

# AGENDA

**Meeting:** Marlborough Area Board  
**Place:** The Assembly Room, Marlborough Town Hall, Marlborough, SN8 1AA  
**Date:** Tuesday 18 June 2024  
**Time:** 7.00 pm

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Including the Parishes of: Aldbourne, Avebury, Baydon, Berwick Bassett, Chilton Foliat, East Kennett, Fyfield, Kennet Valley, Marlborough, Mildenhall, Ogbourne St Andrew, Ogbourne St George, Preshute, Ramsbury, Savernake, West Overton, Winterbourne Monkton.

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## Wiltshire Councillors

CLlr Jane Davies, Marlborough West  
CLlr James Sheppard, Aldbourne and Ramsbury  
CLlr Caroline Thomas, Marlborough East

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## **Area Board Officers**

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Democratic Services Officer – [matthew.hitch@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:matthew.hitch@wiltshire.gov.uk)

	Time
<p>1     <b>Election of Chairman</b> <i>(Pages 1 - 2)</i></p> <p>The Democratic Services Officer will preside over the election of the Chairman for the forthcoming year.</p>	7:00pm
<p>2     <b>Election of Vice-Chairman</b></p> <p>To elect a Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.</p>	
<p><b><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></b></p>	
<p>3     <b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>4     <b>Minutes</b> <i>(Pages 3 - 16)</i></p> <p>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2024 as a true and correct record.</p>	7:05pm
<p>5     <b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>6     <b>Chairman's Updates</b></p> <p>The Chairman will give an update on outcomes and actions arising from previous meetings of the Area Board, including how grant funding has been used to local communities.</p> <p>The Area Board will invite grant recipients to submit information about their projects at the Area Board's meeting on 1 October 2024.</p>	
<p>7     <b>Information Items</b> <i>(Pages 17 - 44)</i></p> <p>The Board is asked to note the following Information items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community First</li> <li>• Healthwatch Wiltshire</li> <li>• Update from BaNES, Swindon, Wiltshire Together (Integrated Care Board)</li> <li>• Age UK</li> <li>• Wiltshire Council <a href="#">Consultation Portal</a></li> <li>• Wiltshire Council Information Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Local Nature Recovery Strategy Engagement</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	7:10pm
<p>8     <b>Partner and Community Updates</b> <i>(Pages 45 - 58)</i></p> <p><u>Verbal Updates</u> To receive any verbal updates from representatives, including:</p>	7:15pm

- a. Wiltshire Police – Inspector Ben Huggins
- b. Kennet and Avon Medical Partnership – Suzy Deering
- c. Town / Parish Councils

Written Updates

The Board is asked to note the following written and online updates attached to the agenda:

- Neighbourhood Policing Team
- Kennet and Avon Medical Partnership

*Note: Speakers are reminded that they each have a 3-minute slot, unless they have previously discussed alternative arrangements with the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager.*

**9 Marlborough Area Board Priorities**

To receive updates on the Area Board’s three priorities.

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| 9a | <p><b>Area Board End of Year Report</b> (Pages 59 - 62)</p> <p>The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager, Andrew Jack, will summarise the progress that the Area Board has made towards its three priority areas over the past year.</p>   | <b>7:45pm</b> |
| 9b | <p><b>Children and Young People Update</b></p> <p>To receive an update from the lead councillor, Caroline Thomas, on the work being done towards the Area Board’s priority of children and young people.</p>   | <b>7:55pm</b> |
| 9c | <p><b>Older and Vulnerable People Update - Health and Wellbeing Group</b> (Pages 63 - 66)</p> <p>To receive an update from Jill Turner, Chair of Marlborough Health and Wellbeing Group.</p>   | <b>8:05pm</b> |
| 9d | <p><b>Road safety Update and Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)</b> (Pages 67 - 86)</p> <p>To ratify the funding recommendations from the Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group on 2 May 2024, as set out in the attached report.</p> <p>Further information about the LHFIG process can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> | <b>8:15pm</b> |
| 9e | <p><b>Community Area Joint Strategic Needs Assessment - Area Board Priorities - Looking Ahead</b> (Pages 87 - 96)</p>  | <b>8:25pm</b> |

The Area Board will receive an update from the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager, Andrew Jack, about the Community Area Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

After considering the findings of the JSNA, the Area Board will decide on their priority goals for the forthcoming year before appointing a lead member to each.

The Area Board will appoint a lead member for the Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG).

10 **Grant Applications** (*Pages 97 - 102*)

8:35pm

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 Grants: £15,835

Youth Grants: £17,786

Older and Vulnerable People's Grants: £7,700

Community Area Grants

[ABG1696](#) – Marlborough Tennis requesting £3,000 towards a new clubhouse top floor lounge and kitchen fit out.

[ABG1761](#) – Aldbourne Scouts and Guides Supporters Association requesting £3,000 towards a new kitchen for their Scout Hut.

[ABG1776](#) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Marlborough Scout Group requesting £3,000 for roof repairs to their Scout Hut.

Area Board Initiative

[ABG1864](#) - Marlborough Health and Wellbeing Group requesting £500 towards a summer engagement event in 2024.

Older and Vulnerable People's Grant

[ABG1844](#) – Marlborough Area Poverty Action Group requesting £1,000 towards summer outings.

[ABG1846](#) – Arts Together requesting £2,500 towards projects for isolated and vulnerable people in Marlborough.

11 **Any Other Questions**

The Chairman will invite any remaining questions from the floor.

12 **Urgent items**

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

**8:55pm**

13 **Close and Future Meeting Dates**

Future meeting dates (starting at 7.00pm):

- 1 October 2024
- 3 December 2024
- 18 March 2025

**9:00pm**

For information on applying for a grant or grant application deadlines for these meetings, contact [andrew.jack@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.jack@wiltshire.gov.uk).

## Procedure for the Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman

The Democratic Services representative will call for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Area Board and preside over the election. A Member's nomination must be seconded to be valid. A Member shall not be nominated in their absence without their written consent.

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

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

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

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

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





# MINUTES

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**Finish Time:** 9.13 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Jane Davies (Chairman), Cllr Caroline Thomas (Vice-Chairman) and  
Cllr Jerry Kunkler

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Andrew Jack – Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager  
Matt Hitch – Democratic Services Officer  
Dom Argar – Assistant Multimedia Officer

**Total in attendance: 21**

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<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
15	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr James Sheppard (substituted by Cllr Jerry Kunkler)</li> <li>• Dr Richard Hook – Kennet &amp; Avon Medical Partnership</li> <li>• Suzy Deering - Kennet &amp; Avon Medical Partnership</li> </ul>
16	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>On the proposal of the Chairman, Cllr Jane Davies, seconded by Cllr Jerry Kunkler, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>To approve the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 9 January 2024, as a true and correct record.</b></p>
17	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>In relation to Item 11 – The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Caroline Thomas, noted that she had received a dispensation from the Monitoring Officer in relation to an Other Registerable Interest by virtue of being the Chair of Trustees for the Area Youth Forum. The dispensation allowed the Vice-Chairman to remain in the room and to take part in the discussion.</p>
18	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Cllr Jane Davies, drew the Area Board's attention to the forthcoming events listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marlborough Town Council Flood Warden recruitment – Wednesday 20 March, 6pm at Marlborough Town Hall.</li> <li>• Marlborough Town Council Litter Pick – Thursday 28 March, 2pm to 3:30pm, Marlborough Town Hall.</li> <li>• LINK Scheme Annual General Meeting – 23 March, 10am, St Mary's Church Hall, Silverless Street.</li> <li>• Marlborough Health and Wellbeing Day - 6 July, St Peter's Church, Marlborough High Street.</li> </ul> <p>Richard Spencer-Williams, Clerk of Marlborough Town Council, encouraged people to volunteer to become flood wardens, specially people who lived in homes that were not prone to flooding.</p> <p>The Chairman noted that she would be participating in the litter pick on 28</p>

	<p>March. She also reported that the Chair of Marlborough Health and Wellbeing Group, Jill Turner, and she had been working on the Health and Wellbeing Day, and that activities may include singing and Tai Chi.</p>
19	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>The Area Board received the following verbal update:</p> <p><u>Wiltshire Police</u></p> <p>Acting Inspector Chris Wickham provided an update from the community police team. Points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response times to 101 and 999 calls had improved in recent months.</li> <li>• There had been 114 reports of crimes and 116 incidents in the Area Board’s area in January and February 2024.</li> <li>• The majority of the 25 thefts reported during this time were shoplifting offences, including a high proportion in the Waitrose on Marlborough High Street.</li> <li>• There were nine reported burglaries in the Area Board’s area in January and February 2024, one of which was of a residential building. Most cases took place in rural areas and advice was being provided about how to secure outbuildings.</li> <li>• The public were encouraged to sign up for the police’s <a href="#">community messaging service</a>.</li> </ul> <p>The Vice-Chairman noted that the police would be very welcome to carry out engagement events at the Friday night youth sessions in the town.</p> <p>The Area Board also noted the following written updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire Police, <b>pg. 25 - 35</b></li> <li>• Healthwatch Wiltshire, <b>pg. 37</b></li> <li>• Community First, <b>pg. 39 - 41</b></li> <li>• Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue - <a href="#">online</a></li> <li>• BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board, <b>pg. 43</b></li> </ul>
20	<p><u>Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership</u></p> <p>Perry Payne from Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership gave a detailed overview of their work. He explained that the group was partnership led, being comprised of a number of organisations including Wiltshire Police, Wiltshire Council and South West Ambulance Service. Key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group focussed on education as well as enforcement. A key area of focus was on the so called fatal five causes of road traffic incidents, including ‘phone use.</li> <li>• Thanks were given to local Community Speed Watch volunteers.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Between July 2020 and February 2024 in the Marlborough area 542 letters were issued to drivers about speeding related offences.</li> <li>• Across Wiltshire 2,071 speeding tickets were issued to motorists between October and December 2023 by the Roads Policing Unit.</li> <li>• The Police and Crime Commissioner’s Office had funded three Community Road Safety Officers and three Community Speed Enforcement Officers.</li> <li>• Between 1 January 2023 and 4 March 2024, 8,433 speed awareness courses had been issued and 101 people had appeared in court due to speeding in Wiltshire.</li> <li>• Wiltshire Council had helped to train over 1,300 children in bikability.</li> </ul> <p>During the discussion, the following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Area Board thanked Mr Payne for his update.</li> <li>• The Vice-Chairman noted that 20 people on average died each year on Wiltshire’s roads. Wiltshire Council had a highway engineering led approach and were heavily involved in road safety education.</li> <li>• When asked for advice on how to set up a Community Speed Watch, Mr Payne said that parish councils could work with Wiltshire Council. Before speed watches could begin, surveys were undertaken to establish whether it was safe for volunteers to be close to the road. Wiltshire Police undertook surveys in areas deemed to be unsafe for Speed Watch volunteers.</li> <li>• It was noted that it was good practice to occasionally move Speed Indicator Devices.</li> <li>• It was explained that some, but not all, Speed Indicator Devices could provide information that enabled the police to fine drivers. However, the information was useful from all devices as it helped to build an intelligence picture.</li> <li>• The importance of not lowering the speeding limit on Speed Indicator Devices below the speed limit was emphasised, as it would provide unreliable information.</li> <li>• It was not believed that there were restrictions on installing Speed Indicator Devices in conservation areas.</li> </ul>
21	<p><u>Information Items</u></p> <p>The Area Board noted the information items as set out in the agenda pack, these were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Nature Recovery Strategy Public Engagement, <b>pg.63</b></li> <li>• Great British Spring Clean – Litter Picks, <b>pg.65</b></li> <li>• Best Kept Village Competition, <b>pg.67</b></li> <li>• Wiltshire Cultural Strategy, <b>pg.69</b></li> </ul> <p>A <a href="#">video</a> about the Local Nature Recovery Strategy was played.</p>

