

# AGENDA

**Meeting:** Tidworth Area Board

**Place:** Memorial Hall, Andover Rd, Ludgershall, Wiltshire, SP11 9LZ  
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**Date:** Monday 4 September 2023

**Time:** 7.00 pm

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Including the Parishes of:

Chute, Chute Forest, Collingbourne Ducis, Collingbourne Kingston, Everleigh,  
Ludgershall, Tidworth

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## Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Christopher Williams, Ludgershall North and Rural (Chairman)

Cllr Mark Connolly, Tidworth North and West

Cllr Tony Pickernell, Tidworth East & Ludgershall South (Vice-Chairman)

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## **Area Board Officers**

Strategic Engagement & Partnerships Manager (SEPM) – Graeme Morrison  
Democratic Services Officer – Max Hirst

## Items to be considered

1 **Welcome and Introductions**

The Chairman will welcome everyone to the meeting and introduce those present.

2 **Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

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

4 **Minutes** (*Pages 1 - 6*)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2023.

5 **Chairman's Announcements** (*Pages 7 - 10*)

The Chairman will give an update on outcomes and actions arising from previous meetings of the Area Board:

- Wiltshire Local Plan Review

6 **Information Items** (*Pages 11 - 24*)

The Board is asked to note the following Information items:

- BSW Together
- Healthwatch Wiltshire
- Community First
- Update on the Council's Activity and Progress on the Climate Emergency (<https://youtu.be/LP2FzC7rHSw>)
- PCC's Across the South-West launch new Rural Crime Survey and Quarterly Newsletter
- Wiltshire AGE UK Newsletter

7 **Partner Updates** (*Pages 25 - 26*)

To receive any updates from partner organisations:

- Wiltshire Police – Insp Ricky Lee
- Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service – Station Manager Simon Todd
- Healthwatch
- Parish Councils
- MOD

8 **Police and Crime Commissioner**

Tidworth Area Board is pleased to welcome the Police & Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson OBE.

9 **Grant Application and Planting Support Team (GAPS)**

To receive a presentation from Caroline Roofe (Woodland Officer) about Wiltshire Council's new GAPS Team.

10 **Detached Youth Work Project**

To receive an update from Graeme Morrison the Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager (SEPM) on the proposed Detached Youth Work Project in Tidworth and Ludgershall.

11 **Area Board Priority Update**

To receive an update on the Area Board's priority areas.

12 **Area Board Funding**

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

*Officer: Graeme Morrison, Strategic Engagement & Partnerships Manager*

**Area Board Current Financial Position**

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2023/24	£ 16,353.00	£ 16,710.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 1,500.00	£ 0.00	£ 1,000.00
Current Balance	£ 14,853.00	£ 16,710.00	£ 6,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 14,853.00	£ 11,710.00	£ 6,700.00

### Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1096</a>	Area Board Initiative	Tidworth Community Area Board	Detached youth work in Tidworth Community Area	£10000.00	£5000.00
<b>Project Summary:</b> Following feedback from Wiltshire Council's youth justice team, several concerns were raised about young people in the community area. Some of whom are persistent offenders, and others who are part of a cohort of young people involved in minor ASB. Concerns around county lines and other exploitation have been raised but are unconfirmed. This project would provide detached youth work with an aim of encouraging these young people to re-engage with services, school and activities.					

#### 13 **Urgent items**

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

#### 14 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Tidworth Area Board will be on 13 November 2023.



# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Tidworth Area Board  
**Place:** Armed Forces Community Hub, Fisher Ground, Tedworth Park  
**Date:** 10 July 2023  
**Start Time:** 5:00pm  
**Finish Time:** 5:45pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Christopher Williams  
Cllr Tony Pickernell  
Cllr Mark Connolly

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Graeme Morrison – Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager  
Max Hirst – Democratic Services Officer  
Jen Salter – Director of Families and Children (allocated to the Area Board)

### **Partners**

Collingbourne Kingston PC  
Everleigh PC  
Ludgershall TC  
Tidworth Town Council  
Lt Colonel Whitelegge

