updates to both local authority council leaders and providing briefs and updates for all councillors across Wiltshire and Swindon.

We use these community-based meetings to gather feedback and hear how communities feel about the policing service but also to update on issues important to local communities, often with our policing colleagues so we can provide the fullest picture possible.

All information received is used to build improvements into the Force, where appropriate, or to provide community intelligence which can be used to inform local policing priorities.

Talking and listening to residents – and key communities – remains an area where we are dedicating time and resource to ensure I can faithfully represent the views of communities within policing.

My office and I have been out at 34 public consultation sessions across the county – including at high-footfall areas such as shopping

## Public engagement

Between April 2022 and March 2023 either I, or a member of my office attended...



12

Parish Council meetings

7

Town Council meetings

34

Public consultations

15

Area boards

57

Public engagements

# Digital engagement

March 2022 - 2023



centres, schools, and community centres, libraries and in under-represented communities.

We also actively engage with our communities digitally across social media channels where I, or my office, have a presence on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube and X (formally Twitter).

Between March 2022 and 2023, we have published 928 posts, delivered 812k impressions (the number of times it was displayed in a content feed), to 318k users, with a 6.7% engagement rate. We consistently benchmark our engagement rates against industry standards for local government.

We use our public sector website to its full potential, ensuring accessibility best practice and engaging with new and returning visitors. This has resulted in nearly 44,000 page views. The website is optimised for all devices and, along with our social media activity, we track its performance and make improvements where needed.\*

As well as attending 57 public engagements across the county, and representing the role of PCC and my office, I also hold regular bi-monthly surgeries with all local Members of Parliament and ensure any issues raised with them by their electorate are dealt with, and action taken where necessary and appropriate.

Alongside this, the work of the Force and how my office scrutinises, challenges and supports the performance of Wiltshire Police, was looked at in great detail across six Wiltshire and Swindon Police and Crime Panel meetings.

During the same time period, my office has continued to ask for residents' views and feedback in a more formal way. These include engaging with young people, with communities and with victims of crime:

- **Youth Commission:** The commission is now in its second year and enables young people aged between 14 and 25 to support, challenge and inform the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon. Young people can gain new knowledge, skills, and experiences, and have their say on crime and policing issues that matter most to them and their peers. The Youth Commission published its report earlier this year, and I hosted the 'Big Conversation' conference in January 2023 alongside police and partner agencies to hear directly from the youth commissioners on their findings.
- **Safer Nights Survey:** 2,800 residents responded to the survey sharing how safe they feel at night, and what could be done to ensure they feel safer. The results shaped the Safety at Night Charter and informed funding bids from the OPCC, and partners, for safer streets funding. Projects now being delivered include more street lighting, extra CCTV and a network of business signing up across Wiltshire and Swindon.
- **Victims Voice - satisfaction survey:** The OPCC coordinate the victims survey to ensure Wiltshire Police are meeting the needs of our victims. This survey aims to gain insight from a greater number of victims and use their experiences to help shape and improve services and the way the police engage and support victims through the criminal justice process.

\*Analytics provided by Hootsuite.



# His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services Inspections

In 2022, His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services Inspection (HMICFRS) conducted an inspection of Wiltshire Police in line with their programme of scrutiny. Its report, 'Police Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy' (PEEL), in July 2022, graded Wiltshire Police as 'inadequate' in the ability to respond to the public, protect vulnerable people and strategic planning.



All other areas of assessment were graded as requires improvement, including how Wiltshire Police support victims and protect vulnerable people. Due to this inspection Wiltshire Police were placed into 'ENGAGE' status, where additional support and oversight are put in place by the inspectorate.

The Inspectorate's report was a sobering read and is highly disappointing especially when I know we have many dedicated officers and staff working hard to deliver a quality policing service. However, the inspection report was consistent with my own assessment and what I was hearing from residents, of Wiltshire Police's ability to deliver and performance, and I provided substantial public comment at the time.





My aim, alongside Chief Constable Roper, is for Wiltshire Police to provide a quality, effective, frontline policing service which prioritises those crimes which matter most to communities. These are priorities I have set in my Police and Crime Plan and I expect to see a tangible change that will improve, and enhance, the service that Wiltshire's residents get from their police service.

During 2022/23 there has been a significant refocusing of effort to improve policing services and this information is set out in detail on Wiltshire Police's website.

My role as PCC is to scrutinise, challenge and support the Chief Constable and ensure that these improvements are delivered. I have put in place a comprehensive approach to ensure this happens and the public are updated on progress, this includes:

- Weekly briefings from the Chief Constable and on key issues, where I review actions to improve Police deliver and impact for our communities
- Two monthly meetings formally reviewing Force performance and progress against my Police and Crime Plan and the HMICFRS PEEL areas
- Regular public reports to Police and Crime Panel on my assessment of the Force's PEEL progress

- Continual monitoring of Force internal delivery mechanisms and the arrangements in place to deliver the improvements required by HMICFRS and the OPCC
- Regular engagement with the HMICFRS representatives and Inspectors
- Programme of in-person visits by PCC, and OPCC senior staff, to Police services across Wiltshire and Swindon, meeting Police Officers and Police Staff to listen to issues, measure performance progress and recognise achievements.
- Feedback to communities on Force performance through quarterly performance updates, media releases and personal updates to community groups.

This work will continue through 2023/24 where Chief Constable Roper and I will continue to deliver improvements and engage with the HMICFRS, College of Policing and the Home Office to demonstrate both service, and performance, improvements.

Wiltshire Police will be reinspected in 2023/24 and I will continue to monitor Wiltshire Police's progress. I continue to have confidence that Chief Constable Roper is delivering the changes required.

Specific departments within Wiltshire Police have also been inspected. These were consistent with the work identified in the PEEL inspection and incorporated into these improvements.

More details of specific police inspections and national thematic inspections can be found at [His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services - His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services \(justiceinspectorates.gov.uk\)](https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/)





# Finance and accountability

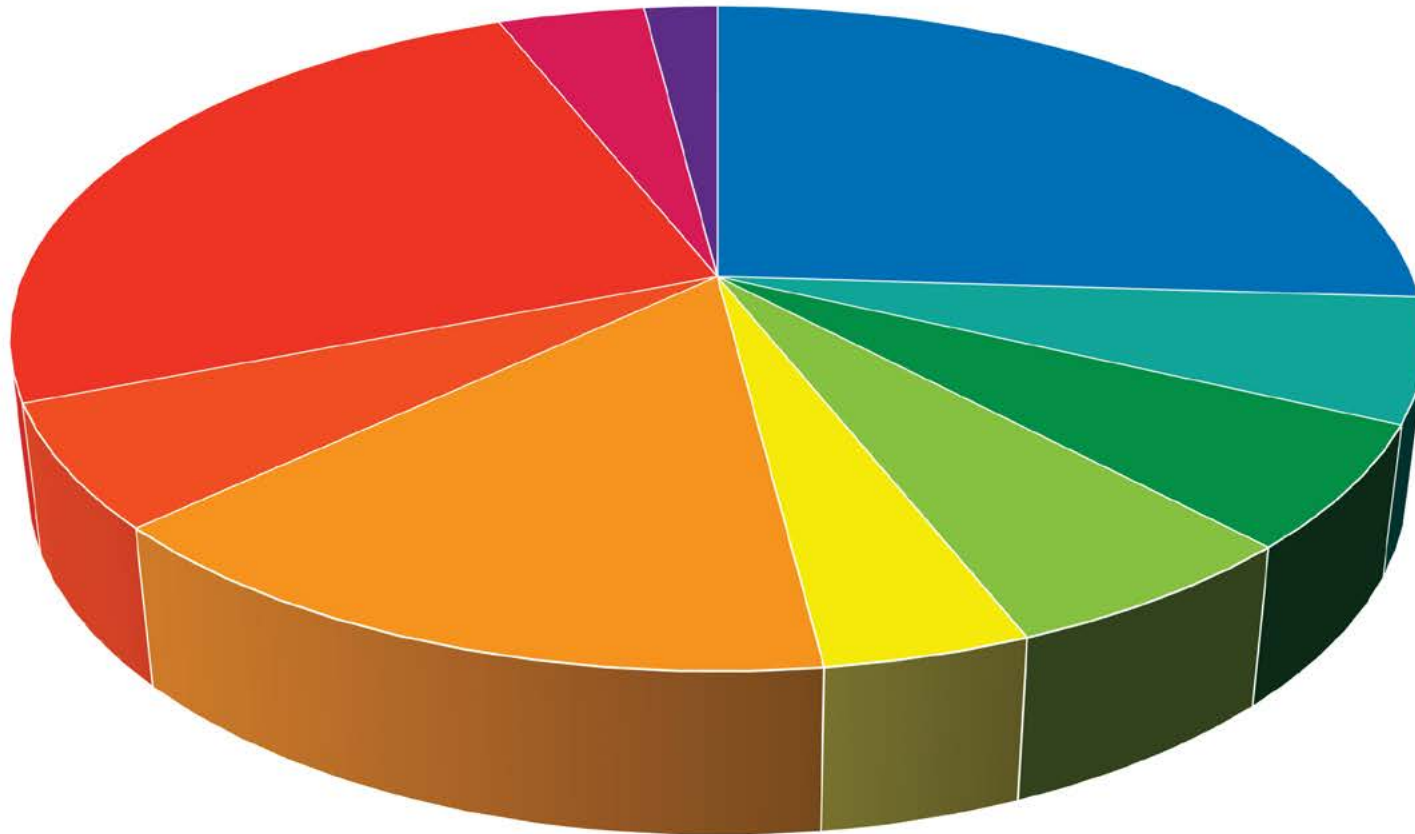
## Summary of Financial Performance

My policing and office budget is as follows:

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
	£m	£m	£m
OPCC office costs and external funding	3.268	5.171	5.451
Capital contribution	2.329	2.857	2.912
Enabling services allocation	27.683	32.224	34.825
Chief Constable allocation	100.747	100.144	103.345
<b>Cost of service</b>	<b>134.027</b>	<b>140.396</b>	<b>146.534</b>

<b>Financed by</b>			
Police grant	67.709	70.428	70.657
Legacy council tax grants	5.235	5.235	5.235
Precept	61.004	64.359	69.428
Surplus on collection fund	0.000	0.295	0.714
Investment income	0.079	0.079	0.500
<b>Total income</b>	<b>134.027</b>	<b>140.396</b>	<b>146.534</b>

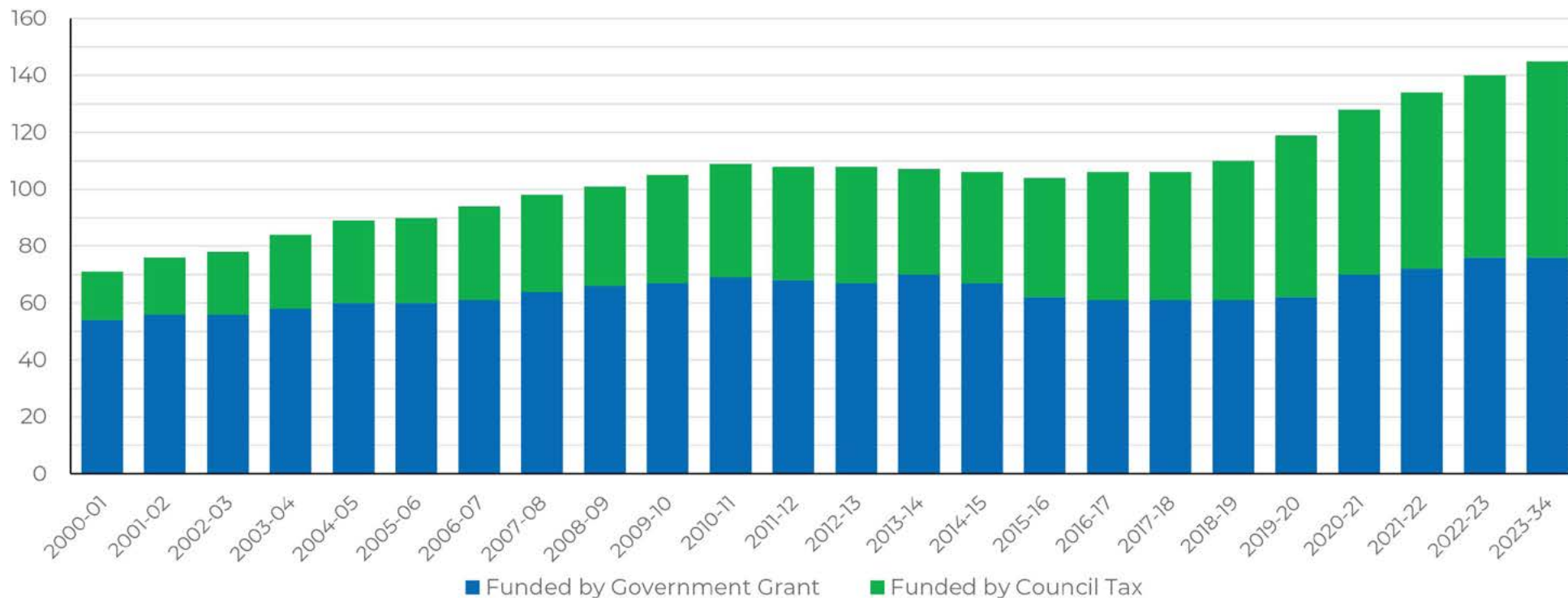
## Actual spend



- Local policing: **26%** (28% 21/22)
- Dealing with the public: **6%** (8% 21/22)
- Criminal justice arrangements: **6%** (6% 21/22)
- Specialist operations: **6%** (4% 21/22)
- Intelligence: **4%** (4% 21/22)
- Investigations: **15%** (15% 21/22)
- Public protection: **6%** (5% 21/22)
- National policing: **0%** (1% 21/22)
- Support including ACPO: **25%** (24% 21/22)
- PCC including commissioning: **4%** (3% 21/22)
- Central costs including reserves/capital: **2%** (4% 21/22)

## Funding allocation

Central funding versus local funding graph 2000/01 to 2023/24



## How the money was spent

### Community Safety Fund 2022/23

The community safety fund is money I allocate to support the delivery of my Police and Crime Plan priorities. The fund supports collaborative arrangements with local authorities, third sector providers and Wiltshire Police.