	<p>The Chairman also reported that a Tree Warden workshop would be held on at 4:30pm on 17 April, at County Hall in Trowbridge. An online session would be held on 18 April for people unable to attend in person. The sessions would help inform town and parish councils about the role and duties of tree wardens.</p> <p>Applications were also open for Coronation Living Heritage Orchard Grants. The plan was to fund 25 orchards around the county and planting would commence in 2024/25. Further information was available at <a href="mailto:GAPS@wiltshire.gov.uk">GAPS@wiltshire.gov.uk</a>. A budget of up to £2,000 was available per orchard and projects had to have a minimum of five trees to apply.</p>
22	<p><u>Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager (SEPM), Andrew Jack, provided an update about the Community Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). Points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Community JSNA measured 140 indicators across 10 different topics and were used to help inform local priorities across Wiltshire’s 18 Area Boards.</li> <li>• The last Community JSNA was completed in 2020 based on data collected in 2019/20, before and during the Covid-19 pandemic, so was now in need of updating.</li> <li>• There were a number of different types of JSNA including one conducted about Health and Wellbeing in 2022.</li> <li>• Information could be used to compare the challenges faced in different Area Boards. It was noted that Marlborough had a lower proportion of children in receipt of free school meals than most Area Boards in Wiltshire.</li> <li>• The Marlborough Area Board area had a higher proportion of people over the age 65 and over (25 percent) than the Wiltshire average (22 percent).</li> <li>• The Area Board’s councillors would analyse the data to help to inform their priority actions for the forthcoming year.</li> <li>• Members of the public were invited to contribute by sharing ideas and completing a <a href="#">survey</a>, which was open until 6 May. The information gathered would be reported back in June 2024.</li> </ul> <p>During the discussion, points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Area Board thanked the SEPM for his update.</li> <li>• It was noted that it would be useful to have a more detailed breakdown of the age of the young people that had responded to the survey, with a distinction between primary and secondary school age children.</li> </ul>
23	<p><u>Marlborough Area Board Priorities</u></p> <p>Updates were provided about the progress that had been made towards the</p>

	Area Board's priority goals for 2023/24.
<b>23a</b>	<p><u>Children and Young People Update</u></p> <p>The Vice-Chairman reported that Youth Network meetings had been held in January and February, where a variety of issues had been discussed. She explained that Marlborough Town Council would be employing an apprentice youth worker and that Youth for Christ had also employed a new youth worker. Another initiative was the creation of a 'volunteer bank' to help volunteers to collaborate in the local area. Conversations were ongoing with St John's secondary school and Marlborough College about the initiative. The Vice-Chairman also took the opportunity to thank Lisa Farrell from Marlborough Town Council for her work in supporting youth activity since the town's youth worker's departure. Furthermore, she highlighted the forthcoming sports festival on 6 May, organised by Marlborough Area Sports Forum.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked both Lisa Farrell and the Vice-Chairman for their hard work in supporting youth activities.</p>
<b>23b</b>	<p><u>Older and Vulnerable People Update and Health and Wellbeing Group (HWG)</u></p> <p>Jill Turner, Chair of Marlborough Health and Wellbeing Group, advertised their summer event on 6 July at St Peter's Church. Their wellbeing day would be held in collaboration with Marlborough Library and the community fridge and would feature street artists and music. Marlborough's Mayor would open the event at 10:00am and it would run until 4pm.</p> <p>The Chairman noted that lead councillors for different priority areas were in the process of setting up a forum between different Area Boards to allow them to share best practice. Representatives from Adult Social Care and Wiltshire Council's Public Health team would also be invited to attend. It was anticipated that the first meeting would be held in July.</p>
<b>23c</b>	<p><u>Road Safety Update and Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p>The Vice-Chairman gave an overview of some of the road safety measures being promoted in Wiltshire. She emphasised the importance of safe walking and scootability training as well as the benefits of bikability training for children over the age of six. She reported that there was a target for 80 percent of children in Year 6 and above to take part in bikability training, which would be a total of 4,500 children across Wiltshire. She explained that 1,500 children had taken part in bikability training so far, so there was still progress to be made to reach the overall target. A number of photos of bikability training were shown to the Area Board and the Vice-Chairman observed that the children and trainers had great fun attending the sessions.</p> <p>When asked about what more could be done to encourage schools to take up bikability training, the Vice-Chairman recommended that local councillors raised</p>

the issue with schools in their divisions.

In addition, the Vice-Chairman spoke about the benefits of newly qualified drivers completing the Pass Plus qualification to familiarise themselves with motorway driving and noted that a [£70](#) subsidy was available to make the course more affordable for 17-25 year olds. She also observed that advanced driving courses were available for older people, where they could use virtual reality headsets.

In response to a query about whether there was a similar scheme for electric scooters, the Vice-Chairman reported that there was not. She clarified that e-scooters were only road legal if they were part of an approved trial and with the correct licence. However, she explained that there was a scheme for promoting electric bikes in larger urban areas, such as Salisbury.

The Vice-Chairman then introduced the recommendations from the latest meeting of the Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG), held on 25 January 2024. A brief overview of some of the key schemes was provided. It was noted that the substantive bid for traffic calming measures on the A4 at Manton had been successful. It was also reported that the Marlborough Town Boundary Gateway project would help to slow down traffic approaching from Swindon.

On the proposal of the Vice-Chairman, seconded by the Chairman, it was resolved to make the:

### **Decision**

#### **1. To note the 2023/24 projects in progress/near completion**

- **8-20-4 - A4 Manton calming (stage 2) – project, including a traffic island, subject to a successful substantive bid; in the interim Traffic Order to move the speed limit change further west, to be progressed.**
- **8-22-9 – Marlborough Cardigan Road; restricted parking now in place; maintenance work required to complete.**
- **8-21-8 - Aldbourne Virtual Paths, 20mph Speed Limit report being prepared.**
- **8-19-10 Marlborough Frees Avenue traffic speed and pedestrian safety, 40mph TRO being progressed.**
- **8- 23-4 – Kennet Place, Marlborough – request for residents' parking; TRO in progress (NB public parking Mon- Sun, 8am to 6pm, 2 hour restriction to be actioned).**
- **8-23-1 - Marlborough, 20mph review - Speed Limit Assessment report in progress; need to avoid unnecessary signage.**

#### **2. To note the following as recently complete**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue 5190/8-21-7 – London Road, Forrest Hill, Marlborough – safety works completed.</li> <li>• Issue 8-22-5 – Marlborough Cherry Orchard – handrails completed.</li> </ul> <p><b>3. To allocate priorities for 24/25</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8-22-17 – Chilton Foliat, feasibility of HGV prohibition on the B4001 to be reviewed after West Berks decision not to proceed with HGV signage.</li> <li>• 8-23-2 - Mildenhall, proposed footway, requires land transfer agreements between WC and Ramsbury Estates</li> <li>• 8-23-3 – Chilton Foliat - bollard not appropriate; road markings to be progressed.</li> <li>• 8-23-6 – The Parade/New Road, Marlborough – one way system; TOPO survey on hold while options considered.</li> <li>• 8-23-15 - Ramsbury, Isles Road dropped kerb - site meetings required with interested parties.</li> <li>• 8-23-16 - Marlborough, High Street removed of yellow line parking restriction.</li> <li>• 8-24-03/8-24-04/8-24-05/8-24-06 - Marlborough town boundary gateway arrangements; Marlborough Town Council to fund.</li> </ul>
24	<p><u>Support for the Community</u></p> <p>The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager (SEPM), Andrew Jack, reminded the Area Board that at their previous meeting they had discussed support provided groups and individuals across their community. Based on this conversation, a series of themes had been developed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• social isolation in older people</li> <li>• poverty / cost of living and how to help families</li> <li>• need for volunteers</li> <li>• youth provision in town and villages</li> </ul> <p>The SEPM commented on the positive work being done by each group before the Area Board discussed steps that could be taken to improve provision. During the discussion, points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A range of views were provided about the relative merits of foodbanks delivering food directly to lower income families verses parcels being collected at the foodbank. Some people felt that it would be beneficial for families to socialise and receive advice when collecting in person, whereas others felt it was more efficient to deliver directly, whilst allowing time for doorstep conversation.</li> <li>• Wiltshire Council’s Engagement Team had helped to distribute over £200,000 in household support funding and the government had extended the scheme until at least the first half of 2024/25.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lisa Farrell from Marlborough Town Council criticised the amount of paperwork that families were expected to complete to apply for food parcels at some foodbanks. She felt that each community should have its own foodbank.</li> <li>• The Vice-Chairman noted that Love Marlborough Kids Meals cooked chicken for 35-40 families each Friday.</li> <li>• Having an information centre to bring together different groups was welcomed by the Chairman.</li> <li>• The SEPM spoke about the importance of communication and highlighted that the Health and Wellbeing Day on 6 July would be a good opportunity to disseminate information. He also welcomed views from the community on whether they wished to set up a parish council forum.</li> <li>• It was confirmed that a number of different organisations could refer someone to a foodbank including schools, doctors and the Jubilee Centre.</li> <li>• It was noted that Marlborough Community Fridge provided a great service, and it might be possible to put up posters there to refer people.</li> <li>• A new 3G sports pitch was being built at St John’s secondary school, which would provide an important venue for health and wellbeing activities.</li> <li>• Wiltshire Council’s Engagement Team would have access to grant finder software to allow them to better signpost groups to different forms of funding.</li> <li>• It was noted that Youth for Christ were employing a new youth worker.</li> </ul>
25	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Area Board noted the budgets remaining for allocation at the meeting and heard from representatives in attendance who gave a brief overview of their project followed by any questions by the Area Board.</p> <p><b>Area Board Initiative</b></p> <p><u>Marlborough Health and Wellbeing Group Requesting £500 Towards Health and Wellbeing Group Networking and Engagement Event 2024</u></p> <p>On the proposal of the Vice-Chairman, seconded by Cllr Jerry Kunkler, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>To award Marlborough Health and Wellbeing Group £500 towards Health and Wellbeing Group Networking and Engagement Event 2024.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason:</u> <i>The application met Older and Vulnerable People’s Grant criteria for 2023/24.</i></b></p>

## **Community Area Grants**

The Chairman noted that there was insufficient funding remaining in the Community Area Grant budget to award both the capital grants in full as it would be overspent by £999.95. To ensure that no group was disadvantaged, she invited both of the groups applying for Community Area Grant funding to introduce their applications before the Area Board voted.

The Area Board also went on to consider, and vote on, the applications for Older and Vulnerable People's Grants and Young People's Grants, before returning to consider the two applications for Community Area Grant Funding.