**Total in attendance: 24**

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<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
25	<p><u>Election of the Chairman</u></p> <p>Max Hirst, Democratic Services Officer, opened the meeting and called for nominations to elect the Chairman for the forthcoming year. On the nomination of Cllr Mark Connolly, seconded by Cllr Tony Pickernell, it was,</p> <p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b></p> <p><b>To elect Cllr Christopher Williams as Chairman for Tidworth Area Board for the forthcoming year.</b></p>
26	<p><u>Election of the Vice-Chairman</u></p> <p>The Chairman called for nominations to elect the Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year. On the nomination of Cllr Christopher Williams, seconded by Cllr Mark Connolly, it was,</p> <p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b></p> <p><b>To elect Cllr Tony Pickernell as Vice-Chairman for Tidworth Area Board for the forthcoming year.</b></p>
27	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to Tidworth Area Board and introduced the Councillors and Officers present.</p>
28	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>No Apologies were received.</p>
29	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr Christopher Williams, seconded by Cllr Tony Pickernell, it was:</p> <p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b></p> <p><b>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2023 as a true and correct record.</b></p>
30	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>No declarations of interest</p>
31	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p>



The Chairman drew attention to the following information included in the agenda pack:

- **Cost of Living Update**

With inflation and energy costs still high, Wiltshire Council continues to provide support to people through the cost-of-living crisis. Wiltshire Council has a range of advice and support at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living).

The full report can be found in the Agenda Pack.

- **Wiltshire Libraries**

Wiltshire Libraries are helping residents to have the skills and internet access they need to get and stay online during the cost of living crisis. Further support includes helping with learning computer skills and the National Databank providing free SIM cards to those who are struggling.

Further information about getting online at the library can be found at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-accessing-computers>. Information about the National Databank appears on the cost of living support and advice pages at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living>. An online referral form will soon be added.

The full report can be found in the Agenda Pack.

- **Independent Visitor Scheme**

The Independent Visitor Scheme needs more volunteers! Independent Visitors are adult volunteers who are matched with young people in care to visit, advise and befriend them. We currently have nearly 70 approved and matched Independent Visitors but with over 400 young people in care in Wiltshire, we need more to provide this vital and life changing service.

Volunteers are asked to give a long-term commitment to visit a young person every 3-4 weeks, for a couple of hours, to have fun, try new things and build a strong and lasting relationship.

Training and ongoing support is provided, with all expenses covered. If anyone is interested, please could they get in contact with [IVScheme@Wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:IVScheme@Wiltshire.gov.uk) for more information on how to apply.

- **Family Help Hubs**

Family hubs are part of the Government manifesto promise to support children and young people up to the age of 19, or 25 if they have SEND. In Wiltshire we

	<p>will refer to them as part of our Family Help offer. This is to remove the implication of the support being purely building based.</p> <p>We have a vision that all children, young people and families will be enabled and empowered to live their healthiest, most fulfilled lives by having easy and timely access to a locally integrated network of hubs, supported by an online offer. This will bring preventative and early help-support and information services together from all sectors to ensure a county wide delivery that is seamless, relationship based, and trauma informed, empowering families to be resilient and live their healthiest, most fulfilled lives.</p> <p>The full report can be found in the Agenda Pack.</p>
32	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>The Area Board noted the Police report and subsequent Road Safety Report which is contained in the Agenda Pack.</p> <p>The Area Board noted written reports from:</p> <p>Collingbourne Kingston PC  Everleigh PC  Ludgershall TC  Tidworth TC</p> <p>MOD - Lt Colonel Whitelegge thanked the Board and its partner organisations for its ongoing support and emphasised ongoing cooperation.</p>
33	<p><u>Area Board End of Year Report</u></p> <p>Graeme Morrison, Strategic Engagement Partnership Manager (SEPM) gave a presentation on Corsham Area Board's achievements over the past year.</p> <p>The full report can be found in the Agenda Pack.</p>
34	<p><u>Area Board Priorities - Looking Ahead</u></p> <p>The Board considered the Priority Areas and the Appointment of Priority Group Representatives for 2023/24.</p> <p>It was:</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>To appoint the following Councillors as Priority Group Representatives for 2023/24:</b></p>

	<p><b>Health and Wellbeing – Cllr Tony Pickernell</b></p> <p><b>Youth Engagement – Cllr Christopher Williams</b></p> <p><b>Environment – Mark Connolly</b></p>
35	<p><u>Outside Bodies</u></p> <p><b>Tidworth Leisure Centre - Cllr Christopher Williams</b></p>
36	<p><u>Local Highway and Footpath Improvements Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p>The Board noted the minutes arising from the LHFIG Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023.</p>
37	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p><b>Community Area Grants</b></p> <p>Ludgershall Memorial Hall - Ludgershall Memorial Hall health and safety improvements</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Christopher Williams and Seconded by Cllr Tony Pickernell it was:</p> <p><b><u>Resolved</u></b>  <b>To award Ludgershall Memorial Hall £1500 for their health and safety improvements.</b>  <b><u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24</b></p> <p>Sarum North PCN NHS – NHS Patients Gardening Project to support mental wellbeing.</p> <p>Cllr Mark Connolly proposed an award of £1000, this was seconded by Cllr Christopher Williams.</p> <p>It was:</p> <p><b><u>Resolved</u></b>  <b>To award a reduced amount of £1000 to Sarum North PCN NHS for their NHS Patients Gardening Project.</b>  <b><u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24</b></p>
38	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p>