### Victims Fund 2022/23

This is a specific allocation by the Ministry of Justice for victim services and restorative justice services. In 2022-23, the amount provided to me was £916,371 and this enables the commissioning of services to improve support for victims. The Ministry of Justice also

awarded funding of £494,429 specifically for services supporting victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence.

### Police Property Act Fund

This fund manages money raised through the sale of lost property and is awarded to community and voluntary groups to support the delivery of my Police and Crime Plan through the PCC's Community Action Fund. This year I relaunched this fund to offer grants up to £5,000 to local organisations and charities to support delivery of activities which align with the priorities set out in my Police and Crime Plan. Working closely in partnership with the Wiltshire Community Foundation, we have redesigned the application process to make it even more accessible for smaller group and enable multiple opportunities to apply throughout the year.

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# Making Wiltshire Safer



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We want to hear from rural residents across the South of Wiltshire about their experience of crime.  
Tell us your experience  
the survey

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## **Local Nature Recovery Strategy Public Engagement**

This regions Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) will be a single LNRS for the Wiltshire and Swindon Council areas, and Wiltshire Council is responsible for producing it. Wiltshire Council want this strategy to reflect the priorities of the people of Wiltshire and are keen to engage with as many interested parties as possible.

Between May and August, public engagement events will be held across Wiltshire to identify and discuss where the best opportunities are for nature recovery. We will be widely announcing the dates and locations of workshops nearer the time but want Area boards to be aware of this upcoming opportunity to be a part of the LNRS Process, and have your local knowledge included.

Video - link below

[Local Nature Recovery Strategies \(youtube.com\)](#)

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WILTSHIRE POLICE



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# Community Report

Warminster Westbury Mere and Tisbury Neighbourhood Policing Team  
February 2024



Agenda Item 6.

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# Neighbourhood policing team

**Inspector:** Insp Louise Oakley

**Neighbourhood Sergeant:** Sgt Vicky Howick

**Neighbourhood Officers:**

PC John Pagan

PC – Vacant post- gone out to advert closing date 9<sup>th</sup> Feb

**PCSOs:**

Roland Revers - Westbury Town

Alice Moore – Westbury Rural

# Community Commitment

## WHAT? (What is the situation?)

- The **Community Commitment** is a contract between our NPTs and their communities, laying out clearly what service can be expected regarding their engagement at a local level, and how it will be delivered
- This document has been developed by Corporate Comms and Engagement and Local Policing. Consultation has taken place with C/Insp, IAG Chairs, Public Service Board & Public Contact, Engagement and Neighbourhood Policing Board (PCENP)
- Within the Community Commitment, NPTs will commit to activity under 5 key themes:
  - ✓ **Engaging regularly with communities by holding face to face events**
  - ✓ **Engage regularly through online channels**
  - ✓ **Publish information about their local team, local priorities and update on activity**
  - ✓ **Consult and engage with communities on key decisions**
  - ✓ **Increase and broaden their engagement across need to reach communities**
- **Prior to public launch**, the Community Commitments were cascaded in to NPTs through local engagement with Inspectors and Chief Inspectors to ensure understanding of expectations for delivery.
- **The Community Commitments** were launched on Monday 8 January in line with the TOM1 launch.

## SO WHAT? (What is happening?)

**WILTSHIRE POLICE COMMUNITY COMMITMENT**

**Our mission: Keeping Wiltshire Safe**

**Our priorities:**

- Safer public spaces
- Violence
- Burglary

Neighbourhood Policing Teams will:

**ENGAGE REGULARLY WITH COMMUNITIES BY HOLDING FACE TO FACE EVENTS**

- We will hold at least one public meeting / surgery per month, giving you a chance to meet your local team and find out more information on local policing priorities, crime stats and engagement opportunities.
- We will advertise our public meetings and surgeries on the **Your Area** section of the Wiltshire Police website, on local Neighbourhood Policing Team social media channels and Community Messaging.
- Every engagement opportunity will be recorded so we can ensure we are meeting our commitment to you.
- We will hold regular face to face meetings and events with a wide range of community groups such as businesses, faith groups, youth groups and residents' associations.
- We will bring policing out to your community, through the proactive use of the Neighbourhood Engagement Vehicles.

**ENGAGE REGULARLY THROUGH ONLINE CHANNELS**

- We will actively use local Neighbourhood Policing Team social media channels to engage with our communities.
- Every Neighbourhood Policing Team will host quarterly Facebook Live events.
- We will exchange information with those signed up to our Community Messaging alert system via email, text or phone and continue to promote this free service to new members.

**LOCAL PRIORITIES**

Neighbourhood Policing in Police websites if the Wiltshire Police consult you when we are to help

At least once a week, responding to local policing issues and concerns

- We will publish local policing updates, whenever possible, in community magazines / newsletters or bulletins.

**CONSULT AND ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITIES ON KEY DECISIONS**

- We will ask the public to take part in questionnaires and surveys to build information and improve our policing service.
- We will provide visibility at Parish Council meetings and, in the absence of physical attendance, will provide a written update. We will also support a programme of additional meeting attendance through Area Boards or Community Safety Groups.
- We will action feedback, concerns or complaints – and tell you what action has been taken. If we cannot help, we will help signpost the public to who can.
- We will work closely with our partners, such as local authorities and parish and town councils, and community representatives i.e. businesses, faith groups, schools to tackle community issues.
- We will work closely alongside local watch schemes to enable strong partnerships between the police and communities.
- We will consult regularly with our Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs) to ensure they have a voice as a critical friend to help shape our policing service.

**INCREASE AND BROADEN OUR ENGAGEMENT ACROSS NEED TO REACH COMMUNITIES**

- We will build Community Beat Profiles for each of our Neighbourhood Policing Team to help us better understand the specific communities within our local areas.
- We will engage with specific community groups and those living and working in particular geographical areas about those issues that are important or impacts most upon them.
- We will work with young people and our partners in education settings to help improve safety, reduce reoffending and, along with relevant other agencies, offer support to those who need it.

**Our Community Commitments**

Our Neighbourhood Policing Teams will:

- Engage regularly with communities by holding face-to-face events
- Engage regularly through online channels
- Publish information on your local team, local priorities and update on activity
- Consult and engage with communities on key decisions
- Increase and broaden our engagement across need to reach communities

Download a PDF Copy of Our Community Commitments

**Engaging with our Communities**

A cornerstone of British policing is the ethos of 'policing for consent'. In order to maintain legitimacy and an ability to police by consent, it is vital that the public support policing at every level. To achieve this there must be a working trust and confidence in policing and this can only be built and sustained through engaging with the public.

Engagement with the public has never been more important than it is now. There are high expectations of public services, alongside low trust and confidence within some communities. In addition, newer ways of communicating mean that expectations are higher in terms of speed, ease and enhanced access for information.

We recognise that it is only through working together with our communities, and by encouraging their active engagement, that we can help deliver a service that meets the needs of our people.

**Our Community Engagement Strategy 2022-2025**

**Our Community Engagement Delivery Plan 2022-2024**

Find out what's going on in your area

Career and volunteering opportunities

Representing our communities

Join an Independent Advisory Group

**Our Community Commitments**

**WILTSHIRE POLICE**

Report Tell us about Apply or register Request Thanks and complaints

**What's happening in your area?**

Find your local officer, get the latest crime statistics and advice, help us respond for information and find out what we're doing to tackle crime in your area.

Find your area

Careers

My highlights update to the Police and Crime Commissioner

Local Policing in Wiltshire

# Public Engagement – Activities and Resources

**CPT to NPT** – All localised Facebook pages now reaffirmed with updated wording. Your Area pages now starting to show changes as requested to the national Single Online Home team.

**Facebook Live events** – Chippenham NPT (10 January) and the Chief's Live event (22 January) reaffirming the Community Commitments across the Force and updating the public on the Force's plan for the new year. Facebook Lives across NPTs to be held quarterly.

**Neighbourhood Policing Week (22-26 January)** – Your Area and localised NPT Facebook pages updated with all events taking place and NPTs **required** to update their events on social media. Week's campaign is to focus on and celebrate:

- Early intervention and dealing with ASB
- Problem-solving policing (use of POP plans)
- Improving trust and confidence through neighbourhood policing alongside our partners



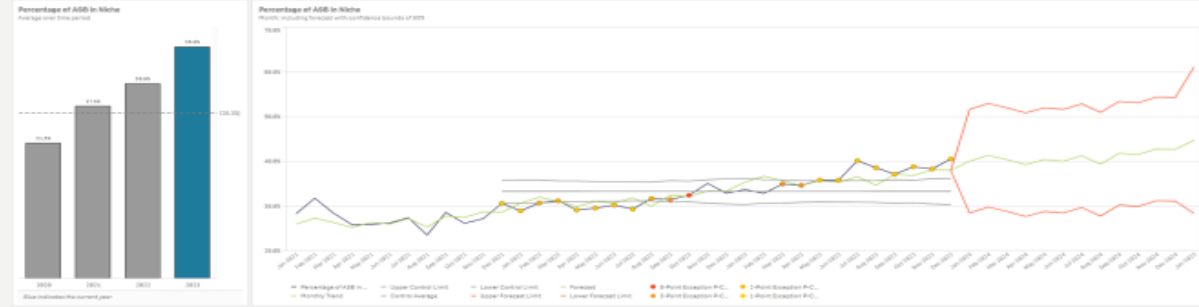
# Neighbourhood Engagement Register – Visits Made (January 2024 Update)

NPT AREA	School Visits	Drop In Sessions	Local Authority Meetings	Community Events Fetes, Carnivals, Protests	Military Engagement	Places of Worship Meetings	General Public Engagement – relating to crime and meetings not categorised	TOTAL TO DATE (in brackets = MoM growth)
WARMINSTER/ WESTBURY	96	69	39	26	6	4	162	402 (+2%)

# Anti-Social Behaviour (incl. Sec 60)

## WHAT? (What is the situation?)

Measure	Trend Line (Up to 3 Years' Data)	Dec-2023	3 Months to Dec-2023	12 Months to Dec-2023	12 Months to Dec-2022 vs. 12 Months to Dec-2023	Rolling 12 Month Trend	Statistical Exceptions	Exception Weighting
Percentage of ASB in Niche		40.6%	39.2%	36.8%	5.9%	Increasing	One, Two, Three, Eight-Month High	25
Volume of ASB		737	2,504	11,442	-15.9%	Decreasing		10



Measure	Trend Line (Up to 3 Years' Data)	Dec-2023	3 Months to Dec-2023	12 Months to Dec-2023	12 Months to Dec-2022 vs. 12 Months to Dec-2023	Rolling 12 Month Trend	Statistical Exceptions	Exception Weighting
Volume of ASB - County		469	1,559	7,160	-17.2%	Decreasing		10
Volume of ASB - Swindon		264	939	4,253	-13.6%	Decreasing		10

Dec 23

**Environmental ASB**

23 recorded

4.0% of total ASB

Dec 23

**Nuisance ASB**

407 recorded

71.2% of total ASB

Dec 23

**Personal ASB**

141 recorded

24.6% of total ASB

## DATA SUMMARY

- December 2023 recorded a total of 737 ASB incidents
- ASB continues to decrease. There has been a decrease of -15.9% YoY
- Despite decrease in overall ASB, ASB recorded in Niche is increasing, driven by increase in incidents being recorded in both STORM and Niche.
- Swindon and County are both recording a decline in ASB reporting, however Swindon is seeing a smaller decrease of -13.6% YoY compared to County which sits at -17.2%

## SO WHAT? (What is happening? What is the analysis telling us?)

[Monthly Performance Dashboard | App overview - Qlik Sense \(wiltshire.police.uk\)](#)

- Volume of ASB is declining year on year by 15.9%. During December a total of 737 ASB reports which is above the monthly forecasted volume of 711. Despite being slightly above the forecasted volume and following seasonally anticipated trends, this is the lowest volume of ASB across the past 3 years
- Nationally - The police recorded 1.0 million incidents of ASB in the year ending June 2023. This was a 11% decrease compared with the year ending June 2022 (1.2 million incidents) (Source: ONS CSEW, update due end of January 2024)
- Proportion of ASB incidents recorded in Niche has increased by 5.9% pts year on year. This is driven by an increase in incidents recorded in both STORM (requiring an immediate or Priority response) and then closed to Niche for further investigation or flagging to NPT.

## NOW WHAT? (What action do we need to take? Or are taking?)

- New ASB information on Police and Council website signposting people to the best place to report their incident
- Local Policing demand meeting to commence in February will identify repeat locations for ASB within County and Swindon
- External training planned with ASB Help who will deliver sessions to 20 individuals in County and Swindon to become ASB champions
- Additional funding into OPCC to support CSP's
- Multi-agency ASB strategy being bought together by OPCC

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# Performance – Covers Westbury and Warminster –

**Master Table**  
 For vs. comparison ▲ ▼ indicate direction of travel, if the change is 5% or less a "—" is used. The colour indicates whether this is the preferred direction of travel, blue or amber, unless the current period is considered exceptional in the adverse direction then it is red. See Explanation Page for more info

Measure	Trend Line (Up to 3 Years' Data)	Jan-2024	3 Months to Jan-2024	12 Months to Jan-2024	12 Months to Jan-2023 vs. 12 Months to Jan-2024	Rolling 12 Month Trend	Statistical Exceptions	Exception Weighting
Crime Volume: Violence With Injury - Warminster CPT		26	67	357	-12.9% ▼	Decreasing	Three-Month Low	
Crime Volume: Burglary - Warminster CPT		38	77	179	5.3% ▲		One, Two-Month High	
Volume of ASB - Warminster CPT		39	149	720	-19.2% ▼	Decreasing		
Crime Volume - Warminster CPT		254	661	2,656	-3.7% —	Decreasing		
Stop and Search Volume		84	237	1,403	-24.5% ▼	Decreasing	Two, Three-Month Low	17

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ormation.