Following the consideration of the other grants it was noted that there was £756 remaining in the Youth Grant budget and £920 in the Older and Vulnerable People's budget. After hearing details from both of the applicants for Community Area Grant Funding, it was confirmed that these applications would meet the criteria for the other forms of funding, given that they would be used to help people of a variety of ages in the community.

The Area Board had imposed a guide of a maximum of £3,000 per application to allow them to manage the budget throughout the year. However, as there was funding still available at the end of the financial year it was possible for them to award a higher amount. It was noted that match funding in excess of £3,000 was available for both projects applying for Community Area Grant Funding. There was £6,676.05 of funding remaining following the approval of all of the Older and Vulnerable People's and Young People's grants.

### Greatwood Charity Requesting £3,000 Towards a Horsebox

Sasha Thorbek spoke in favour of the application, explaining that it would help them to extend their outreach and provide transport. She confirmed that the horsebox would enable them to support activities for older and vulnerable adults. They also supported people between the ages of five and 25 with special educational needs.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, it was resolved to make the:

### Decision

**To award Greatwood Charity £3,338 towards a horsebox.**

***Reason: The application met Community Area, Young People's and Older and Vulnerable People's Grant criteria for 2023/24. Although the Area Board had a guide limiting applications to £3,000 per application, as there was funding remaining at the end of the financial year, the Area Board were able to award more than the requested amount. Match funding for the amount awarded could be provided.***

Aldbourne War Memorial Hall Trustees Requesting £3,000 Towards Re-Roofing

Alan Phizacklea spoke in favour of the application, explaining that the hall supported a number of community groups including the WI and Luncheon Club that supported older and vulnerable adults. The hall was also used by a junior band that participated in Manton Festival.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, it was resolved to make the:

**Decision**

**To award Aldbourne War Memorial Hall Trustees £3,338 towards re-roofing.**

***Reason: The application met Community Area, Young People's and Older and Vulnerable People's Grant criteria for 2023/24. Although the Area Board had a guide limiting applications to £3,000 per application, as there was funding remaining at the end of the financial year, the Area Board were able to award more than the requested amount. Match funding for the amount awarded could be provided.***

**Older and Vulnerable People's Grants**

Rethink Mental Illness Wiltshire Mental Health Inclusion Service Requesting £500 Towards Marlborough Happy Café

It was reported that a representative of the project had attended Marlborough Health and Wellbeing Group to speak about their application. It was noted that some people were deterred from attending due to the costs of refreshments and this would make the meetings more accessible.

On the proposal of the Vice-Chairman, seconded by the Chairman, it was resolved to make the:

**Decision**

**To award Rethink Mental Illness Wiltshire Mental Health Inclusion Service £500 towards Marlborough Happy Café.**

***Reason: The application met Older and Vulnerable People's Grant funding criteria for 2023/24.***

Monday Club Requesting £480

Carla Oshaughnessy spoke in support of the application explain that the club had 25 members and provided an opportunity for adults with learning difficulties to socialise. Support workers would also come and would participate in activities such as singing and pool. The money would help go towards rent.

On the proposal of the Cllr Kunkler, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, it was resolved to make the:

**Decision**

**To award the Monday Club £480 towards rent.**

***Reason: The application met Older and Vulnerable People's Grant funding criteria for 2023/24.***

Marlborough Town Council Requesting £1,500 Towards Marlborough Community Support Forum

Richard Spencer-Williams, Clerk at Marlborough Town Council, explained that the forum was a networking event enabling the coordination of support services. The grant would go towards administrative support.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Kunkler, it was resolved to make the:

**Decision**

**To award Marlborough Town Council £1,500 towards Marlborough Community Support Forum.**

***Reason: The application met Older and Vulnerable People's Grant funding criteria for 2023/24.***

## **Young People's Grants**

Manton Fest Requesting £2,000 Towards a Family and Community Fundraising Event 2024

Roger Grant explained that the festival helped young artists to get an opportunity to perform and establish themselves. Students from St John's secondary school were involved. The event was also a good fundraising opportunity for local charities.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, it was resolved to make the:

**Decision**

**To award Manton Fest £2,000 towards a family and community fundraising event 2024.**

***Reason: The application met Young People's Grant funding criteria for 2023/24.***

Marlborough Area Youth Forum Requesting £3,000 Towards Friday Night Youth

	<p><u>Club</u></p> <p>Lisa Farrell from Marlborough Area Youth Forum explained that they provided activities for between 40 and 80 children on Friday nights. They lacked cooking equipment and were trying to teach cooking skills. A chef would be visiting the group on 5 April to promote healthy eating.</p> <p>It was noted that £3,000 had been requested in line with the Area Board’s guide of a maximum of £3,000 per application to allow them to manage the budget throughout the year. However, as there was still more than £3,000 of Youth Grant funding remaining, and match funding was available, it was clarified that the Area Board were in a position to award up to £5,000.</p> <p>On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Kunkler, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>To award Marlborough Area Youth Forum £5,000 towards Friday Night Youth Club.</b></p> <p><b><i>Reason: The application met Young People’s Grant funding criteria for 2023/24. Although the Area Board had a guide limiting applications to £3,000 per application, as there was more that £3,000 of Youth Grant funding remaining, the Area Board were able to award more than the requested amount.</i></b></p> <p>The Vice-Chairman abstained having declared an Other Registerable Interest.</p>
26	<p><u>Any Other Questions</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
27	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
28	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>7:00 – 9:00pm with networking from 6.30pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 June 2024</li> <li>• 1 October 2024</li> <li>• 3 December 2024</li> <li>• 18 March 2025</li> </ul> <p>Meeting details, agendas and minutes can be viewed <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

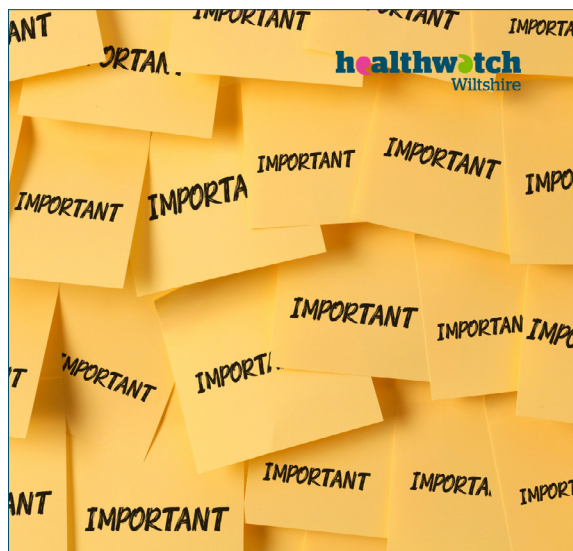


# How we set our priorities

Each year Healthwatch Wiltshire sets its priorities for the year ahead based on the experiences that we hear from local people.

These are gathered by:

- Reviewing feedback that we have received over the past year
- Conversations with our Board and volunteers
- All the evidence and feedback we gather is shared with the Board and they help us decide what areas we focus on in the year ahead.



We also talk to local commissioners and voluntary sector organisations to ensure our work can add value to what they're doing and to check that we aren't duplicating work that's already being done elsewhere.

While other people can suggest areas of focus to us, we are an independent organisation and decide our own workplan.

## Our priorities for 2024/25

This year we ran an online survey throughout March and we also visited libraries, community campuses and local groups to gather people's views.

The survey invited respondents to choose their preferences from a list of six key project themes, all of which came from the feedback we'd received over the previous year:

- The wellbeing of children and young people
- Pharmacy

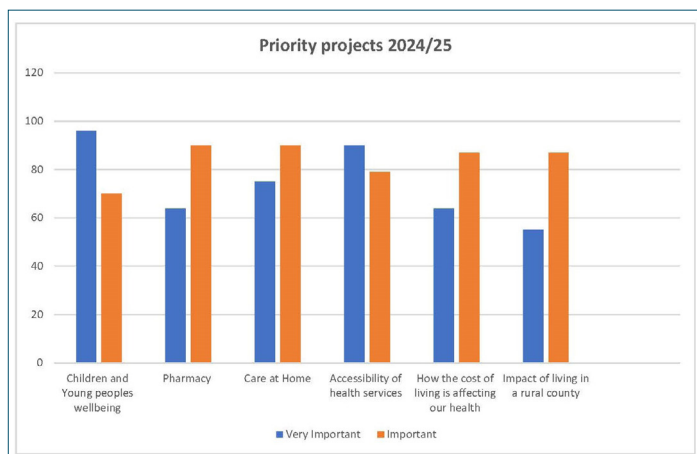
- Care at home
- Accessibility of health services
- How the cost of living is affecting our health
- The impact of living in a rural county.

## Our planned work

Based on the survey responses we received, and following a discussion with our volunteers and our Board, the following three priority areas have been agreed:

- **Pharmacy** - a review of the Pharmacy First scheme.
- **Living in a rural county** - focusing on the issues people face living in isolated areas and how they access services.
- **Care at home** - hearing the views of people who have an NHS@Home (virtual ward) package to provide care at home and how this is working for them.

A huge thank you to the 211 people who shared their thoughts with us! Find out more about [what people told us in our blog](#).









## The Carers Together Wiltshire Partnership

*Community First is working in partnership with Age UK Wiltshire, Alzheimer’s Support, Wiltshire Service Users Network, Citizens Advice Wiltshire and Wessex Community Action, under the umbrella, Carers Together Wiltshire. This partnership allows us to provide tailored support to the thousands of individuals across Wiltshire identified as a carer.*

For more information about the support we can offer through Carers Together Wiltshire, telephone 01380 710300 or email [enquiries@carerstogetherwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@carerstogetherwiltshire.org.uk).

## Support for Parent Carers

Are you a parent carer, providing care to your child who needs additional support?

Here at Community First, as part of the Carers Together partnership, we can provide a support conversation to discuss your needs. We offer information, advice and guidance and can also signpost and refer you to other support services. We can carry out Carers Assessments if your child is over 18, and you meet the eligibility criteria for a funded service. We will also be providing peer support groups and sending out regular Parent Carer emails full of information and events.



Jo Hiller-Culley is the Parent Carer Lead for Carers Together Wiltshire. Jo has been working to support Parent Carers in Wiltshire since 2012. Jo worked with the Wiltshire Parent Carer Council initially, as an information officer, then with the Wiltshire SENDIASS service around educational support for young people with SEN, and then for Carer Support Wiltshire for over four years, where she developed a robust support service for Parent Carers. Jo is looking to develop her role at Community First, part of the Carers Together Partnership. She would love to hear your views about what our new offer should look like. Please join Jo and her manager Hayley Boland on teams for a chat.

- Date: Thursday 23rd May 2024
- Time: 7-8pm (drop in)

For more information, and to obtain the link, please email: [jhculley@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:jhculley@communityfirst.org.uk). You can also sign up for the Parent Carers newsletter here: <https://mailchi.mp/93192f1024d4/parent-carers-newsletter>

## Voice It, Hear It - Current and Upcoming Engagement Projects



The Voice It, Hear It partnership and delivery team has been working with Wiltshire Council and BSW ICB to engage with people in Wiltshire on a variety of topics related to health and social care, with the overall aim of co-producing, co-designing and co-developing health and social care services locally.

The team has a number of projects underway and scheduled throughout 2024. These have been requested by Wiltshire Council, the Integrated Care Board and other partners.