	It was discussed and agreed that the Tidworth Area Board meeting taking place on March 2024 would be at the Tidworth Civic Centre.
39	<u>Date of Next Meeting, Forward Plan, Evaluation and Close</u> The next meeting of the Tidworth Area Board will be held on 4 September 2023.

## Wiltshire Local Plan Review – Chair’s Announcements

### 1) CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENT FOR AREA BOARDS TAKING PLACE BEFORE CONSULTATION EVENTS BEGIN

The consultation for the Wiltshire Local Plan will be held from Wednesday 27 September until Wednesday 22 November, with in-person and an online event being held across the county to enable people to find out more and have their say.

The council is holding 16 drop-in events at libraries and leisure centres around Wiltshire between Monday 2 October and Wednesday 18 October along with a live webinar-style event on Thursday 10 October on Microsoft Teams.

The in-person events are informal drop-in sessions where people can meet officers and find out more about the Local Plan and how to respond to the consultation. There is no need to book for the in-person events, anyone can just turn up and speak to officers. The online session will feature a presentation, followed by an opportunity to ask questions; people should sign up for the online event beforehand on the council website and are encouraged to submit questions in advance.

The Local Plan sets out the vision and framework for housing, infrastructure and land for employment growth for the next 15 years. Once adopted, all planning applications will be determined against the plan, making it the most important place-shaping document for Wiltshire.

The full schedule of events will be included in the minutes of this meeting. To find out more and to sign up for the online event, people should go to [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-plan](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-plan)

Town	Closest event for residents of...	Date	Time	Location
Amesbury	Amesbury, Bulford, Durrington, Great Wishford, Porton, Shrewton, Tilshead and The Winterbournes	Monday 2 October	3pm-7pm	Amesbury Library, Smithfield Street, Amesbury SP4 7AL
Bradford on Avon	Bradford on Avon, Holt, Westwood and Winsley	Monday 2 October	3pm-7pm	Bradford on Avon Library, Bridge Street, Bradford on Avon BA15 1BY
Chippenham	Chippenham, Christian Malford, Hullavington, Kington St Michael, Sutton Benger and Yatton Keynell	Tuesday 3 October	3pm-7pm	Olympiad Leisure Centre, Sadlers Mead, Chippenham SN15 3PA
Melksham	Melksham, Atworth, Bowerhill, Seend, Semington, Shaw and Whitley and Steeple Ashton	Wednesday 4 October	3pm-7pm	Melksham Community Campus, Market Place, Melksham SN12 6ES

Tisbury and Mere	Tisbury, Mere, Fovant, Hindon and Ludwell	Wednesday 4 October	3pm-7pm	The Nadder Centre, Weaveland Road, Tisbury SP3 6HJ
Devizes	Devizes, Bromham, Market Lavington, Potterne, Rowde, Urchfont, West Lavington, Littleton Pannell and Worton	Thursday 5 October	3pm-7pm	Devizes Library, Sheep Street, Devizes SN10 1DL
Marlborough	Marlborough, Aldbourne, Baydon, Broad Hinton, Ramsbury, Pewsey, Burbage, Great Bedwyn, Shalbourne and Upavon	Monday 9 October	3pm-7pm	Marlborough Library, 91 High Street, Marlborough SN8 1HD
Malmesbury	Malmesbury, Ashton Keynes, Crudwell, Great Somerford, Oaksey and Sherston	Monday 9 October	3pm-7pm	Malmesbury Library, 24 Cross Hayes Lane, Malmesbury SN16 9BG
General information webinar	Online webinar covering all of Wiltshire	Tuesday 10 October	6.30pm-8pm	Online
Corsham	Corsham, Box, Colerne and Rudloe	Wednesday 11 October	3pm-7pm	Springfield Community Campus, Beechfield Road, Corsham SN13 9DN
Royal Wootton Bassett	Royal Wootton Bassett, Cricklade, Lyneham and Purton	Wednesday 11 October	3pm-7pm	Royal Wootton Bassett library, 11 Borough Fields, Royal Wootton Bassett SN4 7AX
Trowbridge	Trowbridge, Hilperton, North Bradley and Southwick	Thursday 12 October	3pm-7pm	Atrium, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8JN
Calne	Calne, Derry Hill and Studley	Monday 16 October	3pm-7pm	Calne Library, The Strand, Calne SN11 0JU
Westbury	Westbury, Dilton Marsh and Bratton	Monday 16 October	4.30pm-8.30pm	Leighton Recreation Centre, Wellhead Lane, Westbury BA13 3PT
Salisbury	Salisbury, Alderbury, Broad Chalke, Coombe Bissett, Dinton, Downton, Laverstock and Ford, Morgan's Vale,	Tuesday 17 October	3pm-7pm	Salisbury Library, Market Walk, Salisbury SP1 1BL