# Local Priorities & Updates

Priority	Update
ASB in the parks, Leighton , Penleigh , town centre	ASB increase with youths but also we believe there is a increase E Scooters and E Bikes being a general Nuisance, riding dangerously on the pavement – We have on documented report in the last year so we really encourage reports to the police via 101 or online report so we can collate data and manage with appropriate and correct resources – NPT officers working closely with schools and colleges to educate and prevent
Burglaries	Burglaries is another priority – we seem to have spates of them periodically- non dwelling commercial breaks- target patrols, assistance from the Burglary team
Speeding	ROAD SAFTEY UNIT POWER POINT ADDED for extra over sight on this matter



# 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/>
- For information on what crimes and incidents have been reported in the Warminster Community Policing Team area visit <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/>

# 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

- [Warminster Police Facebook](#)
- [Warminster Police Twitter](#)
- [Westbury Police Facebook](#)
- [Mere Police Facebook](#)

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)



The screenshot shows the Wiltshire Police website. At the top left is the "WILTSHIRE POLICE" logo. To the right is a search bar with the text "How can we help you?". Below the search bar is a navigation menu with five items: "Report", "Tell us about", "Apply or register", "Request", and "Feedback". Below the menu is a breadcrumb trail: "Home &gt; About us &gt; CPTs". The main heading is "Warminster CPT". Below this is a text block: "CPT Warminster covers the areas of Warminster, Westbury, Tisbury, Mere and surrounding areas". This is followed by two paragraphs of text providing contact information and instructions for reporting crimes. The final paragraph says: "You see a map of crimes in the Warminster area by visiting www.police.uk".

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# Road Safety update – Westbury Area Board

Thursday 15 February 2024

Keeping Wiltshire Safe



# • #FATAL5 education



**One of the largest forms of distractions is mobile phone use.**

It's illegal to use a handheld mobile phone while driving a motor vehicle on the roads in the UK.

Even using a hands-free option can incur penalties if your driving is deemed to be dangerous.

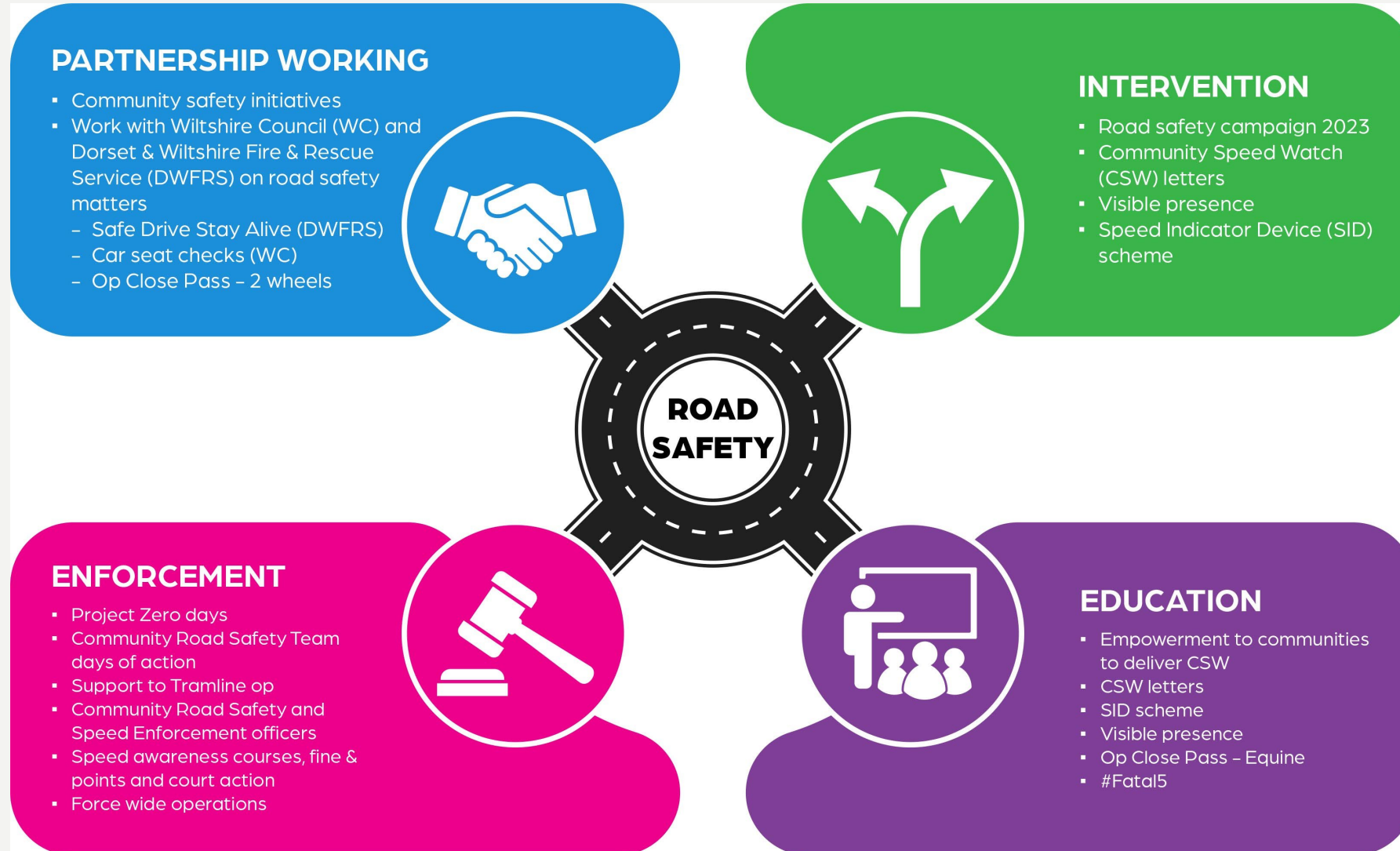
The police have the right to stop you if they think you're distracted and not in control of your vehicle, and you can be prosecuted.

You can use a hand-held phone when:

- you're safely parked and engine off
- you need to call 999 or 112 in an emergency and it's unsafe or impractical to stop
- you're making a contactless payment in a vehicle that is not moving, for example at a drive-through restaurant
- you're using the device to park your vehicle remotely



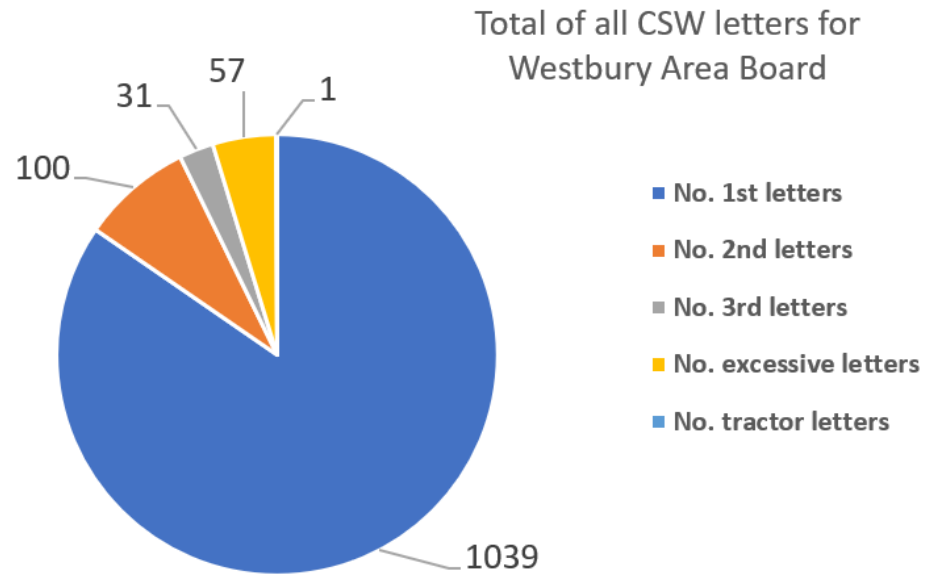
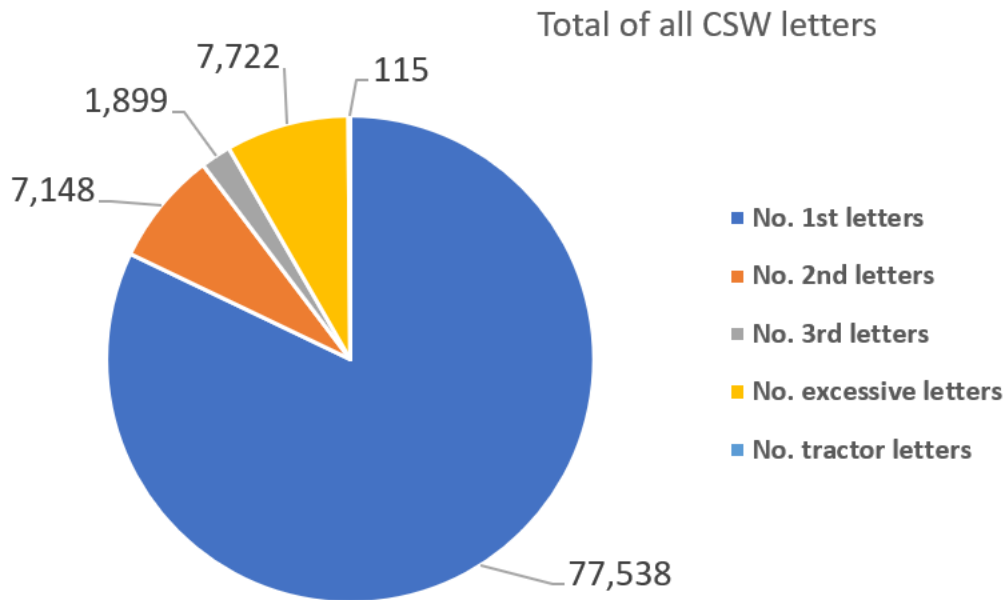
# • Community Road Safety Team; what we do



# • CSW Westbury area - Data since July 2020 to 31 January 2024

Team	No. 1st letters	No. 2nd letters	No. 3rd letters	No. excessive letters	No. tractor letters	Total letters	No. of watches	Average speeders %
Bratton	397	36	18	20	0	471	131	2.6%
Dilton Marsh	97	3	1	4	0	105	109	0.4%
Edington	545	61	12	33	1	652	205	1.8%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1039</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1228</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

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# • Traffic surveys – Westbury since October 2020 to date

## Wiltshire Council

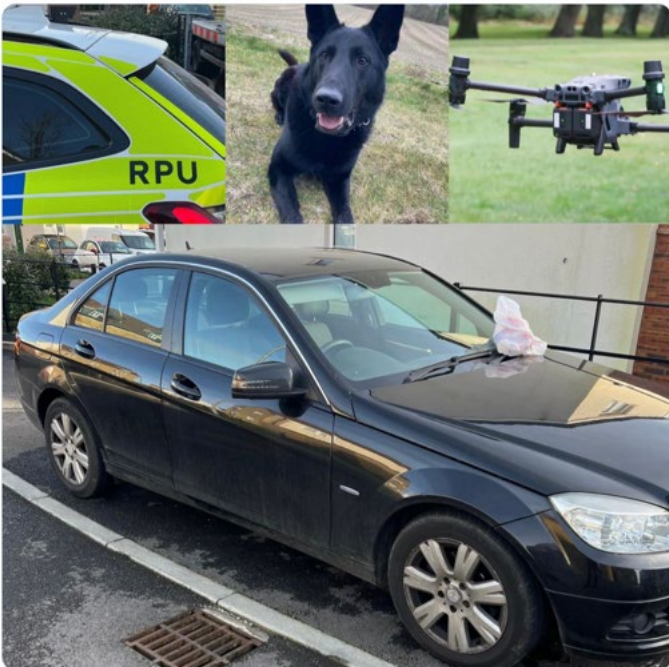
Title	Result	Survey start date	Speed limit	85th percentile
Bratton - C219 Trowbridge Road	Speed education	07/12/2023	20	31
Bratton - Trowbridge Road	Speed education	07/12/2023	20	31
Dilton Marsh - Tower Hill	No further action	12/10/2021	30	34.1
Edington - B3098 Westbury Road (NE the of The City)	Speed education	25/04/2022	30	38.03
Edington - B3098, Westbury Road, Sandy Lane	Speed education	25/04/2022	30	37.93
Edington - C49, Lower Road	Speed education	09/09/2023	20	29.3
Westbury - Slag Lane	No further action	21/11/2021	30	33.5
Westbury - A350 Warminster Road,	No further action	02/11/2020	30	30.3
Westbury - B3098 Bratton Road,	No further action	02/11/2020	30	29.3
Westbury - Mane Way	No further action	21/11/2021	40	43
Westbury - Meadow Lane	No further action	14/11/2021	30	32.3
Westbury - Meadow Lane	No further action	14/11/2021	30	33.1
Westbury - Meadow Lane	No further action	14/11/2021	30	27.6
Westbury - Newton	No further action	12/10/2021	30	32.8
Westbury - Station Road	No further action	16/06/2022	30	32.19
Westbury - Storridge Road	Speed education	21/11/2021	30	36.4

# • Wider work recently

Our Roads Policing Unit (RPU) in the last quarter, covering October to December issued over **2071 tickets** to motorists, for numerous road related offences.