- **Learning Disability and Autism Life Expectancy:** Working with people with lived experience and public health to understand how screening can be made more accessible and comfortable for people. Topics include bowel, breast and cervical cancer screening and testicular checks.
- **Technology Enabled Care:** Exploring how 18-25 year olds use technology to enhance their independence and how they find out what is available for them.
- **Wiltshire Council Prevention Strategy:** Working with people with lived experience to find out what prevention means to them. What improvements and solutions are needed to meet the diverse needs of our population?
- **Care Quality Commission Adult Social Care Inspection:** Engaging with adults and carers to hear their experiences of Adult Social Care in Wiltshire. Do they feel listened to? Are their choices about their care respected and are they involved in planning their care? What works well and what could be done better?
- **Accommodation Strategy:** Identify the vision and aims of older people to maintain their independence and control within their own home. If not in their own home, how service can be designed to feel like a real home. How older people can be more involved in planning for their future home needs in a timely way.
- **Wiltshire Museum Assize Court Development:** Working alongside the museum to recruit and support a disability advisory group to help inform the museum redevelopment.

For more information about Voice It, Hear It, please see the Project Summary included with this briefing pack. You can also find out more about the project on our website: [www.communityfirst.org.uk/voice](http://www.communityfirst.org.uk/voice). To contact the team please email: [voice@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:voice@communityfirst.org.uk)

### BeMindful - New Wellbeing Pilot Project



‘BeMindful’ is a new pilot wellbeing project led by Youth Action Wiltshire. Through Health Inequalities Funding, the project targets young people aged 11-16 living in the 20% most deprived wards of Salisbury and struggling with their mental health.

By working in partnership with schools and experienced VCSE services, BeMindful offers young people a range of support including access to group work, 1:1 mentoring, counselling referrals, signposting, vocational learning, healthy living and skills development.

*The following partners are involved in delivering the pilot project:*



## New Rural Housing Enabler Project

Community First is leading a new Rural Housing Enabler project in Wiltshire, with support from Wiltshire Community Land Trust. The Rural Housing Enabler (RHE) project will play a critical role in raising awareness of the lack of affordable housing for local people in rural parts of Wiltshire and encouraging and supporting communities to welcome and help make provision for new homes. The RHE will gather information to understand the need for affordable housing within rural communities and help empower communities so that they can explore a range of options.

The RHE will explore all options to bring forward projects that have the support of the local community. These will encompass, but not be limited to, conventional local authority and housing association new build or conversions; Section 106 or similar planning related affordable homes schemes; and schemes that combine both affordable homes for rent and shared or low-cost ownership. To achieve this the RHE will be willing to work with the two local authorities, housing associations and other not for profit providers in the area and private sector builders and developers.

The RHE will provide a great opportunity to connect with all parishes in rural Wiltshire, to begin ascertaining both the extent and type of affordable housing needs in the county and engage with those communities able and willing to do something about it. That `something` might include obtaining evidence of need, identifying possible sites (in particular `exception` sites) and in some cases establishing some form of community-led housing vehicle, such as a community land trust.

Crucially, the RHE will also be able to ascertain the existing and potential delivery agents for affordable housing, including Wiltshire Council, developers willing to provide a proportion of affordable housing in their proposals, and housing associations able to keen to work with rural communities. Accordingly, the RHE will be able to begin painting the whole picture of affordable housing needs within the county, help those villages keen to do something about it, and identify the potential ways of meeting those needs.

As well as establishing housing need another important ingredient in bringing forward more affordable housing for local people is the identification of suitable sites within or on the edge of the villages where these much-needed homes can be built. Part of the role of the RHE will be to liaise with landowners, CLTs, Parish Councils and Neighbourhood Plan groups to seek out such sites that might be brought forward.

The project is at an early stage, and we hope to have more information and project updates to share in the coming months.

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## Landfill Communities Fund

Are you a not-for-profit organisation in Wiltshire? Have you a capital community project you need some match funding for? Have you planning permission (if needed) and 3 quotes for the work you need doing ready to apply? If so, please fill in an Expression of Interest form which can be found on our website and send this to: [mhardwidge@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:mhardwidge@communityfirst.org.uk).

The Grants team will get in touch with you to discuss eligibility and an appropriate time to apply if you are in the correct area, conditional to available funds.

Download information pack: <https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/grants/>

## First Aid Training



We offer a range of first aid training courses at Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre, some courses can also be delivered remotely. Training courses are suitable for schools, youth groups and organisations. We can offer training for people with no first aid experience as well as refresher and requalification training.

Courses offered include First Aid at Work, Paediatric First Aid, First Aid for Mental Health and First Aid for Youth Mental Health. Courses range from 2 hours up to 3 full days of first aid training. During your course, you will be assessed by a qualified trainer and receive a certificate on completion.

A complete list of training courses is available on our website, with details about the course content: <https://www.oxenwood.org.uk/first-aid-training/>

For more information and to book training, email [dmaloney@oxenwoodcentre.com](mailto:dmaloney@oxenwoodcentre.com)

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## Employability Programmes

### Building Bridges

Our Building Bridges Programme, which supports people with significant barriers and challenges to move towards and then sustain education and employment, continues to deliver strongly and is currently supporting 108 participants across Wiltshire.

We will shortly be extending Building Bridges further with a specialist team to support individuals affected by homelessness as part of the Wiltshire Council Rough Sleeping Initiative.

Building Bridges also continues to provide numeracy skills support to qualifying participants as part of Wiltshire Council's Multiply Programme.

### Household Support Fund

Community First has been actively involved in helping to deliver Household Support Fund assistance to households in most need across Wiltshire during the current cost of living crisis. Between November and March, our Building Bridges and Youth Action Wiltshire teams distributed £45,000 of vouchers to 156 households - 82% of these were for food, 12% for energy and 6% for other essentials. We are hoping to provide even more assistance to households in need in the next phase of this funding in the coming months.

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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.

For a free quote and more information visit our website: [www.communityinsurance.co.uk](http://www.communityinsurance.co.uk). Or email: [communityinsurance@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:communityinsurance@communityfirst.org.uk) or telephone 01380 732809.

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Voice It, Hear It, is a new project that unifies the collective strength of its partners to support the voice and engagement of people in Wiltshire.



Working alongside Wiltshire Council and the BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board (BSW ICB) we will be engaging with people living and working in Wiltshire to co-produce, co-design and co-develop health and social care services in Wiltshire.

We work alongside people with physical disabilities, sensory needs, mental health conditions, learning disabilities, neurodiversity, long term conditions, complex needs, older people and dementia. Empowering and facilitating them to have their say and get involved in shaping how health and social care services work for them now and in the future.

## Voice It, Hear It Projects



We have a number of projects underway and scheduled in throughout 2024. These are requested by Wiltshire Council, the Integrated Care Board and partners in our community.

### Learning Disability and Autism Life Expectancy



Working with people with lived experience and public health to understand how screening can be made more accessible and comfortable for people. Topics include bowel, breast and cervical cancer screening and testicular checks.

### Technology Enabled Care (TEC)



Exploring how 18-25 year olds use TEC to enhance their independence and how they find out what is available for them.

### Wiltshire Council Prevention Strategy



Working with people with lived experience to find out what prevention means to them. What improvements and solutions are needed to meet the diverse needs of our population?



## Care Quality Commission Adult Social Care Inspection

Engaging with adults and carers to hear their experiences of Adult Social Care in Wiltshire. Do they feel listened to? Are their choices about their care respected and are they involved in planning their care? What works well and what could be done better?



## Accommodation Strategy

Identify the vision and aims of older people to maintain their independence and control within their own home. If not in their own home how service can be designed to feel like a real home. How older people can be more involved in planning for their future home needs in a timely way.



## Wiltshire Museum Assize Court Development

Working alongside the museum to recruit and support a disability advisory group to help inform the museum redevelopment.



### Engagement and reporting methods

- Focus groups
- 1-1 interviews
- Surveys
- Workshops
- Social media
- Flinga
- Facebook polls/forums
- Qualitative / Quantitative Reports
- Videos
- Artworks
- Campaign sharing
- Awareness

We'd love to hear from you!

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## Update for Wiltshire Area Boards

April 2024

### Covid spring booster programme

The Covid-19 booster vaccination programme for those most at risk of serious illness from the virus will begin in April.

The advice for this Spring is to offer the vaccine to those at high risk of serious disease and who are therefore most likely to benefit from vaccination.

The JCVI advises the following groups should be offered a COVID-19 booster vaccine this Spring:

- Adults aged 75 years and over.
- Residents in a care home for older adults.
- Individuals aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed.

### Trailblazing health centre

Devizes' state-of-the-art health centre has recently celebrated its first anniversary, with staff at the site proud to have cared for more than 59,000 people during its inaugural 12 months.

The centre, which takes pride of place as the Wiltshire town's flagship location for health and care, had its official opening on 22 February 2023, just a few weeks after the doors first opened to patients.

Since then, the team at Devizes Health Centre, which holds the title of being one of the country's first fully integrated healthcare centres, meaning GP appointments take place alongside many other health and care services, such as outpatient clinics and community care, have carried out a total of 16,834 face-to-face appointments.

When combined with appointments carried out over the phone, the Devizes team cared for 59,457 people during their first year, which equates to approximately 238 patient interactions each day.

Along with being 100 per cent energy efficient – the site uses heat pumps and solar panels to generate its own power – Devizes Health Centre is also a hub for same and next-day care.

Patients of four nearby GP practices are able to be referred directly to the new urgent care service, meaning local people need not travel further afield for quick help and treatment.

Further information about Devizes Health Centre, as well as all other local health and care services, can be found online at [www.bsw.icb.nhs.uk](http://www.bsw.icb.nhs.uk).

## **BSW Care Coordination initiative wins prestigious HSJ award**

Medvivo and BSW ICB have won a prestigious Health Service Journal Award for a project to coordinate health and care services so that patients receive the best possible care to meet their needs, at the right, in the right place and avoids emergency admission.

The project, which has been running across BSW since December 2022, received a Gold Award in the category 'most effective contribution to integrated health and care'.

The Care Coordination Hub see Specialist Paramedics working alongside Advanced Clinical Practitioners and other Health and Care Professionals (in the hub and virtually) to optimise the flow of patients across the region. Working this way reduces the risk of harm and makes the best use of the resources to provide high-quality care.

## **New Partnership announced to support unpaid carers in Wiltshire**

Wiltshire has thousands of people who provide help as unpaid carers to those needing additional support. Wiltshire Council and the BSW ICB have a role to ensure those people are provided with respite, support and opportunities to network with other unpaid carers.

The council has announced that Age UK Wiltshire is working in a consortium with Community First, Alzheimer's Support, Wiltshire Service Users Network, Citizens Advice Wiltshire and Wessex Community Action (and many more charities). As a group they are called 'Carers Together Wiltshire' and will provide respite, and a range of support to adult unpaid carers from the age of 18. This will include training, carer cafes and awareness raising in the community for unpaid carers. They will also work closely with Wiltshire Council to continue conducting carer's assessments.

Community First has been awarded the contract for younger adult and young carers from ages 5 – 25, focusing on support in primary schools and supporting Wiltshire Council with their work with secondary schools and colleges, understanding their rights and what support is available to them and giving them opportunities to carry on doing the things they enjoy – whilst also teaching them key life skills as they grow up.