	Woodfalls, Pitton, Whiteparish, Wilton and Winterslows			
Tidworth and Ludgershall	Tidworth, Ludgershall, Collingbourne Ducis and Netheravon	Wednesday 18 October	3pm-7pm	Tidworth Leisure Centre, Nadder Road, Tidworth SP9 7QN
Warminster	Warminster, Chapmanslade, Codford, Corsley, Heytesbury and Sutton Veny	Wednesday 18 October	3pm-7pm	Warminster Sports Centre, Woodcock Road, Warminster BA12 9DQ





## Update for Wiltshire Area Boards

August 2023

### BSW ICB celebrates first anniversary

BSW ICB has celebrated its first twelve months of working to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for local people. There have been numerous examples of joint working, from tackling winter pressures, to helping people get home from hospital more quickly. Other achievements include:

#### [New state of the art health centre in Devizes](#)

Opened in February, it's one of the first integrated health care centres in the region. The centre offers local residents a wide range of health and wellbeing services under one roof and provides primary care services, such as those traditionally found in GP practices, along with hospital outpatient services, physiotherapy, audiology, blood tests, and mental health support. It is a leading NHS net zero building with an energy EPC rating of A+, which utilises green technology, such as heat pumps and solar panels, to generate electricity and heat to serve the building.

#### [Integrated Care Strategy sets out health and care ambitions for BSW](#)

The strategy sets out BSW Together's ambition as partners working across the health, social care, voluntary and other sectors to support the people of BSW to live happier and healthier for longer.

#### [Acute Health Alliance](#)

NHS England announced its new Provider Collaborative Innovators scheme earlier this year. BSW AHA is the only collaborative from the South West to form the first wave of innovators, working closely together to tackle local challenges, improve patient outcomes, and enhance resilience.



## Help us make a difference to health and care in Wiltshire

We are looking for new volunteers to help us listen to people's experiences of health and social care services in the county.

Whether you want to gain valuable work experience, help improve care in your community or learn new skills, there are lots of ways you can join us to make a real difference.

Around 20 volunteers currently offer their time to help us reach out to communities across Wiltshire. They are part of a network of more than 5,000 people who are involved with Healthwatch across England. The work at each local Healthwatch contributes to work at Healthwatch England in its mission to ensure that people are at the heart of care.



### Why volunteer with us?

- Make a difference to your community by giving people the chance to speak up about health and social care.
- Make new friends and get out and about across Wiltshire as part of the Healthwatch team.
- Develop new skills and confidence.
- Choose a role to suit you and do as much or as little as you like.

### What can I do as a volunteer?

- Our **ambassadors** visit groups and attend meetings and events to talk about us and collect feedback. They also help us with projects, carry out research and review documents.
- Our **Enter and View Authorised Representatives** visit services to see and hear first hand how they are run.

[Young Healthwatch Wiltshire](#) is also open to anyone aged 14-25 who wants to make a difference to their community and has an

interest in the rights and wellbeing of young people.

Our recruitment drive comes as we welcome our new Volunteering and Partnerships Lead, **Kate Barber**.

Kate said: "Our volunteers are our ambassadors and they are at the heart of everything we do. Without them it simply wouldn't be possible to reach out to people across Wiltshire."

"If you're thinking of volunteering, we'd love to hear from you. Whether you have an hour or two to spare or are looking to make a more regular commitment, we will be able to find a role to suit you."

Find out more about volunteering on our website at: [healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk/volunteer](https://healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk/volunteer)

If you're not able to volunteer, you can still make a difference by sharing your experiences of services with us. Fill in our form at: [healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk/have-your-say](https://healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk/have-your-say) or call 01225 434218.