Wilts Specialist Ops @WiltsSpecOps · 3d  
#RPU sighted this cloned vehicle in Swindon which immediately made off but was located a short distance away abandoned. With the help of #ARG drone unit and @wiltspolicedogs, 3 suspects were located and arrested for offences, including the theft of motor vehicle. #RPU #TEAMWORK



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Wilts Specialist Ops @WiltsSpecOps · 1d  
Another day, another drink driver. This one was found asleep in his car by #RPU. He was almost double the limit. #arrested for being drunk on charge of a vehicle. #fatal5 #MorningAfterTheNightBefore #NoExcuse



14 11 235 16K

Wilts Specialist Ops @WiltsSpecOps · 2h  
#RPU stopped a moped today where checks revealed the rider had no licence or insurance... The moped's owner then turned up in a car to discuss matters with the Police. Checks then revealed no driving licence for the car driver and 2 tyres with cords exposed. #RecoveryFor2Please



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# • Introduction to the Forensic Collision Investigation Unit (FCIU)



What do we do:

## **Investigation:**

- Forensic investigation of all fatal and likely to prove fatal/life changing injury RTC's
- Support the Major Crime Investigation Team at homicide and major crime scenes.

We attend the scene of a fatal RTC to gather and record evidence by assessing and identifying relevant objects, marks and positions using techniques such as Laser Scanning, Vehicle Telematics downloads, Forensic Photography, Tachograph Analysis, CCTV/Dash Cam analysis, measurement of the coefficient of sliding friction of the road surface using accelerometers, Forensic Vehicle Examination and crush damage analysis. Detailed analysis takes place and a detailed Forensic Collision Reconstruction report and 3D model is prepared for any judicial or coronial proceedings.

## **Support road safety education with partnership working:**

- Safe Drive, Safe Alive (DWFRS)
- Drink Drive Roadshows
- Survive the Drive (Military)
- Road Safety events

## **Support Road Safety change through engineering (In partnership with WC, SBC, National highways etc.)**

- Conduct Road Safety Audits, Highway change proposals
- Provision of guidance and requirements for public and private events
- Management of planned events involving the highway

We attend approximately 90 RTC deployments (25-30 fatalities) per year



We are a small team of Forensic Collision Investigators and Forensic Vehicle Examiners who deploy 24/7 alongside Roads Policing Teams and are supported by the Vehicle Recovery Team and Traffic Management Office.



# Community Speed Enforcement Officers

CSEO's



# • CSEO – Dashboard – 1 January 2023 to date

## CSEO Activity Dashboard

Outcomes are dependent on previous convictions and history

7,777.00

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1,052.00

No. Fine & Points

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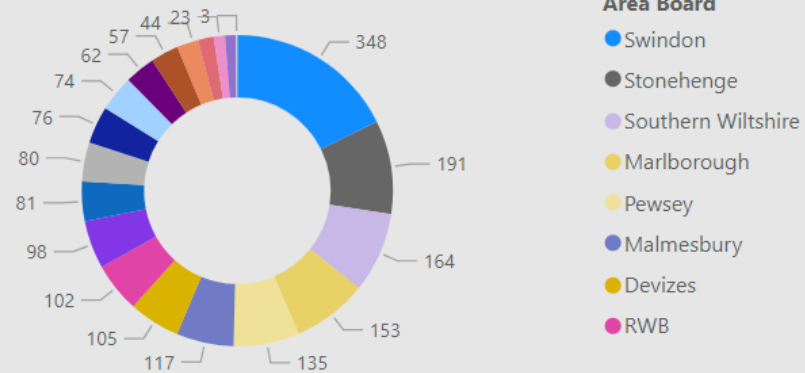
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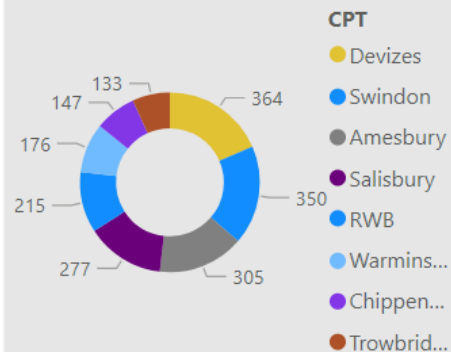
No. of Locations

Location	Year	Month	Speed awareness course	Fine & Points	Court	CPT	Area Board
Swindon - Thamesdown Drive	2023	December	251.00	54.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Shaw and Whitley - A365 Folly Lane	2023	November	115.00	11.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Swindon - Thamesdown Drive	2024	January	103.00	16.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	August	102.00	31.00	4.00	Salisbury	South West Wi
Harnham - Lime Kiln Way	2023	November	97.00	11.00	0.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	November	84.00	33.00	8.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Cricklade - Spital Lane	2023	April	80.00	10.00	0.00	RWB	RWB
Tilshead - Candown Road	2023	August	78.00	10.00	1.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	November	72.00	10.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	July	71.00	9.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Harnham - Lime Kiln Way	2023	October	71.00	7.00	0.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	August	69.00	9.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Ogbourne St Andrew	2023	December	69.00	9.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	June	64.00	8.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
<b>Total</b>			<b>7,777.0</b>	<b>1,052.0</b>	<b>90.00</b>		
			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			

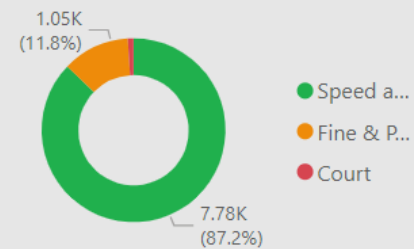
### Activity by Area Board



### Activity by CPT



### Outcomes



# • CSEO – Westbury Area Board - 1 January 2023 to date

## CSEO Activity Dashboard

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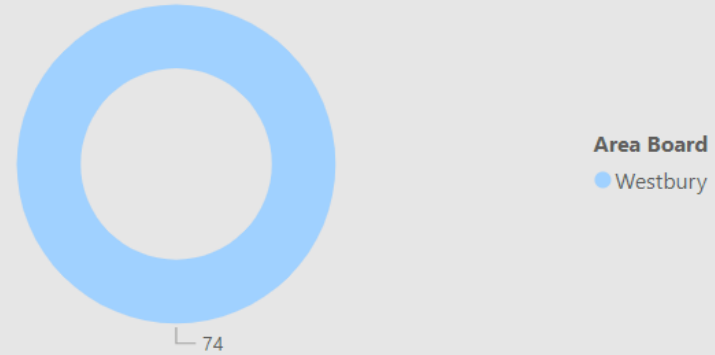
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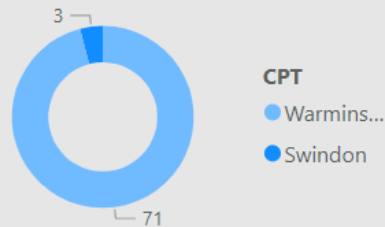
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No. of Locations

Location	Year	Month	Speed awareness course	Fine & Points	Court	CPT	Area Board
Bratton - Melbourne Street	2023	July	8.00	0.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Bratton - Trowbridge Road	2023	August	8.00	1.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Edington - 14 Westbury Road	2023	July	8.00	1.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Edington - Longlands Close	2023	January	8.00	1.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Edington - Telephone Exchange West	2023	October	5.00	0.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Bratton - Melbourne Street	2023	January	4.00	0.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Edington - Telephone Exchange East	2024	January	4.00	0.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Chapmanslade - Layby	2023	November	3.00	0.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Chapmanslade - Layby	2024	January	3.00	0.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Dilton Marsh - Shepherds Mead	2023	November	3.00	0.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Edington - 14 Westbury Road	2023	June	3.00	1.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Bratton	2023	January	2.00	0.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Bratton - Trowbridge Road	2023	October	2.00	0.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
Chapmanslade - Cleyhill Gardens	2023	October	2.00	0.00	0.00	Warminster	Westbury
<b>Total</b>			<b>75.00</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		

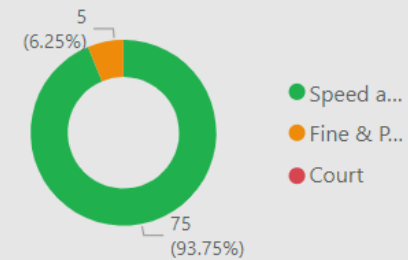
### Activity by Area Board



### Activity by CPT



### Outcomes



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## LOCAL HIGHWAY AND FOOTWAY GROUP ACTION / NOTES LOG

	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
	<b>Date of meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>			
1.	<b>Attendees and apologies</b>			
		Gordon King (Chair - Wiltshire Councillor) Suzanne Wickham (Wiltshire Councillor) Carole King (Wiltshire Councillor) Michael Sutton (Westbury Town Council) John Pollard (Edington Parish Council) John Masson (Heywood Parish Council) Sarah Harris (Westbury Town Council officer) Kate Davey (Wiltshire Council) Denise Nott (Wiltshire Council) Mark Banks (Wiltshire Council) Keith Rayward (Bratton Parish Council)		
	<b>Apologies</b>	Jenny Jones (Dilton Marsh Parish Council) Matthew Dean (Wiltshire Councillor)		
2.	<b>Notes of last meeting</b>			
		The notes of the last meeting were agreed at the area board on 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023.	Agreed	
3.	<b>Financial Position</b>			
		2023-24 allocation £20,908.00 The available budget at the start of the meeting is <b>£11,300.78</b>	Agreed	

## LOCAL HIGHWAY AND FOOTWAY GROUP ACTION / NOTES LOG

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		<p>The contribution level for Parish/Town Councils is set at 30%.</p> <p><b>Allocations made at meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A350 Westbury Wellhead Drove/Old Dilton junction speed limit assessment £2,900. LHFIFG = £2,030. WTC = £870.</li> <li>Westbury, Oldfield Park H-bar. LHFIFG = £105. WTC = £45.</li> <li>Westbury, Castle View H-bar. LHFIFG = £105. WTC = £45.</li> <li>Westbury, Oldfield Road informal crossing point £3,000. LHFIFG = £2,100. WTC = £900.</li> <li>Westbury A350 junction with Frogmore Rd CCTV survey £2,000. LHFIFG = £1,400. WTC = £600.</li> <li>Westbury, Bratton Road waiting restrictions £3,500. LHFIFG = £2,450. WTC = £1,050.</li> <li>Bratton, Imber Road extension to 30mph speed limit £3,500. LHFIFG = £2,450. BPC = £1,050.</li> </ul> <p><b>Remaining budget: £337.84</b></p>		
<b>4.</b>	<b>New Issues / Requests</b>			
a)	<b>18-23-15</b> A350 Wellhead Drove/Old Dilton junction, Westbury	<p>Substandard A350 Wellhead / Old Dilton Junction with overfast traffic (and especially HGVs). The HGV limit has been raised from 40mph to 56mph nationally.</p> <p>Request for 40mph speed limit from immediately south of Madbrook Farm/Wellhead Farm.</p> <p><b><u>19/10/23</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>18/01/24</u></b></p> <p>Further correspondence has been received and the chair has requested this issue be kept on the note tracker for further discussion on funding a speed limit assessment</p>	



## LOCAL HIGHWAY AND FOOTWAY GROUP ACTION / NOTES LOG

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		<p>KR explained this request would require a speed limit assessment costing £2,900. The last review was completed in 2009 and no changes were recommended, we are unaware of any substantial changes to the surrounding environment since this time, therefore potential for review to have the same outcome.</p> <p>Group discussion on costs vs benefits and decided no further action at this time. WTC to inform requester.</p>	<p>at this location. Speed data attached.</p> <p>Group agreed to allocated funding to carry out speed limit assessment. Westbury TC to confirm contribution of 30% £870.</p>	WTC
b)	<b>18-23-19</b> 101 Oldfield Park, Westbury	<p>My driveway is repeatedly subject to vehicles parking across the dropped kerb, causing varying degrees of obstruction to access, and visibility/manoeuvring difficulties when attempting egress.</p> <p>Request for access protection bar marking (H-bar).</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b></p> <p>Group agreed to implement H-bar marking at £150. WTC to confirm contribution 30% £45.</p>	WTC
c)	<b>18-23-20</b> Bratton Primary School	<p>We would like to have a metal Bratton Primary School sign erected on the grass verge outside the school to direct traffic to the correct location. The only reference to Bratton Primary School is a tiny mention on the Carpenters Road name sign, but that faces the wrong way, and is of no help. As the school is sited off a residential road, the signage would be a boost to the school, and stop delivery deliveries and prospective parents getting lost, and causing traffic concerns turning in the narrow village roads. The placement of a double-sided metal sign that says Bratton Primary School and a directional arrow to point the correct way.</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b></p> <p>Group agreed for KD to undertake design and estimate for signing and report back at next meeting.</p>	KD
d)	<b>18-23-21</b> Adjacent to B3098 between Bratton and Fitzroy Farm	<p>Surveys of Bratton's residents by the Bratton Neighbourhood Plan working group have highlighted the residents' desire for a footpath between Bratton and Fitzroy Farm that is safe for pedestrians with or without buggies/push chairs and with children to make use of the</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b></p> <p>Group agreed for site meeting to assess feasibility for this project.</p>	