Both providers will work together to support carers aged 18 – 25 and family support including parent carers. There is also investment in online support so carers can access training, chats, helpful guides and support at any time.

There will continue to be a Wiltshire Carer Card which will provide unpaid carers with ID as a carer and record emergency contact details. This will be available as a physical card and a digital app for people's smartphone, if preferred. Unpaid carers can continue to use the emergency card they already have while they wait for the new card. The new providers will also continue to work closely with hospitals to ensure unpaid carers are supported. Assessments for unpaid carers will continue as normal.

From 1 April Carer Support Wiltshire will continue to run its services independently of the council including carer cafés, the Hear to Talk service, family support and activities, carer wellbeing workshops, young carer activities, carer grants and their Bereavement Help Points.

The unpaid carers contract is jointly funded by Wiltshire Council and BSW ICB.

## AGE UK WILTSHIRE

## News and Views

**CEO Message - Providing Support, Encouraging Independence**

Welcome to the fifth edition of our external newsletter. Sarah Cardy, CEO, gives an update on our services.

“Nothing stands still for long in Age UK Wiltshire. We are continuing to find new ways to deliver services and strengthen our income to ensure we are a sustainable charity.

Having opened our Salisbury charity shop with an information point at the end of last year, it has been fantastic to open in two further locations in Bradford on Avon and Marlborough. You can read more about these brilliant shops and information points on page 3 of this newsletter. We are working hard behind the scenes on our next location, so watch this space.

Since our last newsletter I am delighted to announce our new partnership with working in partnership with Community First, Alzheimer’s Support, Wiltshire Service Users Network, Citizens Advice Wiltshire and Wessex Community Action, under the umbrella, ‘Carers Together Wiltshire’. This partnership will allow us to provide tailored support to the thousands of unpaid carers across Wiltshire.

There are currently thousands of people identified as unpaid carers in Wiltshire, we wish to ensure that these individuals can achieve a healthy balance between their caring responsibilities and their own interests and wellbeing.”

You can find out more about Carers Together Wiltshire on page 6 of this newsletter.

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## Let's talk about: Offline and Overlooked – Age UK's new report on Digital Exclusion

Age UK has released a new report – 'Offline and Overlooked – Digital Exclusion and its impact on older people' – written to continue raising awareness of digital exclusion with MPs, local councils and service providers.

Age UK has been campaigning to highlight the impact on older people that the rush to go digital is having.

The report sets out how prioritising digital routes to accessing essential services like banking, NHS and GP appointments, parking, local council services and social security is disproportionately impacting older people. It highlights the important support being provided by local Age UKs to increase digital skills.

The report highlights that:

- 4.7 million people aged 65+ don't have the basic skills needed to use the internet successfully.
- 2.3 million people aged 65+ don't use the internet at all.
- 3.3 million people aged 65+ don't use a smartphone.

The report's recommendations are:

- All public services must offer and promote an affordable, easy to access, offline way of reaching and using them.
- The Government must make sure local government receives enough funding to provide offline services.
- More funding and support provided to enable people who are not internet users, but would like to be, to get online.
- The Government should lead on the development of a long-term, fully-funded national Digital Inclusion Strategy.
- The Government should change the law to require banks to maintain face-to-face services.
- Banks must accelerate the roll-out of Shared Banking Hubs.

To find out more, or to see how you can get involved, read more [here](#).

## News and updates.

### Charity Shops and Information Points

Following the success of our Salisbury Shop with Information Point, which opened in December, we have now opened in Bradford on Avon and Marlborough! Our charity shops are not just a retail space, but a place for people to come to us for information, help and access to advice.

These locations can only work with the support of our amazing volunteers and with the generous donations received. Each donation made, and purchase bought makes a real difference in the lives of older people living in Wiltshire.

Our shops are looking for more donations of clean, secondhand clothing and quality homeware.

What can you donate?

Clothes	Homeware
<p>Good quality and clean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men’s clothes</li> <li>• Woman’s clothes</li> <li>• Kid’s clothes</li> <li>• Bags</li> <li>• Shoes (paired)</li> <li>• Jewellery</li> <li>• Accessories</li> </ul>	<p>In good condition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vases, ornaments, glassware</li> <li>• Soft furnishings (if new)</li> <li>• Small pieces of furniture</li> <li>• Toys and games</li> <li>• Books</li> </ul>



**“Supporting an Older Person, One Donation at a Time”**

## Organisation News and Updates: Living Well

Through our Living Well service we have a team of Age UK Wiltshire staff, based within GP surgeries, providing a wide range of support to older patients. Alongside visiting people at home, we also go to local events spreading the news of our services.

On social prescribing day, the Living Well team visited Chippenham Community Hub to raise awareness in the community about the work of social prescribers. Information was shared about social groups, support services and relevant benefits.

The team had a mixture of people stop by from professionals, parliamentary candidates, and patients from the local surgeries. .



**“Age UK have been brilliant, you've done so much for me, I don't know what I'd have done without you.”**

## Organisation News and Updates:

Our 'Wellbeing Checks with Meals' service is much more than just a hot meal delivered to your door, it is also:

- ✓ A wellbeing check for an older relative
- ✓ Peace of mind for a relative or carer
- ✓ The ability to remain independent, at home

"Thank you again for everything you do, your drivers are amazing, and it is because of you that mum can stay in her own home. So it is such a gift for us, thank you."

# Socials

You can stay up to date with our latest news by following our social media accounts:



<https://www.facebook.com/ageukwiltshire/>



<https://twitter.com/AgeUKWiltshire>



<https://www.instagram.com/ageukwiltshire/>

Following our accounts and engaging with what is shared is a fantastic free way to help increase the reach of our services.

## Organisation News and Updates:



Age UK Wiltshire is working in partnership with Community First, Alzheimer's Support, Wiltshire Service Users Network, Citizens Advice Wiltshire and Wessex Community Action, under the umbrella, 'Carers Together Wiltshire'.

This partnership will allow us to provide tailored support to the thousands of unpaid carers across Wiltshire.

There are currently thousands of people identified as unpaid carers in Wiltshire, we wish to ensure that these individuals can achieve a healthy balance between their caring responsibilities and their own interests and wellbeing. Caring for another person can be challenging. We work closely with Wiltshire Council to offer Carers Assessments, to enable unpaid carers to take regular time away from their caring responsibilities, and we also offer practical and emotional support.

We will work together with our partnership organisations to provide support to individuals providing informal unpaid care to another person through a range of support services.

We can provide:

- Activities
- Carer breaks
- Information
- Advice
- Information of Carer ID cards
- Counselling
- Coaching
- Training and support (including peer-support) for carers.

We are here to support carers, offer a listening ear and practical help and support. You can contact us on 01380 710300 or email



## Organisation News and Updates: Fitness & Friendship

Our Fitness & Friendship Clubs are social clubs for older people with an emphasis on keeping active.

Sessions include gentle exercises, games, quizzes, Tai Chi, with plenty of time for a friendly chat over refreshments.

Our brand-new Fitness & Friendship Club has opened in Devizes at Northgate Gardens Retirement Housing and meets alternate Wednesday's 10.30am-12.30pm.

To find out more, you can contact: [fitnessandfriendship@ageukwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:fitnessandfriendship@ageukwiltshire.org.uk)

### Happy birthday George!

George, a member of our Salisbury Fitness & Friendship Club, recently celebrated his 100th birthday with the club!



### Information & Advice

Information & Advice received an exciting visit from some of Age UK National staff working on the Building Resilience project. They visited the team in Salisbury to see how they operate, as well as taking the opportunity to chat with volunteers and staff about the service. They were very complimentary and could see how much everyone put into the service.

## Organisation News and Updates: Local Energy Grant



**Local energy Grant**

**Could you be entitled to £100s off your fuel bills?**

**£200 Wiltshire Energy Grant**

**You could be eligible if you:**

- **Are over State Pension age**
- **Receive a means-tested benefit (core) or income below £366pw (single) person) / £527pw (couple or household) (discretionary)**
- **Worry about the cost of heating**

**We also advise on other benefits and schemes**

**Contact Age UK Wiltshire**

**0808 196 2424**

**[www.ageukwiltshire.org.uk](http://www.ageukwiltshire.org.uk)**



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## Organisation News and Updates: Padwell Road Day Centre

Padwell Road Day Centre recently celebrated its 40th Birthday!

A fantastic time was had by all.



With plants kindly donated by B&Q, Padwell Day Centre guests were able to start potting. The plants are now in the Day Centre Garden and we are delighted to share that the strawberry plants are coming along brilliantly!



## Organisation News and Updates: Supportive Independence



# Supportive Independence

more connected more resilient more mobile

We can provide information, guidance and support to help older people in Swindon stay active and connected.

Would you be interested in discovering local events and socialising?

Do you feel a bit unsteady on your feet and would like to know how you can prevent falls?

Do you feel, with a little support, you could be more active?

Want to make sure you are getting all the income you're entitled to?

Struggling to get around town?

Interested in learning about aids and adaptations to make your home more comfortable?



If you answered "YES" to any of these, feel free to get in touch with Dani Gibbs at 07933513209 for a friendly chat.

## Organisation News and Updates: Melksham Community Support

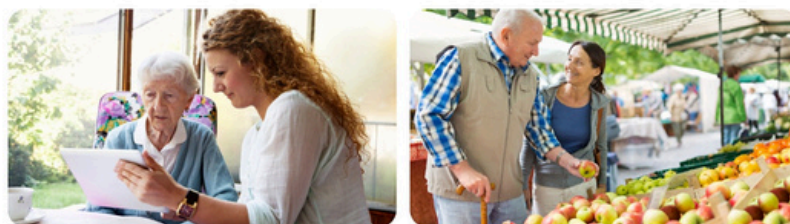
The Melksham Community Support service is commissioned by Melksham Town Council and Melksham Without Parish Council, to improve the wellbeing of older people living in the area, by offering support, access to information and practical help.

Funding for the second year of the project has recently been confirmed and we're busy promoting the support we can offer.

### Melksham Community Support

- Would you like to go out and socialise if you had some information about what's going on, or someone to go along with?
- Do you feel, with a little support, you could be more active?
- Would you like to check you're receiving all the income you're entitled to?
- Do you find it difficult to get the things you need from the shops or chemist?
- Would you like information about aids and adaptations for your home?
- Maybe you just need a few things sorting at home to make it a happier place to be?

If you said YES to any of these, and would like to discuss a home visit, please call 01225 809265.



## Organisation News and Updates:

### Meet the trustee



Working hard behind the scenes are our amazing Trustee Board who provide a strategic lead and oversight for the direction of Age UK Wiltshire.

Chair of our Trustee board is Richard Purchase and we thought this newsletter was a perfect opportunity to find out a bit more about him.

#### 1. Why did you decide to become a trustee of Age UK Wiltshire?

“I applied for the role as Chair and went through a rigorous selection process! Professionally I have worked in health and through my companies' provided services to the health, housing and social care sectors. It made sense therefore to continue supporting an organisation whose services are already great but could become more widely available utilising my commercial skills to help others.”

#### 2. What difference do you feel the charity is making?

“In the last two years, and with a new strategic plan, we have seen growth and expansion with more people able to access our services whilst at the same time we have been striving to become more financially self-sufficient.”