## Save the date: Community First AGM

The Community First Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Awards Celebration will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October (5.30-7.30pm) at Devizes Town Hall. Invitations for the AGM will be sent by email in the next few weeks.

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## Building Bridges Programme impact report

The first phase of the Building Bridges programme has now come to an end. Managing partner Community First and key programme partners involved in the delivery of the programme have created an impact report with a summary of programme achievements (including with harder-to-reach groups), outcomes and success stories.

The impact report can be viewed/downloaded via our website:

<https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Building-Bridges-Programme-Impact-Report-Final-Version.pdf>

A copy of the impact report is also included with this briefing document. Please feel free to circulate the report amongst your colleagues and networks and help us celebrate the amazing achievements of Building Bridges as we move into the next phase of programme delivery with funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

We are currently in the process of updating the Building Bridges website to include an online referral form. Please see below for more information about programme delivery and who is currently eligible for support in Wiltshire and Swindon.

### Wiltshire

The Building Bridges programme will continue to support people aged 16-65 in Wiltshire who have significant barriers and challenges to move towards education and employment.

### Swindon

Inspire Swindon offers personalised support to young people who live in Swindon and who are also in one (or more) of the following groups:

- 15-18 years old who are at risk of becoming NEET (Not in Employment Education or Training).
- 15-18 years old who are NEET.
- 15-18 years old who are engaging with Swindon Youth Justice Service.
- 15-18 years old who are Care Experienced.
- 15-18 years old with an Education, Health & Care Plan.

We are in discussion with other funders to try to establish a programme to support people aged over 19 in Swindon and will give further details of this as soon as we can.

To make a referral (or self-referral) please contact the Building Bridges Lead Team (Community First) by email: [hello@buildingbridgessw.org.uk](mailto:hello@buildingbridgessw.org.uk) or telephone: 01380 732821. Individuals aged over 19 years who live in Swindon can also register their details for a potential future programme.

## Building Bridges multiplies maths life skills

Did you know that 49% of adults of working age have the maths skills of a primary-aged child and 78% are working at below a Level 2 (GCSE C/4) grade? Maths anxiety is one of the reasons why many people avoid revisiting their maths. They may shy away from talking about their maths skills due to a bad experience in school or feel that they are ‘not a maths person.’

Multiply is a new government-funded programme to help adults improve their numeracy skills.

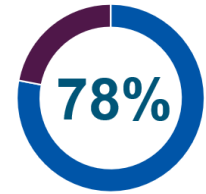
People aged 19 and over that don’t have maths GCSE at grade C (or equivalent), can access free courses through Multiply to build their confidence with numbers and perhaps gain a qualification.

All Building Bridges Support Workers have been trained and qualified as National Numeracy Champions via a CPD-accredited programme. This gives them the knowledge and understanding needed to support adults who have low confidence with Numeracy so that individuals, children, parents, and families in the community can develop positive attitudes towards maths learning.

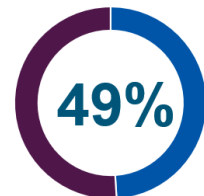
Some Maths Life skills that may be supported include:

- Money, savings, debts and benefits
- Using public transport or learning to drive
- Income and household budgeting
- Shopping for less
- Saving energy and money on bills
- Childcare costs

The Building Bridges Programme is working in partnership with Wiltshire Council to deliver life skills, maths learning and support individuals to gain accredited qualifications to help improve their confidence and chances of education, employment or job prospects and security.



of adults are working below level 2 (GCSE grade 4/C)



of adults have the numeracy skills expected of children at primary school



## Youth Action Wiltshire - Summer activity programme

We have created an exciting programme of summer activities for young carers and people facing challenges in their lives. The free-to-access activities are offered by Community first (Youth Action Wiltshire) during school holidays with the aim of offering respite and opportunities for young people to make friends and access support from our specialist team of trained youth workers.

The Splash summer programme is available online: <https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/yaw/splash/> and a copy of the young carers summer programme is included with this briefing pack.

Activities planned for this summer include:

- Sport and swim: a mix of sports ending with exclusive use of swimming pool facilities and inflatable obstacle course.
- Cookery: a day at Oxenwood preparing a variety of nutritional affordable easy to make meal options.
- Let's paint (art project): A two-day project painting a young people designed mural in an underpass in Salisbury.
- Climbing and paddleboarding: Climbing wall and paddleboard experience.
- Farm days: spending a day at a local farm taking care of the animals.
- Water sports: kayaking, canoeing and paddleboarding at Oxenwood.