## LOCAL HIGHWAY AND FOOTWAY GROUP ACTION / NOTES LOG

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		amenities, which Bratton otherwise lacks. Discussion with adjacent landowner and members of the Edington Parish council have indicated a willingness to support this proposal. Bratton Parish Council is expecting some CIL monies to become available from a new development that may be allocated to part-fund this project. Westbury LHFIG is asked to scope feasibility and costings for an appropriate roadside footpath, so that a decision can be made as to how best to fund this project.	KD to arrange site meeting with KR, JP, SW.	KD
e)	<b>18-23-22</b> West End, Westbury	Concerns relating to the current condition and width of the footway on south side of West End from Fountain Court to Station Road roundabout. Request to widen footway or improve surface condition.	<b><u>18/01/24</u></b> Group requested an inspection of the existing footway surfacing and to report back to the group.	MB
f)	<b>18-23-24</b> C219/C49 junction Edington	It is reported by the owner of Crossroads Farm to Cllr Wickham that there are frequent collisions at this junction. Request for the existing road layout be reviewed to see if anything can be done to reduce the frequency of the RTC's.	<b><u>18/01/24</u></b> Group requested site visit to review junction, vegetation and visibility splays.	KD
g)	<b>18-23-25</b> Castle View, Westbury	Resident has raised concern over access to property where an existing worn advisory disabled bay is in situ. Request for waiting restrictions or access protection bar marking to resolve the access problem.	<b><u>18/01/24</u></b> Group discussed potential for waiting restrictions but agreed to implement H-bar marking at £150 and monitor its success. WTC to confirm contribution 30% £45.	WTC

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	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
5.	Top 5 Priority Schemes			
a)	<p><b>18-19-8, 18-20-26</b> Frogmore Road (From Rosefield Way to Slag Lane).</p> <p><b>18-21-7</b> Slag Lane, Westbury</p>	<p>The substantive bid was not submitted due to concerns by WTC. KR gave a presentation to HP&amp;D outlining the options for this scheme. WTC have confirmed they now wish to proceed with a bid in the next round.</p> <p><b>19/10/23</b> Contributions have been confirmed, WTC agree £7,000 contribution. KD to submit application form.</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b> KD has submitted application. Awaiting outcome.</p>	
b)	<p><b>18-20-4</b> Parking Oldfield Park Westbury (nr 103) – Request for additional parking</p> <p><b>18-20-5</b> Oldfield Park, Westbury - Parking (nr 71)</p> <p><b>18-20-28</b> Westbury Infant School</p>	<p>TRO consultation to take place from 10<sup>th</sup> February until 13<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>Concerns around standing water and drainage were discussed. Drainage concerns should be reported via the MyWilts App in the first instance.</p> <p><b>20/04/23</b> Objections to TRO advert received therefore cabinet member report required. This is being prepared. Officer recommendation to proceed as advertised.</p> <p><b>20/07/23</b> Funding for implementation agreed (subject to cabinet member decision) at cost of £2500 (£1750 LHFIFG / £750 WTC). Town council contribution to be agreed.</p> <p><b>19/10/23</b> Cabinet member report currently being processed. Implementation to follow if approved. Email MD &amp; MS once report is in the 'call-in' phase for them to submit support to Cabinet Member. Gully/flooding issues for DN to confirm if any problems have arisen at this site this year.</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b> Cabinet Member approved implementation. Works order with contractor with a construction timescale of February 2024.</p>	

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<b>6.</b>	Other Priority schemes			
a)	<b>18-23-12</b> High Street, Dilton Marsh	<p>Parking along the High Street between the Memorial Hall and Fairfield College, the PC has noted that there is a significant increase in parking at this location. Cars are often parked nose to tail along this stretch leading up to the first speed hump (heading towards Westbury) and this is causing severe congestion with cars often backed up as far at the roundabout at St Mary's Lane and the bottom of the Hollow. There are often no pull in spaces between the parked vehicles which makes it even harder for the traffic to maintain a normal flow. The PC would like investigation into suitable options to mitigate this problem such as waiting restrictions.</p> <p><b>19/10/23</b> Group agreed for site meeting to take place with Dilton Marsh PC to discuss issue.</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b> KD and DMPC met on site on 6<sup>th</sup> December to discuss this issue and issue 18-23-13 at Clivey. It was agreed that DMPC would provide photo evidence of the on-street parking problems at both ends of the village and submit to KD. It was also agreed that DMPC would monitor and request further traffic surveys and discuss aspirations for the village and feedback to LHFIF in due course. Rep not in attendance, defer to April meeting.</p>	
b)	<b>18-23-13</b> Clivey, Dilton Marsh	<p>Parking opposite The Weavers pub is now at significant levels and can run from the corner before the Stormore turning up to the entrance to Shepherds Mead. Cars are often parked nose to tail with no pull in</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b> See above 18-23-12.</p>	

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		<p>places. This is causing congestion travelling through the village. It is also raising significant highway safety concerns due to a) the speed of vehicles entering the village from the link road to the A36, which means drivers are often upon the line of parked cars with little or not time to stop safely and b) the fact that cars travelling through the village to Westbury are having to pull out and attempt to pass the long line of parked vehicles with little sight of vehicles coming towards them. The PC would like investigation into suitable options to mitigate this problem such as waiting restrictions.</p> <p><b>19/10/23</b> Group agreed for site meeting to take place with Dilton Marsh PC to discuss issue.</p>		
c)	<b>18-21-3</b> Alfred Street, Westbury – 20mph Speed Limit	<p><b>20/04/23</b> Objections to TRO advert received therefore cabinet member report required. This is being prepared. Officer recommendation to proceed as advertised.</p> <p><b>20/07/23</b> Funding was agreed for implementation (subject to cabinet member decision) at cost of £4000. (£2800 LHFIC / £1200 WTC). Westbury Town Council to confirm contribution.</p> <p><b>19/10/23</b> Cabinet member report currently being processed. Implementation to follow if approved.</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b> Cabinet Member approved implementation. Works order with contractor with a construction timescale of February 2024.</p>	
d)	<b>18-22-5</b> Springfield Road, Westbury	<p><b>20/04/23</b> KR has made contact with HPH, industrial estate owners, to open discussions regarding land dedication to provide footway on Springfield Road.</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b> School Travel Plan advisor has made contact with Matravers</p>	

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		<p><b>20/07/23</b> Site meeting with HPH to take place on 21<sup>st</sup> July.</p> <p><b>19/10/23</b> HPH are open to designating land, however there is a significant level difference and vegetation removal to be considered as well as the potential for ecological factors. The next steps would involve a topographical and ecological survey. As this issue is mainly in relation to school movements a TAOSJ application is advised. Ask Travel Plan advisor to approach Matravers to update plan.</p>	<p>School and requested confirmation on whether they wish to update their travel plan and pursue this issue through the TAOSJ initiative.</p> <p>Area Engineer confirmed parking bays and give way road markings have been refreshed.</p> <p>Parking services have confirmed any outstanding locations will now be completed next financial year.</p>	
e)	18-22-12 Oldfield Road, Westbury	<p><b>20/04/23</b> Briefing note attached with proposal. It was agreed to defer a decision regarding funding on this item until the next meeting. KR to determine land ownership.</p> <p><b>20/07/23</b> The land is shown as unregistered therefore legal advice is needed before action can be taken. £3000 funding agreed for extension of 20mph speed limit.</p> <p><b>19/10/23</b> Legal documents for extension to the 20mph speed limit with the traffic order team for processing. Informal crossing at railway crossing– WC can undertake process to claim land and designate as public maintainable highway to implement.</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b> Informal pedestrian crossing count undertaken to get an estimation of the crossing movements at this site. Results from 28/11/23: 07:30-10:00 – 106* 14:30-18:00 – 124* *Counting vulnerable pedestrians as 2.</p> <p>Group agreed funding to implement informal crossing point at £3,000.</p>	KD

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			WTC to confirm contribution 30% £900.	
f)	<b>18-22-13</b> Gibbs Close, Westbury	<p><b>20/04/23</b> The new road is not adopted however waiting restrictions may still be provided with landowner approval. Waiting restrictions were requested by Highways DC alongside the planning approval however were not formally included in the planning process. The developer has not been required to take this forward.</p> <p><b>20/07/23</b> Waiting restrictions to be included in batch advertisement. H-Bar marking agreed for driveway of no63 Alfred Street.</p> <p><b>19/10/23</b> Legal documents for waiting restrictions are with the traffic order team for processing. Formal consultation imminent.</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b> Formal consultation period taken place between 15/12/23 – 15/01/24. Awaiting confirmation on any comments received.</p>	
g)	<b>18-22-19</b> Vivash Park, Westbury	<p><b>20/04/23</b> It was agreed that preparation of a signing strategy through LHFIFG resources is supported, however WTC should fund implementation in its entirety. KR to await info from the town council following the outcome of the Community Governance Review.</p> <p><b>20/07/23</b> KR to arrange initial meeting.</p> <p><b>19/10/23</b> Action currently with WTC to confirm a suitable date for a site meeting. WTC to chase site meeting date.</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b> WTC will liaise internally and contact KD to arrange site meeting.</p>	WTC

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h)	<b>18-23-1</b> A350/Frogmore Road, Westbury (jct with Fore Street)	<p><b>20/04/23</b> CK reported that parking is generally an issue in Fore Street. It was also noted that the hairdressers no longer park in this area due to vandalism of their vehicles. 19 households were approached in relation to residents parking and only 1 household was not in favour. It was agreed that the layout of the junction and potential for parking changes/residents parking would be reviewed.</p> <p><b>20/07/23</b> Site meeting to take place 31<sup>st</sup> July.</p> <p><b>19/10/23</b> Kirsty and Kate to have a site meeting and discuss options available at this site.</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b> Design options attached to note tracker for review and discussion.</p> <p>WTC to consider options at HP&amp;D meeting and report back to the group.</p> <p>Group agreed to pursue and fund CCTV survey at the junction to collect data on vehicle movements at £2,000. WTC to confirm contribution 30% £600.</p>	<p>WTC</p> <p>WTC</p>
i)	<b>18-23-4</b> Bratton Road Westbury – between The Lodge and Cemetery	<p><b>20/04/23</b> KR and GK to undertake site visit to review request and extent of proposed restrictions. Proposal to be shared ahead of next meeting. Restrictions to be advertised as part of batch of restriction requests in Westbury.</p> <p><b>20/07/23</b> Site meeting to take place 31<sup>st</sup> July.</p> <p><b>19/10/23</b> Potential options include verge marker posts or decorative planters along the verge (maintenance for planters would be the responsibility of Westbury TC). Alternatively, there is scope to consider tree planting which in the long term would be more sustainable and less maintenance whilst creating a visual narrowing effect at this site.</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b> WTC to provide update from HP&amp;D meeting. Discussion to reconsider option for waiting restrictions at this location.</p> <p>Group agreed to pursue waiting restrictions with a ballpark estimate of £3,500. WTC to confirm contribution 30% £1050.</p>	<p>WTC</p>



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		All agreed on tree planting. WTC happy to fund and look after – take to HP&D.		
j)	<b>18-22-14</b> Bratton – various roads	<p><b>20/04/23</b> The cost estimate for implementing the remaining parts of the 20mph speed limit is £8,000. This includes the TRO costs. The extent of the proposed limit on Imber Road has been reviewed and the terminal points may be extended to begin the limit close to the property known as ‘Thus Far’. LHFIG did not agree to fund this at this stage but will reconsider before end of financial year.</p> <p><b>20/07/23</b> This item is to be considered for funding next financial year. The parish council have committed their contribution to next year’s budget.</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b> Consider funding in financial year 2024/25.</p> <p>Group agreed to pursue extension to 30mph on Imber Road with a ballpark estimate of £3,500. BPC to confirm contribution 30% £1050.</p>	BPC
k)	<b>18-23-10</b> Alan Powell Lane, Dilton Marsh	<p>There is an issue with speed through the village, which is well documented and reported. The PC is concerned at the impact of these speeds and the volume of traffic on children accessing the playing field and playground at Alan Powell Lane.</p> <p>The PC would like to see an assessment carried out to determine the feasibility of installing a playground sign and either rumble strips or a crossing area to improve the safety for children and people accessing the recreational facilities.</p> <p><b>20/07/23</b> The parish council are to request a traffic survey to gather information about vehicle speeds. Warning signs may be provided at a cost of approximately £800. Await survey results prior to funding agreement.</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b> DMPC to provide update on traffic survey results.</p>	

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		<p><b>19/10/23</b> No Dilton Marsh PC representative at meeting. Chase traffic survey results.</p>		
l)	18-22-1 B3098 Edington – Pedestrian Safety Improvements	<p>KR to arrange site meeting with John Pollard and Suzanne Wickham and prepare proposals during December. Site meeting held to discuss potential options for improvements. KR to provide plans and costings.</p> <p><b>20/04/23</b> <b>The City</b> – Proposal for improved pedestrian and road narrows signing. Cost estimate £1400. Funding was agreed for this with PC contribution. (£980 LHFIFG / £420 PC) <b>Sandy Lane area</b> – potential options prepared and discussions with parish council ongoing.</p> <p><b>20/07/23</b> The parish council would like to continue discussions regarding the Sandy Lane area. KR to prepare cost estimate and plan for gateway changes. CSW recorded 14 vehicles exceeding 36mph in a 1hr period.</p> <p><b>19/10/23</b> The City pedestrian signing proposal to be ordered with contractor by end of October. KR &amp; KD site visit for Sandy Lane area arranged for 13/11/23.</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b> The City pedestrian signing to be completed by end of January.</p> <p>Design discussions for B3098 Sandy Lane junction and Lower Road ongoing with EPC.</p>	KD
m)	Lower Rd Edington	<p>Concerns regarding vehicle speeds at bends near Inmead. A traffic survey has been requested and a site visit made.</p> <p><b>20/07/23</b> Await results of traffic survey.</p> <p><b>19/10/23</b> Traffic survey results at site between Greater Lane and Inmead: 85%ile = 29.3mph</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b> See above 18-22-1.</p>	