#### 3. What are you most excited about for the charity?

“ We have a fantastic and forward thinking Exec Team led by a brilliant Chief Executive - there will be increasing need for our services as the population ages, other charities falter and government/council requirements expand. We are very well placed and are excited to step into this space.”

#### 4. Outside of your role with our charity, what do you enjoy doing in your free time?

“I have a number of commercial interests; however, I am a great rugby supporter, Vice Chair of Marlborough RFC, I play golf badly, have young grandchildren and I enjoy travel.”

#### 5. What book, film, or song has had a significant impact on you and why?

“I am not sure you can pick one and it becomes an accumulation of experiences over the years. However I would encourage everyone in business to read the books by Michael Heppell and particularly "How to be Brilliant" - he has other books and all are worth a read!”

## Join our team

Age UK Wiltshire is a local independent charity with around 60 members of staff, mostly part-time. We help over 1500 local older people every year, offering activities, events, social contact and information. It's a great place to work if you really want to make a difference in people's lives.

Our website is regularly updated with all of our latest vacancies.



You can find out more [here](#)

## Volunteer with us

We rely on volunteers to support the services we deliver. We welcome applications and support from all parts of the community and will work with people so they get the best experience possible from working with us.



If you are ready to volunteer with us then the first step is to read about our volunteer roles on our [website](#) and complete our application form. This is how we first get to know you and understand what you want to get out of volunteering.

Visit our website for more information about our services  
[www.ageukwiltshire.org.uk](http://www.ageukwiltshire.org.uk)  
[www.ageuk.org.uk/southampton/](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/southampton/)





Area Board Briefing Note – Local Nature Recovery Strategy

<b>Service:</b>	<b>Environment</b>
<b>Date prepared:</b>	<b>16/04/2024</b>
<b>Further enquiries to:</b>	<b>localnaturerecoverystrategy@wiltshire.gov.uk</b>
<b>Direct contact:</b>	<b>Alison.levy@wiltshire.gov.uk</b>

The Local Nature Recovery Strategy has been progressing with events through March collecting an understanding of what people’s priorities are for nature recovery in Wiltshire and what measures they would utilise to achieve those priorities. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

The project group have now moved into the shortlisting phase. In this phase all the information we were given from the survey and events will be merged with information gathered from existing strategies that relate to nature such as river catchment strategies. Having created a master longlist a shortlisting group and a species specialist group will reduce the longlist into a shortlist for each area of Wiltshire. A validation group comprised of people who know their areas well will then check the working and confirm the outcomes.

Once a shortlist is completed, around the end of May, we will start mapping in earnest, using “Geographical information systems” (GIS) programs to model the best locations for those priorities and measures to be located, however as good as the work on this may be, it will be purely data driven and so we need those maps to be “ground truthed”, or in other words for people who really know the land to take a look and give us feedback on the suggested areas.

Events to give people more information and gather the needed feedback will comprise of three in person drop-in days, several webinars and an accompanying online survey.

These events will take place across July and details regarding their location and times will be sent out via our contacts database so please do sign up to receive notice and your invitations.

[Sign Up](#)

this link may also be found on our webpage (awaiting an update currently at bottom, will be moved to top) if you type in Wiltshire LNRS to google it should be the first result.

Your views, local knowledge and buy in are critical to not just the building of the LNRS but also its successful delivery. I sincerely hope some of you will be able to make it to our events and I look forward to seeing you there.



# Funding Issues

## General Practice 2024



- 2.0% uplift in NHS Global Sum payment for GP 2024/2025
- Rationalisation of Local Enhanced Services
- Support your local practice – have your flu vaccine with us!



# Buildings Improvement Programme

## Thank you to the painting volunteers!

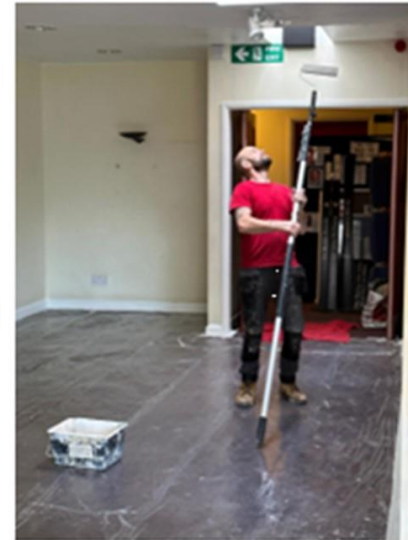
Some wonderful staff, members of the community and the Patient Participation Group gave up a total of 72 hours on an April



weekend to smarten up the Marlborough surgery with cleaning, filling, sanding and painting.



Particular thanks to Kelvyn Shantry (PPG), Marius Pintilei local painter and decorator, Sue Hines patient, Argyll Duffy from the nursing team, Sally-Ann and Susan Lauder from business and finance, Partners Drs John Williams, Laura Freeman and Vivek Singh, Catherine Williams, Dr Stuart Daly and Phillipa. Not forgetting Darrell our maintenance man, for keeping everyone in order.



# Buildings Improvement Programme



# Covid booster vaccination programme Autumn 2024



- Immunocompromised – bookable through 119
- Housebound - KAMP
- Residents of care homes - KAMP

WILTSHIRE POLICE



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# Community Report

Marlborough Neighbourhood Policing Team June 2024



Keeping Wiltshire Safe

# Your Neighbourhood Policing Team – Devizes/Marlborough/Pewsey

**Inspector:** Ben Huggins

**Neighbourhood Sergeant:** Sgt Chris Wickham

## **Neighbourhood Officers:**

PC Chris Rideout (Devizes Town)

PC Sarah Hardwidge (Devizes Town)

PC Jenny Groome (Devizes Rural)

PC Nicky Crabbe (Pewsey)

Pc Jason Steele (Marlborough)

## **PCSOs:**

Amy Jones, Andrew Maclachlan, Debbie Lowe (Devizes Town)

Kelly Watts, Paula Yarranton (Devizes Rural)

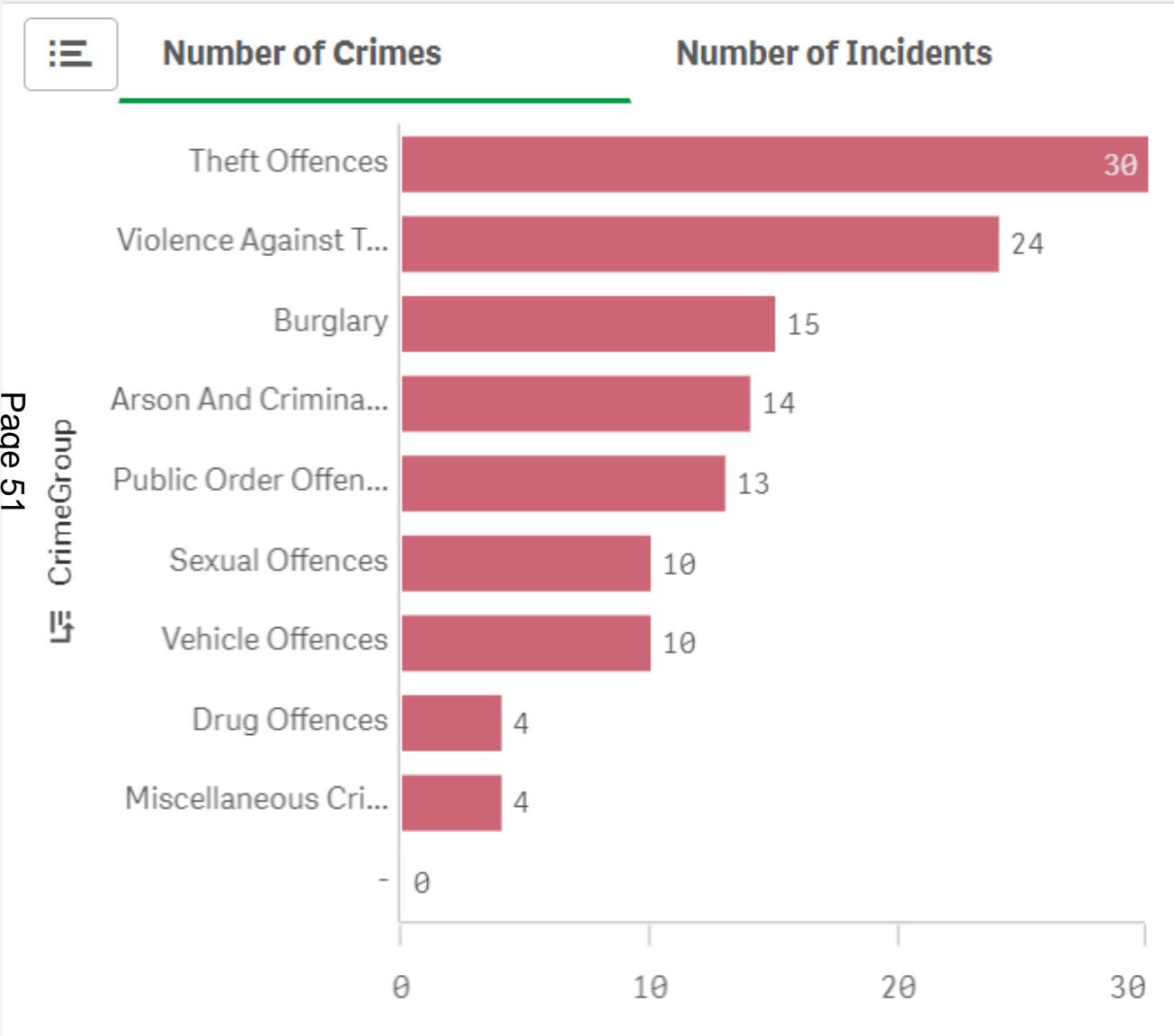
Emily Johnson, Melissa Camilleri (Marlborough Rural)

Mark Braithwaite (Marlborough Town)

Jonathan Mills (Pewsey)



# April and May stats- Marlborough



Number of Crimes  
**124**

Number of Incidents  
**109**

- Theft remains a high crime type and priority. This is largely related to shoplifting offences and business crime and forms one of our current area priorities
- Crime types and levels are in line with previous annual year
- A localised series of burglaries, however the vast majority relate to rural crime where we are seeing thefts from Barns/outbuildings. This is also a current area priority and linked into regional rural crime.

# Recent Activity



Sceptre- preventative, knife surrender, weapons checks, school talks, test purchases

Speed enforcement across the area



Attending local events



Online engagement and question opportunity



Drug warrants executed in area

# Local Priorities & Updates

Priority	Update
Rural Thefts/Burglaries	Recent activity has highlighted a continued concern with thefts from farms and rural buildings. This has ranged from thefts of agricultural equipment through to livestock. Often, these offences are linked to serious cross border criminality and as a result Wiltshire Police are actively engaged with Operation Ragwort on a regional basis. Locally, we continue to offer crime prevention advice and engagement, as well as proactive patrols to deter.
Business Burglaries/retail theft	Marlborough has suffered with a spate of retail theft, often from high value retail premises. Multiple offenders have been arrested and prosecuted however the trend is that offenders tend to be non-local, and linked to a level of organised criminality. A local day of action is planned to target, which will include both enforcement as well as preventative measures taking place, and the review of 'shop watch'.
Community Visibility	The Neighbourhood Team continue to drive community visibility across a range of areas, from supporting community speed watch activity through to active engagements. Physical engagements have included villages, foot patrols and hot spot locations, with an online presence through an 'online chat Q and A', and active session delivered to Parish Councils.
Licensed premises	As the Euro's football tournament is underway, we will be undertaking licensed premises checks and engagement with licensed premises stakeholders/partners to support and ensure a safe environment for all.