In addition to free-to-access group activities, Community First also offers free transport for young people to and from the various locations where activities are delivered. This includes our dedicated Outdoor Education Centre at Oxenwood.

Our activity programmes offer adventure, opportunity and friendship to hundreds of young carers, young victims of crime and young people facing challenges in their lives. We are looking forward to an exciting summer of fun with the young people we support.

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## Community Insurance

Community Insurance is a specialist insurance agent service from Community First. We offer comprehensive insurance for local councils, village halls, community building and playing field associations, with support from our friendly and professional team.

Our policies are underwritten by Zurich. Income generated from Community Insurance is reinvested back into communities including support for village halls, community buildings, local councils and other services provided by Community First.

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## **PCCs across the South West launch new rural crime survey**

Police and Crime Commissioners across the South West have come together to launch a survey to explore how crime is affecting rural communities.

Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Wilkinson and his counterparts in Dorset, Devon and Cornwall, Avon and Somerset and Gloucestershire are hoping the survey will help them to understand how their county's rural communities are affected by crime.

Mr Wilkinson said: "In an agricultural county like Wiltshire, it's so important to keep on top of how Wiltshire Police are responding to and dealing with all forms of rural crime. A lot of work has gone into improving this as a police force and I included it in the priorities set out in my Police and Crime Plan.

"I'm keen to understand what improvements have been made since the National Rural Crime Network ran a similar survey in 2018, and what we still need to put more resource into. By taking a couple of minutes out of your day to complete this survey you will be helping me to understand how I can continue to make Wiltshire safer."

In Wiltshire, the Rural Crime Team cover all heritage and wildlife crime including theft of livestock and machinery, fly tipping, poaching and hare coursing to name a few.

The survey asks rural residents if they have been the victim of any crimes in the last 12 months as well as asking what rural crimes concern them the most.

You can take the survey online [here](#).



AGE UK WILTSHIRE

# News and Views

## CEO Message - Sarah Cardy

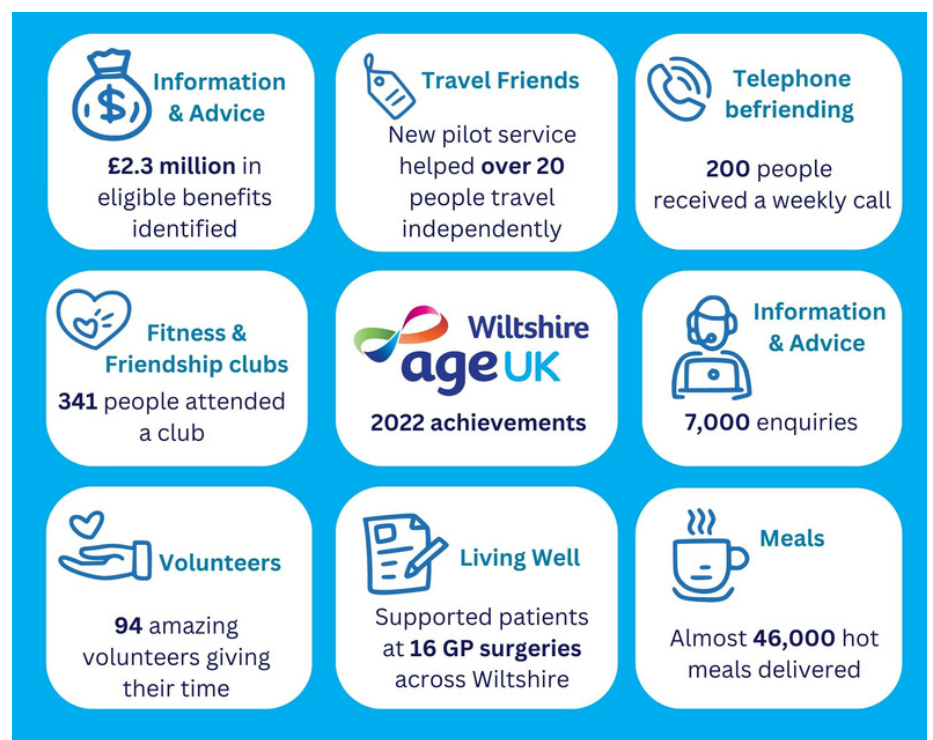
Welcome to our very first external newsletter, highlighting the latest news and updates from Age UK Wiltshire.