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		Mean speed = 24.6mph Meets criteria for CSW if suitable/safe location to operate – Edington PC to pursue.		
<b>7.</b>	Items awaiting construction / order issued.			
a)	<b>18-21-15</b> Alfred Street, Westbury (Lorries)	<p><b>20/04/23</b> Wider signing review underway. Update to be provided once complete.</p> <p>KR is to circulate signing review once complete, ahead of next meeting.</p> <p>DN reported an issue with the installed pole cones having been struck a number of times requiring repair.</p> <p><b>20/07/23</b> Proposed signing circulated with note tracker. Cost estimate of £1700. Funding agreed subject to TC contribution.</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b> Construction complete.</p> <p>Remove from note tracker.</p>	To note
b)	<b>18-20-18</b> Bratton Road Westbury – narrow section	<p>Substantive bid submitted and awaiting outcome.</p> <p><b>20/04/23</b> Substantive bid successful. Waiting restriction to be advertised. Works pack to be prepared and aiming for construction late 2023.</p> <p><b>20/07/23</b> Works programmed for November 2023. A road closure will be required. Design work is progressing and the legal advert for proposed parking changes will be taken forward.</p> <p><b>19/10/23</b> Order issued. Awaiting installation. Construction starts 27/11/23.</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b> Construction complete.</p>	To note

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d)	<b>18-22-18</b> Edward Street, Westbury	<p><b>20/04/23</b> The current signing meets the required standards however an additional No Entry sign may be provided at the north side of Edward St and No Entry Road markings provided on both north and south approaches. Estimated cost £1150. Funding was agreed subject to town council contribution. (£805 LHFIG / £345 TC). MD is to ask PCSO to attend this location. SW suggested an article be prepared for the White Horse News to remind drivers of the one-way system.</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b> Order to be raised and await installation.</p>	To note
e)	<b>18-21-12</b> Wellhead Drove, Westbury	<p><b>20/04/23</b> Cabinet report in process and due to be published imminently. Officer recommendation is to proceed as advertised. <b>20/07/23</b> Cabinet decision made to proceed. Order to be issued and await installation.</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b> Construction complete.</p> <p>Remove from note tracker.</p>	To note
g)	<b>18-22-9</b> Court Lane, Bratton	<p><b>20/04/23</b> H bar marking suggested for Bury Lane and Cassways Orchard.</p> <p>Funding for this was agreed at £300 (£210 LHFIG / £90 PC).</p> <p><b>19/10/23</b> Order issued. Awaiting installation. Send plan for road marking to SW.</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b> Construction complete.</p> <p>Remove from note tracker.</p>	To note
h)	<b>18-22-15</b> Castle Road, Bratton	<p>It was agreed to fund a SLOW marking at the cost of £400 (£280 LHFIG / £120 PC).</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b> Construction complete.</p> <p>KD to check all work has been completed.</p>	To note

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	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
i)	18-23-2 Court Lane, Edington	<p><b>20/04/23</b> It was reported that this area is well used by non-residents to access the camping and stables. There is no existing junction signing. It was agreed that this area will be reviewed.</p> <p><b>20/07/23</b> Site visit has taken place. Road markings to show give way at junction may be provided. The estimated cost of this is £600. Funding was agreed. To progress to implementation.</p> <p><b>19/10/23</b> Order issued. Awaiting installation.</p>	<p><b>18/01/24</b> Construction complete.</p> <p>Remove from note tracker.</p>	To note
8.	<b>Other Items</b>			
9.	<b>Date of Next Meeting: April 2024 – date/time TBC – The Laverton, Westbury (To be booked by KD)</b>			

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### Westbury LHFIG

#### Highways Officer – Kate Davey

#### 1. Environmental & Community Implications

1.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the LHFIG during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

#### 2. Financial Implications

2.1. All decisions must fall within the Highways funding allocated to Westbury Area Board.

2.2. If funding is allocated in line with LHFIG recommendations outlined in this report, and all relevant 3<sup>rd</sup> party contributions are confirmed, Westbury Area Board will have a remaining Highways funding balance of **£337.84**.

#### 3. Legal Implications

3.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

#### 4. HR Implications

4.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

#### 5. Equality and Inclusion Implications

5.1 The schemes recommended to the Area Board will improve road safety for all users of the highway.

#### 6. Safeguarding implications

## Westbury LHFIG

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

#### BUDGET 2023-24

£20,908.00 LHFIG ALLOCATION 2023-24

£17,872.78 2022-23 underspend

Invoiced

#### Contributions

£1,000.00	HPC - CCTV Install
£120.00	HPC - Coach Road
£360.00	DMPC - Clivey
£50.00	DMPC - Holy Trinity
£750.00	WTC - Oldfield Park
£1,200.00	WTC - Alfred St 20
£420.00	EPC - The City
£90.00	BPC - Castle Rd
£345.00	WTC - Edward St
£510.00	WTC - Alfred Street Westbury HGV signing
£900.00	WTC - Oldfield Rd Westbury 20mph extension
£45.00	WTC - Alfred St Westbury H Bar marking
£180.00	EPC - Court Lane Edington Road Markings

#### Total Budget

£44,750.78

#### Commitments carried forward from previous years

Bratton Road Westbury - Narrow Section (contr. To subs. Bid)	£5,500.00
Frogmore Road Westbury Substantive Bid Contribution	£7,000.00
Hawkeridge Traffic Signals - CCTV install	£3,000.00
Wellhead Drove, Westbury - Speed Limit	£1,000.00
Coach Road Westbruy - Direction sign	£400.00
Clivey, Dilton Marsh - Signing improvements	£1,200.00
Holy Trinity Church, Dilton Marsh - H Bar	£150.00

#### New Schemes

Oldfield Park/Queens Road, Westbury - Waiting Restriction Implementation	£2,500.00
Alfred Street Westbury 20mph Implementation	£4,000.00
The City. Edington - Signing Improvements	£1,400.00
Court Lane, Bratton - H Bar Markings	£300.00
Castle Road Bratton - SLOW marking	£400.00
Edward Street Westbury - Signs and Road Markings	£1,150.00
Alfred Street Westbury HGV signing	£1,700.00
Oldfield Rd Westbury 20mph extension	£3,000.00
Alfred St Westbury H Bar marking	£150.00
Court Lane Edington Road Markings	£600.00

Total commitment **£33,450.00**

Left to Spend **£11,300.78**

WTC Frogmore Rd Westbury Substantive bid contribution £7,000

# Traffic Report

## Chalford September 23 30 MPH

### Traffic Overview from Fri Sep 1 2023 to Sat Sep 30 2023

#### Vehicle Speed Classes (Mph)

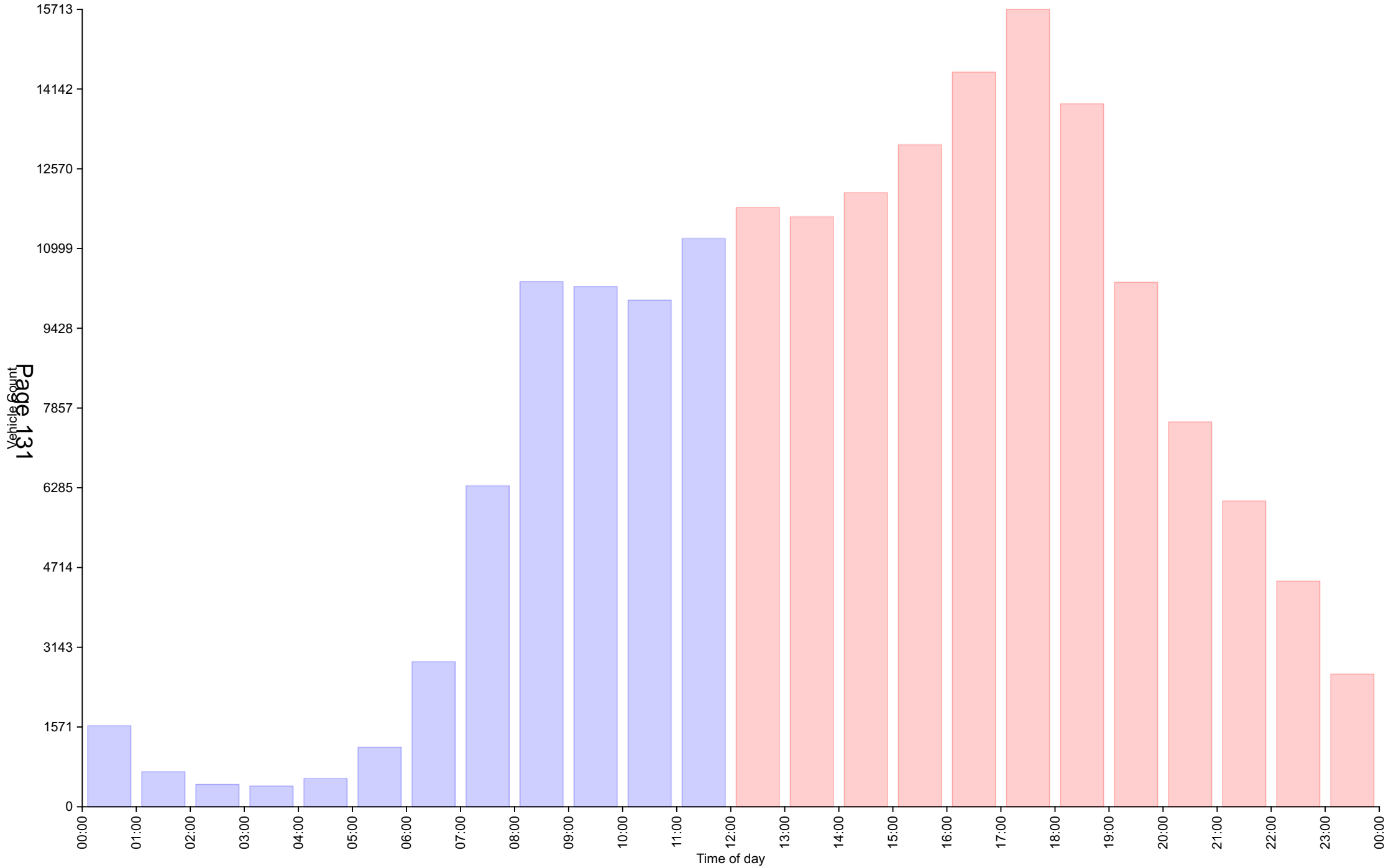
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23:00	0	0	33	302	495	597	555	390	158	<b>54</b>	15	<b>14</b>	4	2617	<b>46.9</b>
AM Total	28	157	1787	13291	<b>16406</b>	12034	7528	3126	997	326	110	34	22		
PM Total	233	804	6073	32801	<b>37872</b>	25455	13865	4919	1228	278	72	36	14		
Total	261	961	7860	46092	<b>54278</b>	37489	21393	8045	2225	604	182	70	36		
Percent	0.15%	0.54%	4.38%	25.68%	<b>30.24%</b>	20.89%	11.92%	4.48%	1.24%	0.34%	0.10%	0.04%	0.02%		