# Upcoming Improvements to Local Policing

On 24 November 2023 we announced a series of changes to improve local policing services. This includes:

## Changes to our Response Policing Team operating model

- Moving from 5 teams to 4 teams and changing to a different shift pattern – this provides greater operational resilience whilst matching resources to demand levels
- Reducing the number of hubs that Response Teams start and end their shifts from – teams will continue to patrol and police the same geographic areas and emphasis will be focused on ensuring that our response times will not increase
- The number of police stations the public can access is not changing and there are no changes to Neighbourhood Policing locations – an interactive map has been developed which can be accessed via our website
- The changes within our Response teams is the result of extensive engagement with our officers since July 2023. We have also been working with members of our communities and seeking their views through a dedicated Independent Advisory Group.
- The new Response shift pattern and hub model will launch in January 2024.
- We've also looked at how we can make better use of our Control Room resources to reduce Response Team demand so that they can focus on responding to the public. Our Community Investigation teams are now managing more investigations, removing just under half the overall demand for investigations from Response teams. This work will make a huge difference and help improve our response service.

Response Team Hub	Response Areas Covered
Swindon	Swindon Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade
Chippenham	Chippenham Corsham Calne Malmesbury
Trowbridge	Trowbridge Warminster Westbury Melksham
Devizes	Devizes Marlborough Pewsey
Salisbury	Salisbury Amesbury Tidworth



# Upcoming Improvements to Local Policing

## Introduction of Community Commitments

A document that outlines to our communities what they can expect from us in terms of the service we provide them with. This includes

- How we will engage with communities through face-to-face events and our online channels
- How we will keep them informed on local policing activity
- How we will work with communities on key issues
- How we will broaden our reach across communities

The Community Commitments will help provide greater transparency and consistency and will provide a means by which the public can hold us to account for local service delivery.

The Community Commitments will launch in January 2024.

**WILTSHIRE POLICE**  
**COMMUNITY COMMITMENT**

**Our mission: Keeping Wiltshire Safe**

**Our priorities:**

Safer public spaces	Violence	Burglary
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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 and on local Neighbourhood Policing Team social media channels and, where possible, community messaging
- We will ensure every engagement opportunity is 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, residents associations
- We will bring policing out to your community, through proactive use of the Mobile Police Stations.

**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.

www.wiltshire.police.uk  
@AmesburyPolice

**PUBLISH INFORMATION ON YOUR LOCAL TEAM, LOCAL PRIORITIES AND UPDATE ON ACTIVITY**

- We will provide you with information, so you know who your local Neighbourhood Policing Team is
- We will publish monthly local priorities on the **Your Area** section of the Wiltshire Police website and, through our regular engagement with you, we will consult you when we are setting them
- We will provide community updates on activity being carried out to help tackle local priorities
- We will ensure intelligence-led visible patrolling in local communities, at least once a week, responding to local policing issues and concerns
- We will publish local policing updates, wherever 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 intelligence
- 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 effectively
- 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.

**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
- Where appropriate 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.

Neighbourhood Inspector: Inspector 1619 Ricky Lee

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@AmesburyPolice

## Introduction of two additional neighbourhood engagement vehicles to our fleet

Funded by the PCC, these long wheelbase vans will be converted for use by our Neighbourhood Policing Teams as 'mobile police stations' - doubling our existing neighbourhood engagement vehicles from two to four. This will increase policing visibility across our communities and provide opportunities to offer crime prevention advice to keep Wiltshire safe. The new vehicles are currently being prepared ready to go on the road in early 2024.



# 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 Devizes Neighbourhood Policing Team area visit <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/area/your-area/>

# 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

- [Devizes Police Facebook](#)
- [Devizes Police Twitter](#)
- [Marlborough Police Facebook](#)
- [Marlborough Police Twitter](#)
- [Pewsey Police Facebook](#)
- [Pewsey Police Twitter](#)

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





# Marlborough Area Board

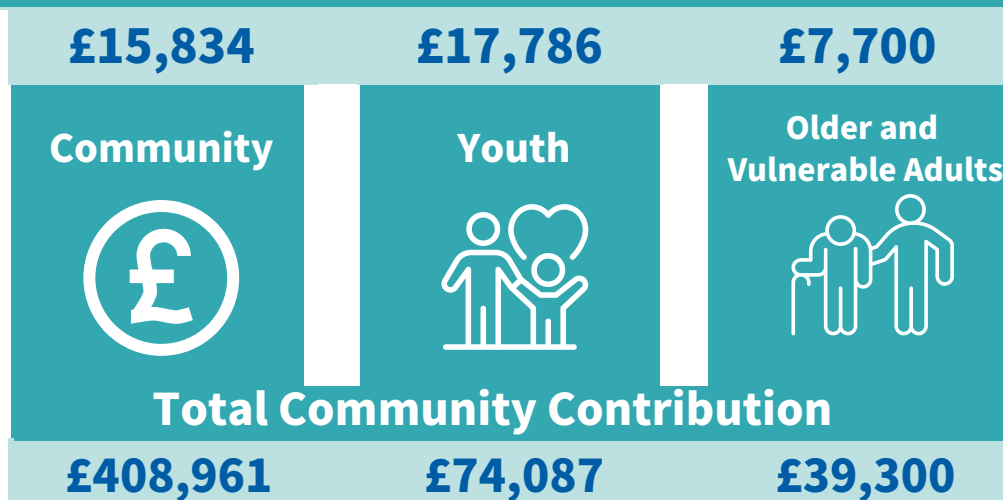
## End of Year Report April 2023 - March 2024



### Area Board Investment

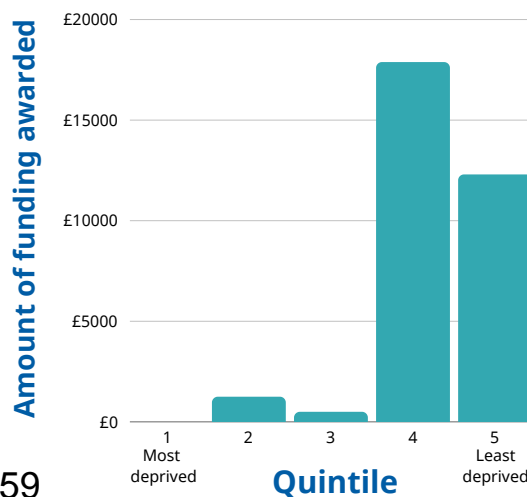
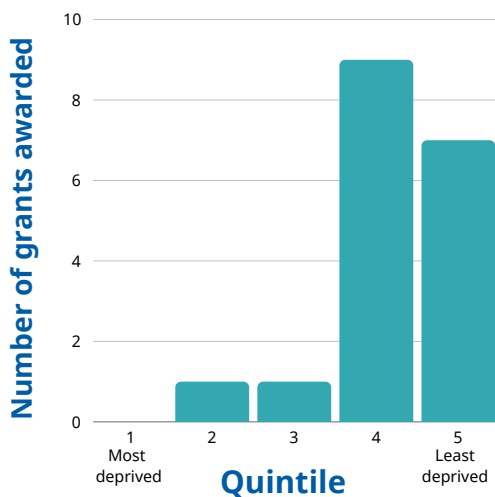
The Area Board invests in local community projects and initiatives that meet local priorities and deliver exceptional outcomes for residents. The Area Board aims to work in partnership to achieve maximum value for its investment.

#### Total Area Board Investment



The total amount invested in projects through additional community contribution, from fundraising, grants, services in kind or volunteering

### Investment by deprivation quintile



# Local Priorities

The Marlborough Area Board reviewed available local data and evidence and integrated this with local knowledge and community conversation to agree the following local priority themes. The Area Board has undertaken a series of more specific local actions to positively address them, including the key achievements below:

## Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities



The area board has re-established the Local Youth Network which brings together youth organisations and schools to meet and share ideas. Through its grant funding Marlborough Area Board has invested in local youth clubs, sports teams and uniform groups to help provide positive activities for young people. This includes funding for a new youth worker for Aldbourne Youth Council and Marlborough Area Youth Forum. Marlborough Sports Forum, along with support from other members of the LYN put on a successful Sports Festival which gave young people the chance to try out a wide range of activities and sports. The Area board supported MantonFest which gave young people the chance to learn new skills within the entertainment sector.

## Supporting positive mental health, wellbeing and reducing social isolation

Marlborough Health & Wellbeing Group continues to develop connections and build networks between professionals and the community. In June '23 it hosted a pilot for the Five To Thrive community workshops to enhanced relational working within the community. In December the group held a networking event where local groups came together to meet, share information, best practise and hear from a range of local and county-wide speakers. Both these events were well attended and proved successful. The Health & Wellbeing Groups is already working to build on this and has its first public open day in July when St Peter's will be filled with activities, things to do and ways to find out more about the services that are available to older people from across the area.



## Road Safety

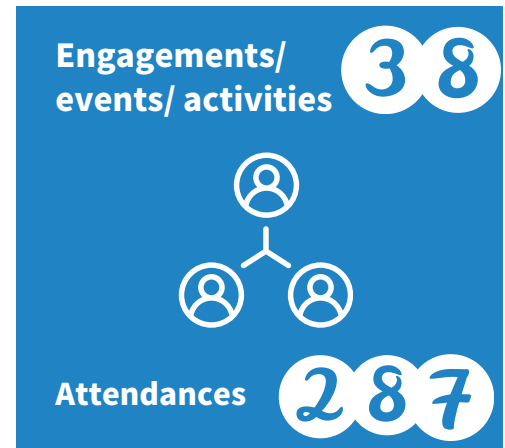
Marlborough Area Board's work towards road safety is all focused through the Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG). Successful projects delivered by LHFIG over the last year include supporting Marlborough residents via restricting parking at Cardigan Road, increasing safety, for rugby players in particular, at Free's Avenue by lowering speed past The Common and traffic calming on the A4 at Manton and the approach to Marlborough. The LHFIG also works in the parishes protecting properties at Chilton Foliat with clearer road markings and improved safety through Savernake Forest by clearer signage. The area board has also worked in partnership with Wiltshire Highways and Marlborough Town Council to develop a new flow survey for the town on how traffic moves. This will show possible changes that will ease congestion and allow traffic to flow better through the town.



# Engagements

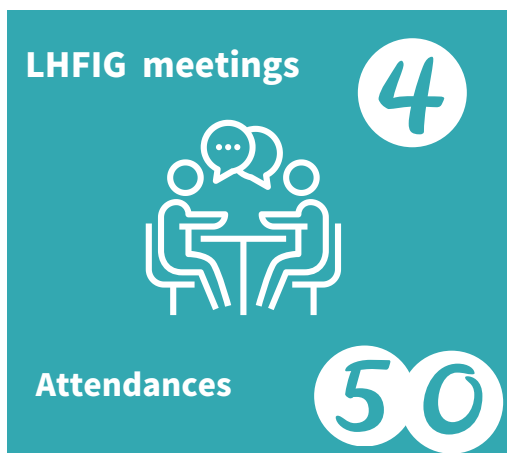
The Marlborough Area Board works alongside other organisations to make things happen in the local community. These groups include the town and parish councils, voluntary and community groups, youth organisations, sports clubs and local charities.