Each quarter, we will be sharing updates, advice, and success stories from older adults who have benefited from our services. We will also be showcasing our dedicated volunteers and community partners who make our work possible.

At Age UK Wiltshire, we believe in the power of community and are committed to building strong partnerships with local organisations and stakeholders to create a supportive network for older adults in the community.

We're grateful for your continued support as we promote the well-being and independence of older adults and help them to love later life. We hope you enjoy our newsletter and connecting with us and we'd like to thank you for being a part of our community.

I also want to take this opportunity to highlight the amazing work done last year, with some stats on how we made a huge impact on people's lives:



## Newsletter Highlights

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## News and updates

### Age UK Southampton Merger

We are excited to confirm that Age UK Wiltshire and Age UK Southampton have joined forces to continue to offer much needed support to older people in their local areas!

Our organisations have a long history of providing vital services and support to older people to help improve their quality of later life. By combining our resources and expertise, we believe we can have an even greater impact on the lives of our clients. This expansion enables a strengthened service provision, shared learning, and the potential to develop new and important services, identified by older people within their local communities. The collaboration will ensure that the rising demand for frontline services and support will be met, not only in the Wiltshire and Swindon area but across the Southampton area.

We are committed to ensuring a smooth transition and to keeping all stakeholders informed throughout the process. We believe this merger will create new opportunities for growth and collaboration, and we are excited to embark on this new chapter together.

The Merger took place on the 1st April 2023 and our gratitude goes to all our supporters, volunteers, and staff who have helped make this merger possible. We look forward to continuing to work together to make a positive impact in the lives of older adults.

### Our future development plans for this year

We have ambitious plans to open **three charity retail shops**, which will become hubs across Wiltshire! We're working in partnership with another charity to use their expertise as consultants to help us build a sustainable model.

**The Information & Advice service** is busy helping many older people combat the cost of living with grants, advice, and benefits information, including making Surviving Winter grants. We're looking at how we can develop new I&A services across Wiltshire and Swindon, including more face-to-face information and advice.

**"I couldn't have done this without you, I felt so dejected when the lady said I wasn't entitled and I'm glad you helped me see that I was. Thanks for helping with the phone call, it felt so reassuring."**

**The Meals+ Service** is currently expanding and building on routes in Melksham, Corsham, and Chippenham. Having provided a nutritious meals service to clients in Wiltshire and Swindon, including some routes in Bath & North East Somerset for many years, we are now expanding into the South Cotswolds as a natural next step in the growth of the service.

We have also been working hard to help the NHS by providing meals for those coming home from hospital, as part of their discharge plans.

**"We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the assistance that you have given us. It has allowed our dad to stay in his home for a great deal longer than we thought, which was his wish. Your staff have kept his spirits up and I know he has really enjoyed having a visitor each lunch time."**

We started a pilot **Travel Friends service** last year which has been a great success. Volunteers have worked 1:1 with older people who needed more confidence to travel independently and have been able to support them on their journeys to shops, appointments, visiting groups and getting out and about.

We hope the pilot has shown the value of such a service and are excited about future possibilities!

**"What a wonderful service. The volunteer who helped me was just great and so very helpful. I am now confident to travel on my own."**

We're now working with Melksham Town Council and Melksham Without Parish Council, and are leading the Melksham Community Support service, who have a number of volunteers and are already supporting a group of older people.

We have recruited a new Melksham Community Support Senior Project Worker and can't wait to see what we can do in this area!

Last year, our **Big Knit** campaign was incredibly successful and our knitting warriors knitted an amazing 40,000 hats! We hit our target and were given £10,000 from Innocent Smoothies. We will be running another campaign this year, and will be updating our social media channels with more information soon.

If you have any questions about our services, please just get in touch.  
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## Service Spotlight - Fitness & Friendship Clubs

We were delighted to welcome so many new volunteers to the Fitness & Friendship team in 2022 and our local clubs are increasing!

We have introduced a **F&F club to Marlborough** and to **Bradford-on-Avon**. The Fitness & Friendship team will also be starting some new work providing classes to sheltered housing schemes.

Watch [Jenny](#) and [Colin](#) talk about how attending their local club has helped them make new friends and improve their mobility!



## Partnership working

### WASP - Wiltshire and Swindon Sport

Age UK Wiltshire and WASP enjoy a collaborative relationship, and work in partnership for the shaping, resourcing, delivery and monitoring of agreed joint projects, primarily our popular Fitness & Friendship Clubs.