Total Vehicles : 179496  
 30th Percentile : 28.9 MPH  
 50th Percentile : 32.1 MPH  
 85th Percentile : 40.0 MPH  
 95th Percentile : 44.8 MPH  
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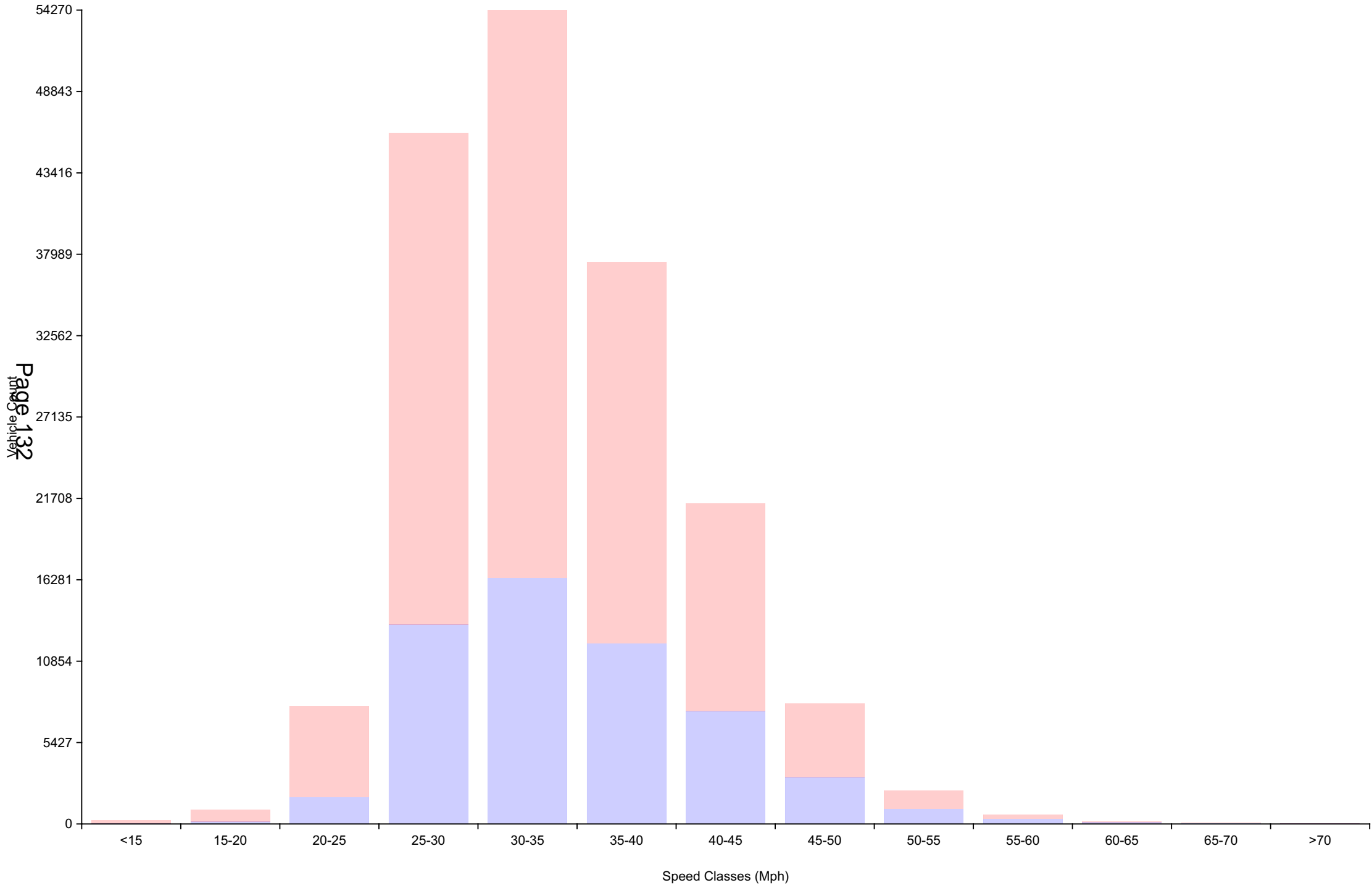
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Traffic Overview from Fri Sep 1 2023 to Sat Sep 30 2023  
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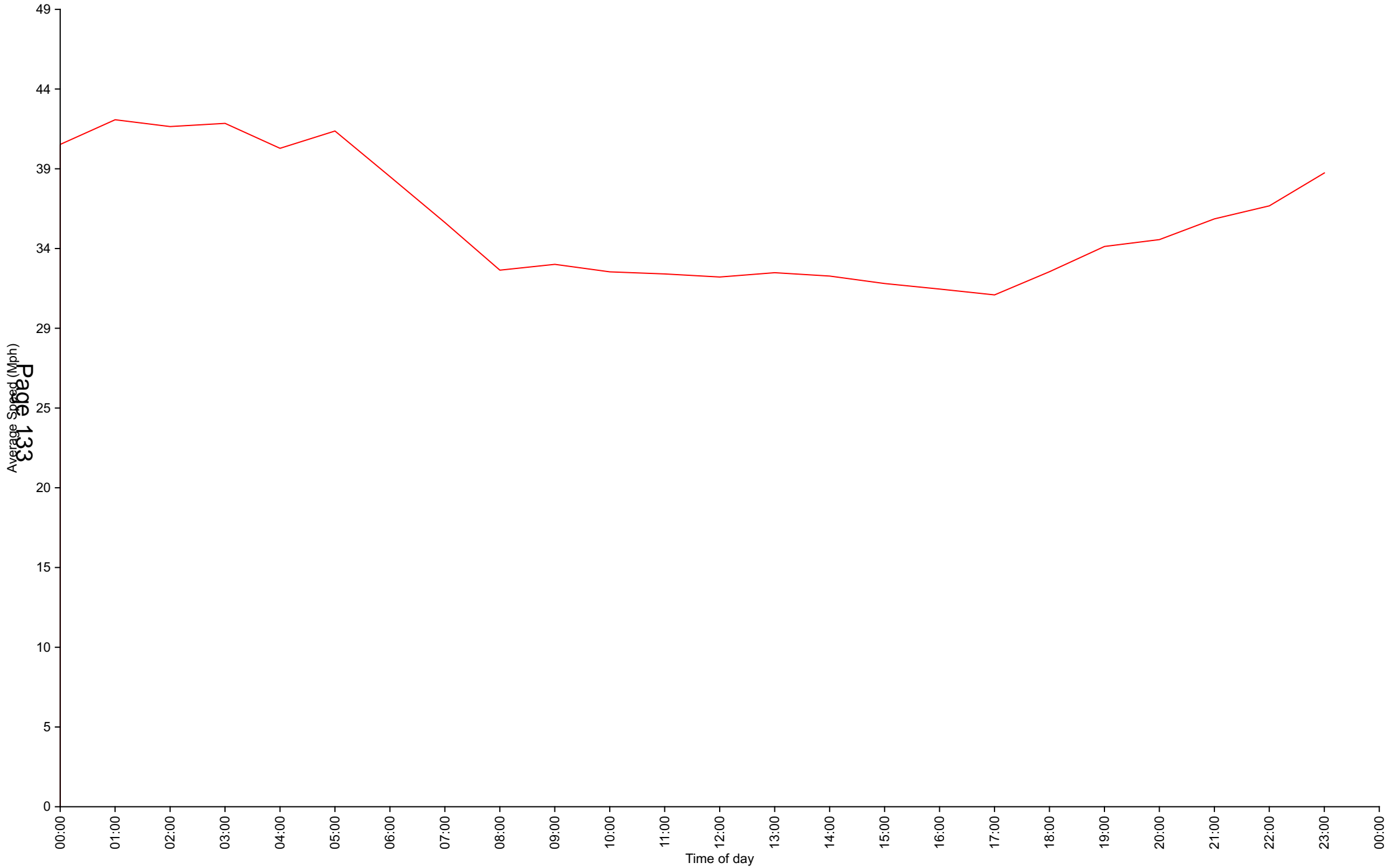
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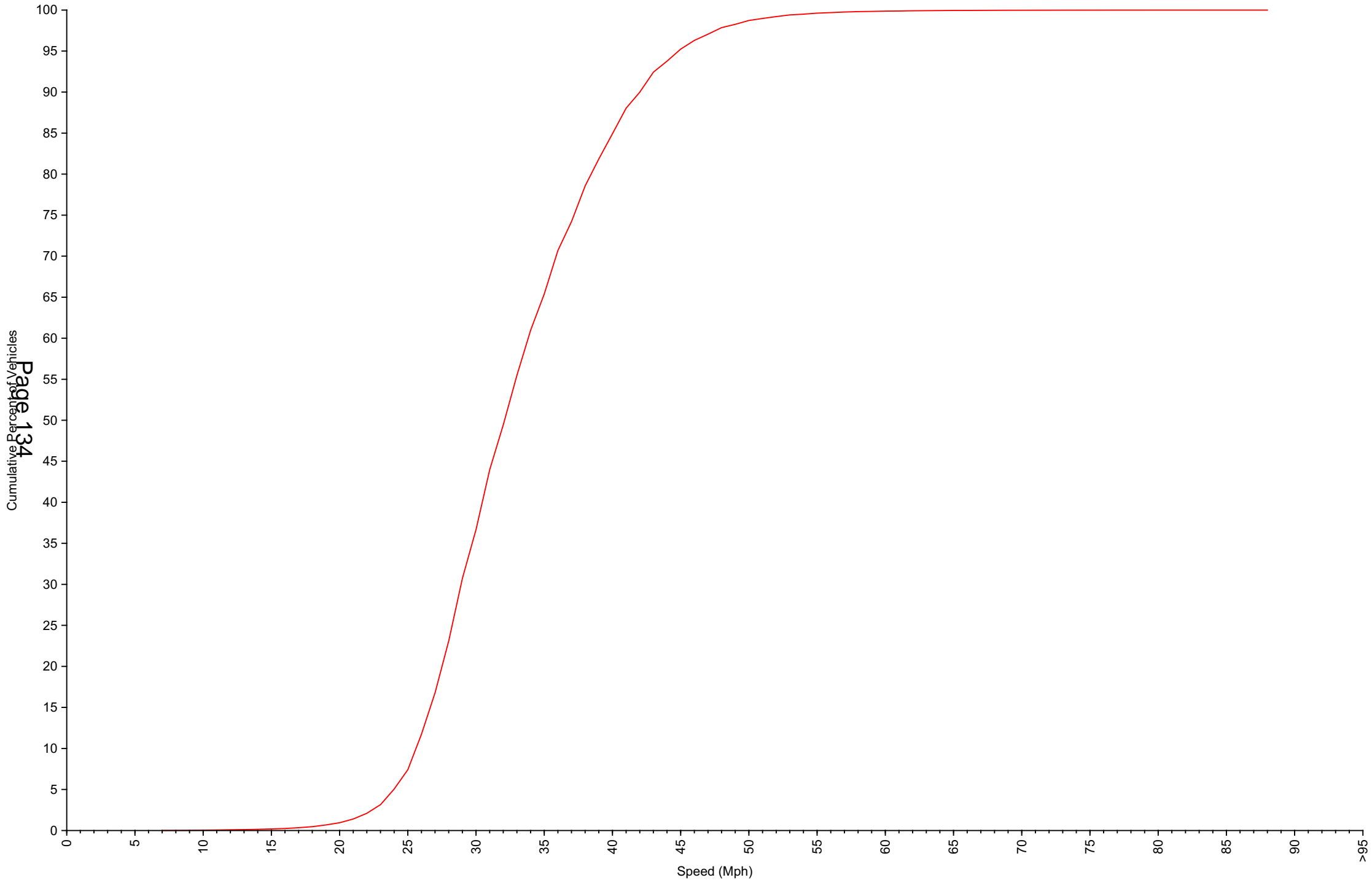
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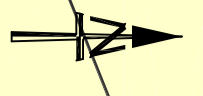
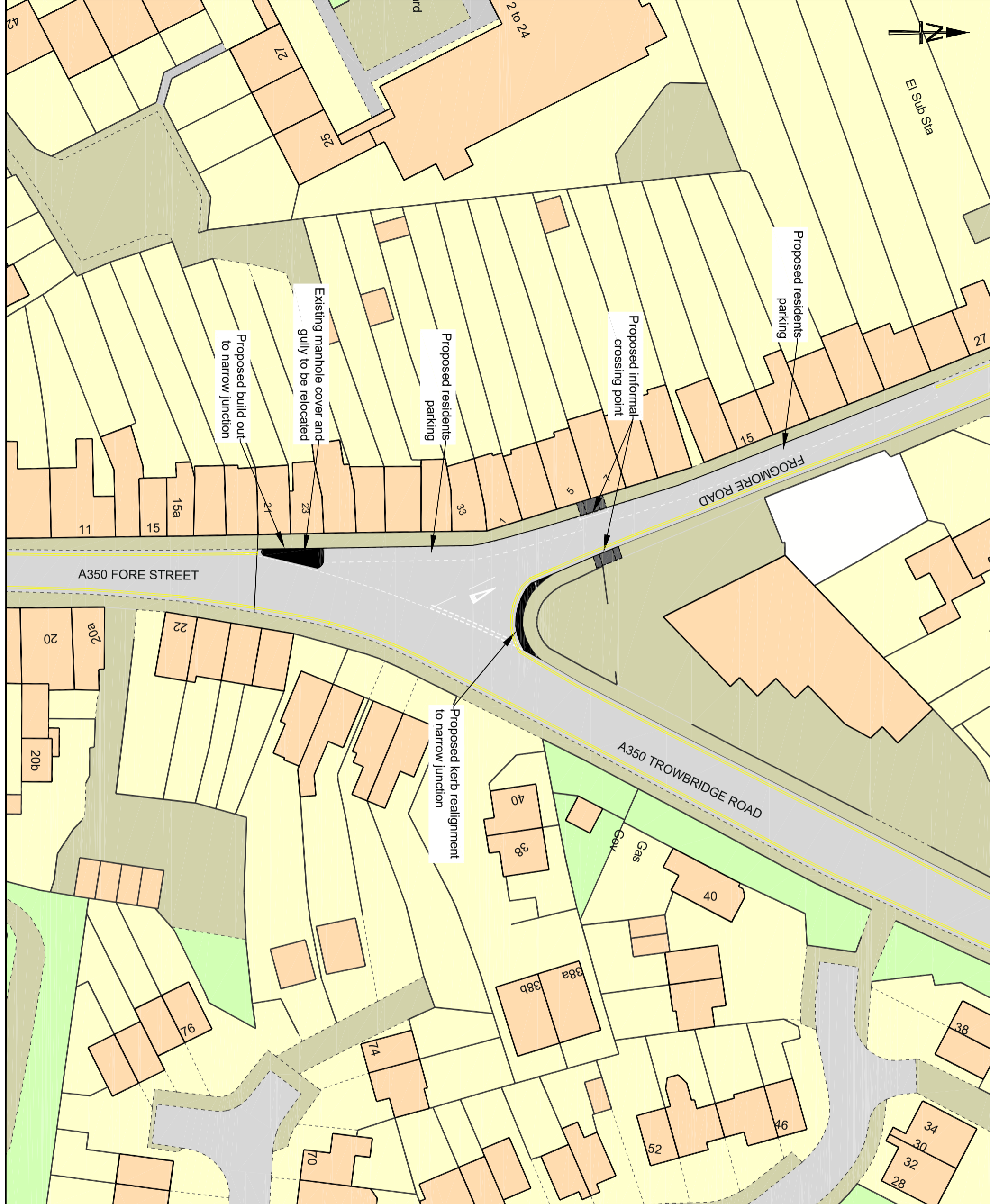


# Cumulative Speed Distribution Curve

## Traffic Overview from Fri Sep 1 2023 to Sat Sep 30 2023



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Proposed residents parking

Proposed Informal crossing point

Proposed residents parking

Existing manhole cover and gully to be relocated

Proposed build out to narrow junction

Proposed kerb realignment to narrow junction

A350 FORE STREET

FROGMORE ROAD

A350 TROWBRIDGE ROAD

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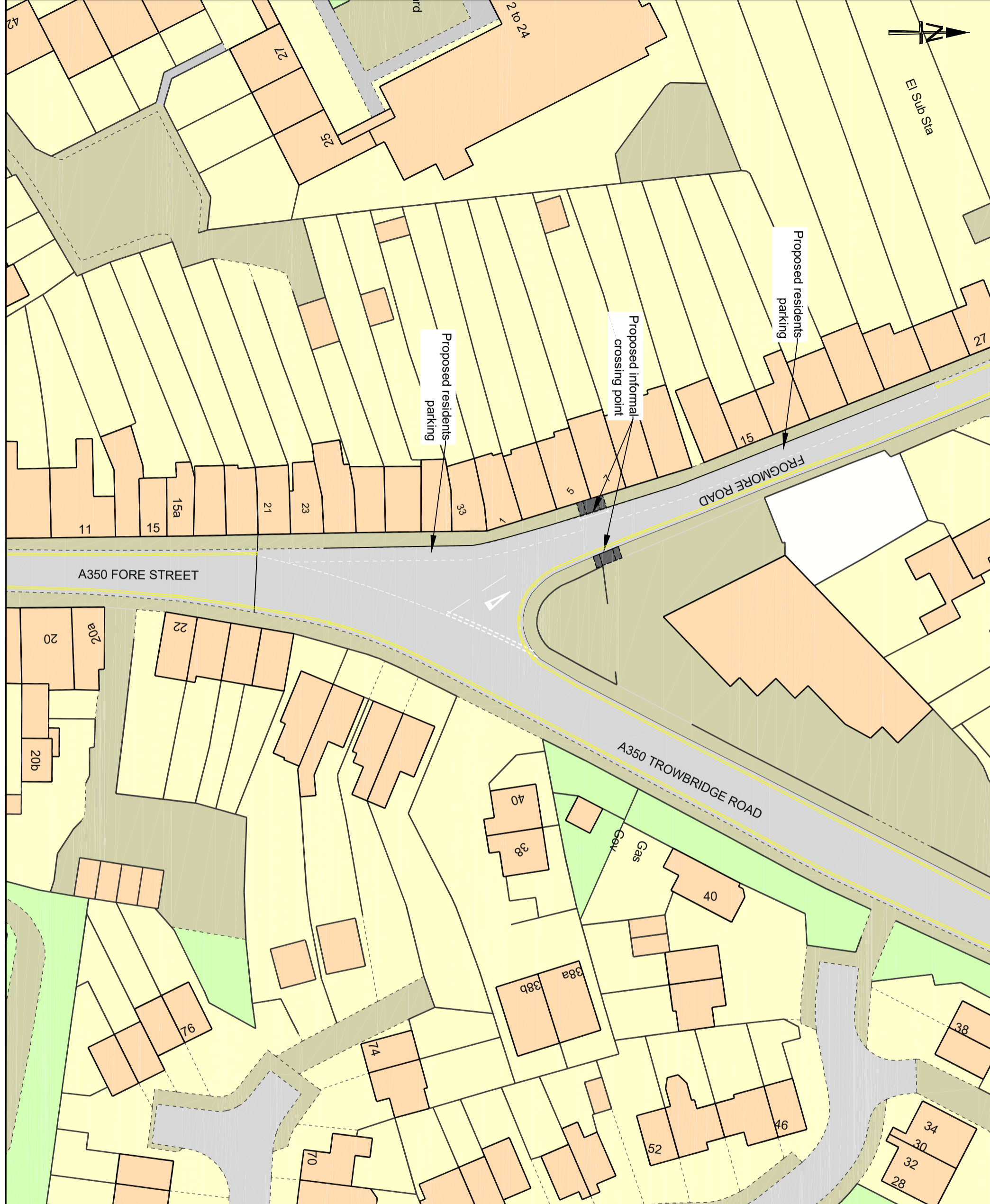
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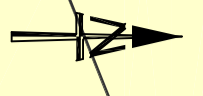
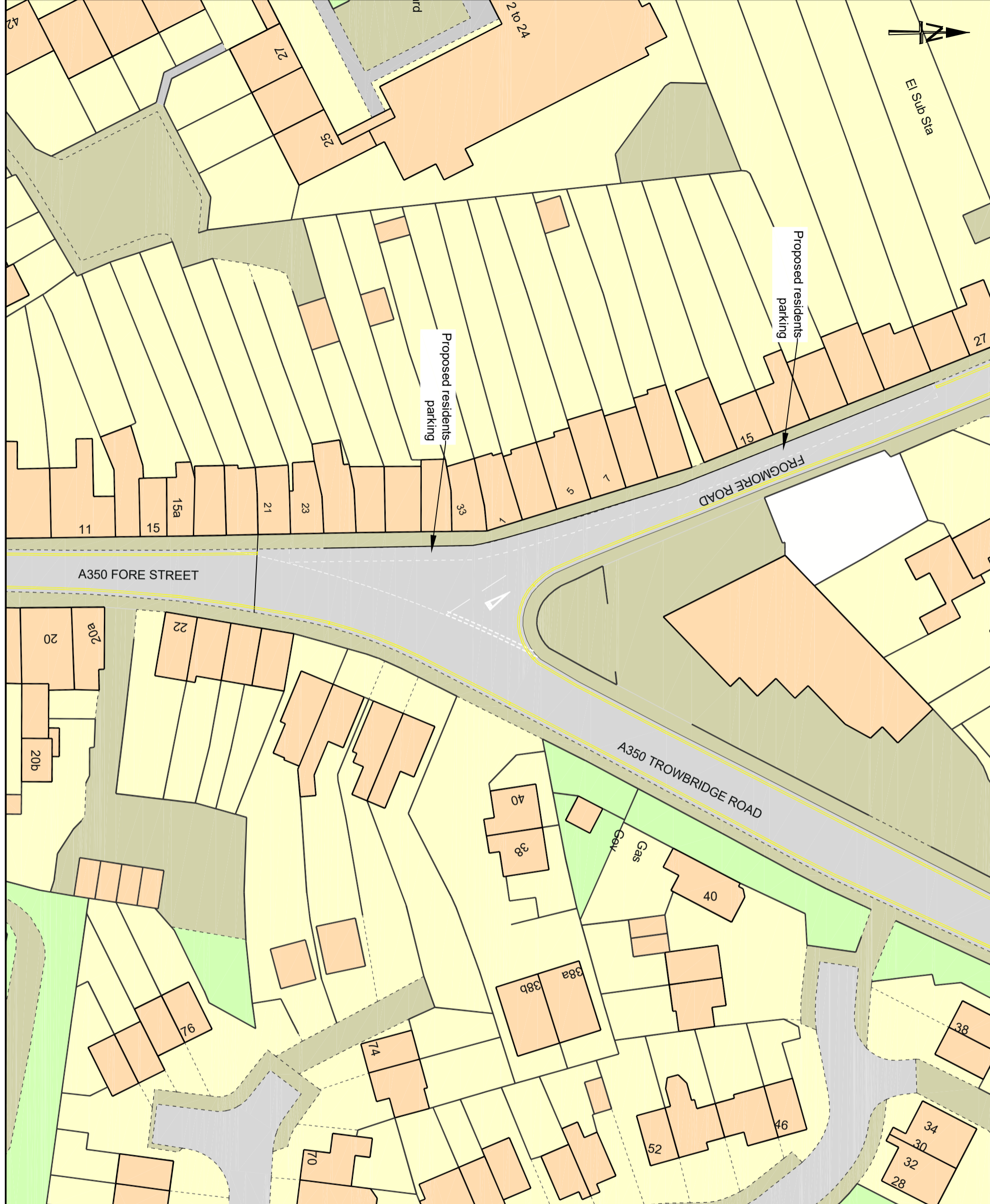
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Wiltshire Council

Westbury Area Board

15 February 2024

### Westbury Area Grant Report

#### Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Westbury Area Board. These could include:
  - community area grants
  - youth grants
  - older and vulnerable people grants
  - area board initiatives
2. To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

#### Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2023/24	£ 15,716.00	£ 12,892.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 10,827.00	£ 10,517.00	£ 2,231.54
Current Balance	£ 4,889.00	£ 2,375.00	£ 5,468.46
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ -14,237.80	£ -4,945.00	£ 3,968.46

#### Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1571</a>	Area Board Initiative	Westbury Area Board	Westbury Public Living Room	£2000.00	£1000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>                      Public living rooms are aimed at reducing social isolation and loneliness within communities. Seating areas are established within public spaces or at community events where people can sit down just to socialise with others there. There are no "services" or other organisations for formal referrals, it is simply a space to sit, talk, enjoy a cup of tea and maybe a board game or similar. Successful local Public Living Rooms include at Devizes in the shambles marketplace</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1572</a>	Area Board Initiative	Westbury Area Board	Dementia Friendly Westbury	£500.00	£500.00

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Dementia Friendly Westbury is a project idea which will see Westbury residents, businesses and public sector and 3rd sector organisations, become "dementia friendly" This will include specialist training where necessary as well as awareness raising campaigns within the community area.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1480</a>	Community Area Grant	West Wilts Ramblers Work Party	West Wilts Ramblers Work Party Equipment	£1357.60	£678.80
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Hello, West Wilts Ramblers have a Work Party, of which I am a member. The Work Party has worked most Tuesdays since 1984 mostly with a Rights of Way Officer and a Contractor – erecting kissing gates, stiles, bridges and steps. Since Austerity the Council has progressively reduced Rights of Way Maintenance, more so since Covid and in April 2023 the Countryside Team only committed to supporting us once a month but unfortunately could not do that. Since Covid, our Work Party has become more autonomous and in the absence of a Council funded Contractor we have become dependent on our own power tools. In 2022 we claimed a total of £500 from the Area Boards in Melksham and Devizes. We used this towards another battery for our brush cutter, hand shears, loppers and gloves. This year we would like to buy another Stihl battery tool, two batteries, brush cutter and hedge trimmer attachments. Shires in Devizes have agreed the council discount of 20% and the cost to us would be £1,358. Please would the Area board consider a grant towards this £1,358. Many thanks Dave Yearsley 01/12/23 West Wilts Ramblers Footpath Secretary/Work Party Coordinator</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1558</a>	Community Area Grant	Bratton Recreation Ground Management Committee	Bratton Recreation Ground New Storerooms	£26900.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>We need to provide significantly more storage space for equipment used by the many football and cricket teams that use Bratton Recreation Ground as their home. There will be two stores, one each for football and cricket, with lockable cages inside each for the different teams.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1559</a>	Community Area Grant	Westbury Shed	Westbury Workshop facility repair and upgrade	£6896.00	£3448.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Westbury Shed operate out of our main portacabin next to the WCP building, and out of our second workshop at Grassacres where we tend the gardens. We are grateful for these forever workshops, although they have not weathered the past bad winter weather with our main workshop ROOF has now sprung a leak and brought down the inside roof lining and electrics. We have made it safe but these needs repairing asap as its getting worse. Our second workshop needs the lower FLOOR replacing as it is total rotten now</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1561</a>	Community Area Grant	Westbury Youth FC	Westbury Youth FC equipment and facilities improvement	£8900.00	£4450.00

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Westbury Youth FC has been established for 33yrs looking after the youth of Westbury, encouraging, and helping develop the early years of many of our now older resident of Westbury. Last year we had 230 children (mainly boys) and due to the new housing growth and girls wishing to play football our waiting list for places has gone through the roof! So, this year we have opened our facilities to even more children with our policy that we will offer football for all, and increased to just under 300, including under7s, girl's teams. Alongside this increase we need extra 2 sets of FA approved goals and our facilities need improving with updating our changing rooms and refurbishing our derelict toilet block that is unusable, this is a must do as we need to offer basic amenities.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1565</a>	Community Area Grant	Blue Circle Bowls Club	Blue Circle Bowls Club new external seating area	£4000.00	£2000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>The bowls club would like to open up an additional area within our boundary to make an additional seating area for members to use, for watching matches and to allow us to hold more social activities for the members. This would entail the removal of a hedge running parallel to the front of the pavilion, erecting a fence parallel to the rear of the pavilion and erecting a canopy extending from the side of the pavillion.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1573</a>	Community Area Grant	White Horse Short Mat Bowls Club	New Short Mat Bowls carpet for White Horse Short Mat Bowls club	£1168.20	£550.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>We would like to purchase a new Short Mat Bowls carpet for our local Short Mat Bowls club, to allow for the expansion of membership of the club, to allow more players to take part.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1575</a>	Community Area Grant	Westbury Leigh community project	Westbury Leigh community project improvements	£6000.00	£3000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>V</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1320</a>	Youth Grant	Leigh Park Community Centre	Skills for personal development and employment 2023	£10478.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Project purpose: To further develop opportunities for young people to access programmes that develop their practical and social skills, provide further educational attainment, open doors and support careers and employability, provide recreational and sports outlets, learn about and conserve the natural environment, and engage as full members of their communities.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1525</a>	Youth Grant	Westbury Parochial Church Council All Saints Church	Youth Cafe Westbury	£12360.00	£1820.00

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>We provide a weekly drop in youth session for young people aged 11 - 19 every Friday in Westbury Parish Hall. This service is a partnership project between Westbury Parochial Church Council who provide the venue and volunteer support and 4Youth (SouthWest) who provide professional support.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1569</a>	Youth Grant	Westbury Town Council	Soapbox Derby Workshops Wind turbines	£500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>The project will focus on engaging with children in primary school and also older secondary aged students 12-16 year old. The young people in primary school will be give make your own turbine kits. There will be a competition where they will be given prizes based on efficiency (tested on site), creativity and best recycled materials used. The competition will be more open for secondary aged children. They will just be given a specification so that their turbine fits onto the testing motor onsite. The money spent will be on the kits, promotion and prizes. The focus of the project is to inspire these young people to find an interest in STEM activities, especially relating to environmental technologies, while also opening them up to the various engineering courses and careers on offer, particularly in the surrounding area.</b></p>					

## Background

3. 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.
4. 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)
  - Youth Grants (revenue)
  - Older and Vulnerable People Grants (revenue)
5. The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

## Main Considerations

6. 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.
7. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
8. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

## Safeguarding Implications

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

## Public Health Implications

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

## Environmental & Climate Change Implications

11. 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.

### **Financial Implications**

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

### **Legal Implications**

13. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

### **Workforce Implications**

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

### **Equalities Implications**

15. Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.
16. Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

### **Proposals**

17. To consider and determine the applications for grant funding.

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