Working together, we encourage the sustainable growth and impact of the AUKW Fitness and Friendship Clubs, while also promoting the aims and priorities of WASP in relation to inactive and less active older people.

WASP also supports the cost of staffing/venues for these local clubs and both organisations publicise each-other's ongoing campaigns.

You can read our guest blog written for their #5WaysToBeWell campaign on how our Fitness & Friendship Clubs help older people stay active and connect with others in their community [HERE](#).



## Invaluable Volunteers!

We are so grateful to all our volunteers (**almost 100 of them!**) who dedicate their valuable time to Age UK Wiltshire and our clients.

Without them, we couldn't do as much as we are doing! If you are looking for a volunteering opportunity and want to support **a local charity, helping older people in Wiltshire, Swindon and Southampton**, then please get in touch via our website and complete a volunteer application form. We would love to have you on board!

### Volunteer Story

"My name is Sue England, aged 71 years young. I have been attending Age UK Fitness and friendship club in Amesbury. Within six months I was invited to become a volunteer. I was thrilled to be asked and was very keen to help out. I enjoy the gentle exercises which keep my muscles moving. It's a nice friendly atmosphere.

I like volunteering because it gives me the opportunity to meet new friends and the club gives me purpose and self worth. I enjoy the gentle exercises and the tai chi that help keep me moving. I would recommend anyone to join our club and see what fun we have."



### Grants and Awards

We would like to acknowledge the generous support received from Town and Parish Councils, that have contributed to the continued running of our Information & Advice service or our Fitness & Friendship Clubs. Thank you to the following:

Amesbury Town Council  
Calne Town Council  
Chippenham Town Council  
Corsham Town Council

Devizes Town Council  
Marlborough Town Council  
Malmesbury Town Council  
Melksham Town Council

Melksham Without Parish Council  
Tidworth Town Council  
Trowbridge Town Council  
Warminster Town Council

Thanks also go to the Asda Foundation for their generous donation to use towards funding the Meals+ service in Melksham, allowing us to reach older people in the Melksham community who are able to maintain their independence with the support of our meals service. We would like to thank Emma Scott, ASDA Community Champion for her help with the application.

### Let's talk about: Benefits

Our I&A team do an amazing job of helping older people find out what extra income they're entitled to and what support is available to them, which is especially important with the rising costs of living. We are able to support clients in applying for benefits, including Attendance Allowance, which often have long and complex forms to complete.

We also have a Benefits Calculator that can be found [HERE](#)

Those who are in receipt of benefits may have noticed a change in rates for this new financial year. More information on the new rates can be found [HERE](#)

If you'd like to signpost anyone to our Information & Advice Team, please refer them to our website where a request form can be completed.

# Agenda Item 7

## Update for Tidworth Area Board

Name of Parish/Town Council	Everleigh Parish Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Headlines/Key Successes

- The **Beating of the Parish Boundary walk**, conducted on Sunday 16th July, was very successful. Although turnout was low, a group of 7 walkers enjoyed a leisurely and very enjoyable 8 mile+ hike around most of our scenic parish boundary over a period of just over 3 hours. The amended route, using the playground as the start/finish point, worked well. Well done to all walkers and congratulations to Cllr Peter Evans for organising an excellent event, ably assisted by Cllr Andy Earle who provided superb safety and admin support, including iced cold water!

### Projects

- Our **Everleigh Enhancement plans** are progressing well. The eight village planters are flourishing thanks to the continued enthusiasm of those residents who have adopted them. A replacement picnic bench is now in the playground and a new park bench for Everleigh centre to replace the wooden bench by the Manor fence has also arrived and will be positioned shortly.

### Forthcoming events/Diary dates

- The **Collingbourne Ducis St Andrew's Church Fete** takes place this year on Saturday 2nd September from 12 noon until 5pm in the Ducis Village Hall and on the recreation ground. Everleigh has been invited to participate in fun games activities with Ducis and Kingston folk at this excellent community event..
- There are four village events planned for the remainder of this year in Everleigh:
  - A Harvest Festival Service at St Peter's Church on Saturday 7th October at 3pm;
  - A litter pick on Saturday 21st October, meeting up at The Crown bus shelter at 11am;
  - A Bonfire Night on Saturday 4th November starting from 6pm in Jubilee Field;
  - Finally, a Christmas Carol Service is scheduled for Saturday 9th December at 5pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Signed: **DENIS BOTTOMLEY, Chairman Everleigh Parish Council**

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023