The Area Board wouldn't be able to achieve what they do without these partners working on the ground with them. The Area Board hosts regular business meetings, engagement activities, events, surveys and working groups to stimulate and support local community action.



# Local Highways and Footpath Infrastructure group

The LHFIFG is a sub group of the Marlborough Area Board, which deals specifically with highway issues. They aim to find solutions for local transport issues, such as road repairs, traffic problems, road layouts and parking. The amount allocated is dependent on the geographical size and population for the community area and the funding allocation is for capital expenditure and can be used to provide new and improved highway infrastructure.





## MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD

### MARLBOROUGH HEALTH AND WELLBEING GROUP

#### PROGRESS REPORT AND UPDATE JUNE 2024

##### 1. Introduction

The following report provides an update on the progress and plans of the Health and Wellbeing Group with the main focus being the inaugural Open Day event on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024 which will be taking place during the Wiltshire Council's month long focus on health.

##### 2. Health & Wellbeing Open Day in St Peters' Church, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**2a) Aims** The Day will provide an opportunity for a wide range of local health and care organisations; both statutory and non-statutory and other community groups to share information about their services and the support and facilities which are available for people in the local area. There will be opportunities for the public to ask questions and to enable networking and discussion and generally to raise awareness about health and wellbeing.

**2b) Location.** Following the unpredictable wet and windy weather that was experienced earlier in 2024 a decision was taken to relocate the event from an outdoor location (Priory Gardens) to St Peter's Church. Participating organisations will be provided with table space for displays of literature and materials in St Peter's Church and our Day will be opened by the Mayor of Marlborough.

**2c) Publicity.** Information about the event is being shared in advance of the Day using social and other media and relevant networks. A street artist will parade along the High Street at several times on the Day with music and posters to inform shoppers about the event. A therapy horse and Shetland pony from Greatwood Charity will be sited in the Church grounds and a choir and exercise class have been invited to join the event for additional publicity.

Other health related events will be taking place too in and around Marlborough High Street to promote health and wellbeing.

**2d) Funding.** £500 grant was approved to support the event by the Area Board was granted in March 2024 and a further application is requested to support publicity materials, the Street Artist and miscellaneous expenses.

Board members are warmly invited to join the event.

**Jill Turner,**

**Chair, Marlborough Health and Wellbeing Group**

**June 2024**



**HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

**IN MARLBOROUGH**

**OPEN DAY**



**SATURDAY 6 JULY 2024**

**at St Peter's Church Marlborough**

**10.00am - 3.00pm**

**FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR LOCAL SERVICES AND ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING:**

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING, SPORTS, LEISURE, COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

**DISPLAYS - SINGING / DANCING**

**AND REFRESHMENTS!**



**Marlborough  
Town  
Council**



*St Peter's and St Paul's Marlborough Trust Ltd*

**Wiltshire Council**





## COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP ACTION / NOTES LOG

	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Priority A, B or C
	<b>Marlborough Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 Microsoft TEAMS.</b>			
1.	<b>Attendees and apologies</b>			
	<p>Cllr James Sheppard (Aldbourn and Ramsbury); Cllr Caroline Thomas (Marlborough East); Cllr Jane Davies (Marlborough West); Steve Hind; Mervyn Hall (Marlborough); Kelvyn Shantry (Marlborough); Richard Spencer Williams (Marlborough); Steve Campbell (Chilton Foliat); Sheila Glass (Ramsbury and Axford); Sarah Chidgey (Baydon); Martin Phipps (Savernake); Carys Gregory (Ogbourne St Andrew); Jill Turner (Kennet Valley); Stephen Stacey (Avebury); Lucy Kirkpatrick (Mildenhall); Ben Woodward (Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton).</p> <p>Apologies Martin Cook; Karen Clay (Aldbourn).</p>			
2.	<b>Introductory Notes</b>			
	<p>The minutes of the previous LHFIG meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 can be found via this link:</p> <p><a href="#">25.01.24 LHFIG Meeting Notes v2.pdf (wiltshire.gov.uk)</a></p>			
	<b>Comments from the Chair on Local Highways &amp; Footways Improvement Group (LHFIG) arrangements:</b>			
	<p><b>Reminder</b> Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group is suitable for schemes that improve safety, increase accessibility and sustainability by promoting walking, cycling and public transport and improve traffic management:</p> <p><b>Pedestrian improvements:</b> including dropped kerbs, new footways, substantive improvements to existing footways, pedestrian crossings (including assessments).</p> <p><b>Cycle improvements:</b> new cycle paths, cycle parking / storage.</p> <p><b>Bus infrastructure:</b> new and replacement Shelters (subject to agreement on future maintenance liability), bus border kerbs, bus stop road markings.</p>			

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**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:** stiles, 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.

Funds cannot be used for revenue functions, such as routine maintenance schemes or the provision of passenger transport services. As a general rule, an asset should exist at the end of the project, i.e. something new that wasn't there beforehand.

### Meeting dates and programme

While we have more budget, funds that are not committed – that is for work completed or orders placed with contractors for delivery within the current financial year – will typically be returned to WC to go into the Substantive Schemes pot. Exceptions will only be allowed when events outside of our control have impacted delivery, although Highways have confirmed that for 22/23, unallocated funds will roll into 23/24 as it was acknowledge resource shortages affected project delivery. Cabinet also confirmed a review will be undertaken after the first 12 months of operation.

This means we must be very clear, when agreeing priorities, which are

- Approved and deliverable/paid for this year
- Approved but need more work so will be developed with a view for delivery in the subsequent financial year
- Not yet approved but have potential to be reviewed when resources are available.

It is less about '5 priorities', so much as identifying which schemes are deliverable this financial year, being mindful of the workload on our officers, else little will ever reach completion.

The advice was that meetings should ideally take place as below, each one 2 to 4 weeks in advance of the Area Board meetings where this group's decisions are ratified.

**April:** Budget confirmation and budget allocation to projects. Agree projects to be put forward for funding from Substantive bid, ahead of end of submission deadlines.

**July:** Progress meeting. Budget allocation (note: projects allocated beyond this meeting may not be delivered by the end of March).

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	<p><b>October:</b> Progress meeting. Small scale and low-cost projects at this meeting may be delivered before end of year deadline.  <b>January:</b> Progress meeting. Agreement of any funding to be returned for redistribution. Any projects prioritised at this meeting are unlikely to be delivered within this financial year.</p> <p>Terms of reference expect town and parish councils to make at least a 20% contribution to the projects that pass through LHFIG. These can be circulated with the notes.</p>			
<b>3.</b>	<b>Financial Position</b>			
	Finance sheet – the updated position is attached.			
<b>4.</b>	<b>Process for logging requests for highway improvement schemes</b>			
	LHFIG requests forms are on the Wiltshire Council website. <a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-area-boards">http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-area-boards</a> Once completed they should be submitted to the local town or parish council. If agreed the Clerk will send them to <a href="mailto:LHFIGrequests@wiltshire.gov.uk">LHFIGrequests@wiltshire.gov.uk</a>			
<b>5.</b>	<b>24/25 Prioritised Schemes – nb uncompleted 23/24 priority schemes, unless otherwise indicated, move into 24/25</b>			
	<b>Action - review priority order to help SH manage workload.</b>			
1)	8-20-4 A4 Manton traffic calming	<p>Stage 2 substantive scheme</p> <p>Design and cost to be developed and consideration as a substantive scheme. Project options agreed as</p> <p>Stage 1 – low cost signing and road marking scheme.  Stage 2 – design work for new traffic island to the west of Downs Lane, Marlborough name signs and possible location of speed limit. Topo survey agreed to enable design.</p> <p>Stage 1 signing and road markings complete.</p>	<p>Traffic Orders with TRO team to advertise 40mph speed limit extension.</p> <p>Current programme for construction is December 2024 but this may depend on the traffic management method adopted.</p> <p><b>Action</b>  SH to ensure progress with TRO advert process.</p>	<p>Stage 1 - Completed</p> <p>TOPO Survey Completed</p> <p>Stage 2  24/25 Priority</p>

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		<p>Stage 2 substantive bid application submitted.</p> <p>It was agreed that LHFIG would contribute £6000 from the 24/25 budget to the substantive bid. Marlborough TC have approved another £6k.</p> <p>MTC have confirmed proposed traffic island location is acceptable.</p> <p>SH to progress traffic order for extension of 40mph speed limit.</p>		
2)	8-22-9 Marlborough, Cardigan Rd	<p>'No waiting at any time' requested.</p> <p>Works pack with Milestone to be implemented during this autumn. TRO team confirmed operational date for the order is 6<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>Implemented but not complete.</p> <p>Traffic order is operational.</p> <p>MC has requested short length of highway maintenance to enable road markings to be completed.</p> <p>MC to ensure maintenance is undertaken so that lining can be completed.</p>	<p>Works complete.</p> <p>Issue agreed to be CLOSED.</p>	

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3)	8-21-8 Aldbourn – virtual paths	<p>Original request for virtual paths along Farm Lane, entire length of Marlborough Rd, Castle St to Whitley Rd. To replace 18-19-11</p> <p>Safety concerns forwarded to Aldbourn PC. Recommendations to consider 20mph limits.</p> <p>Agreement with PC to progress 20mph limits to the south of the B4192.</p> <p>SH to ensure speed limit report is completed and issued to Aldbourn PC.</p>	<p>Report issued to Aldbourn PC for consideration/ approval to progress. The PC have approved the proposal of installing a 20mph speed limit on all roads south of the B4192. Contribution agreed to £5125 (25% of £20 500 cost estimate).</p> <p>The LHFIF requested to put a hold on progress as there was no representative from Aldbourn at the meeting.</p>	24/25 Priority
4)	8-19-10 Marlborough, Frees Avenue Traffic speed and pedestrian safety.	<p>Linked to item 8-22-2 as a pedestrian safety request in 2 parts - the speed limit and other safety measures</p> <p>Cost of speed limit review £2500. Marlborough TC supported with contribution of £625; £1875 Area Board contribution agreed.</p> <p>Atkins site visit on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November while the rugby club was in operation. Assessment report did not recommend the speed is lowered but does suggest the 40mph speed limit is extended further out of town to Rockley, which will cross into Preshute PC. £4500 costs (advert and implementation). MTC and Preshute have agreed the 25%, £1,125, contribution would be shared £750, £375 respectively (2/3 and 1/3)</p> <p>Advert undertaken. One objection received and to be resolved before scheme implementation can be undertaken.</p>	<p>Following correspondence, objector will not withdraw objection. Cabinet Member Report will have to be written but it will be difficult to justify the reasoning behind the proposal. The scheme implementation cost will be around £4k and it is unlikely to lead to an improvement.</p> <p>The LHFIF fully support progress of the 40mph extension but consider that the extension as far as Rockley as recommended by Atkins is unnecessary.</p> <p><b>Action</b> SH to write cabinet member report.</p>	24/25 Priority

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		SH to correspond with objector with the aim to get the objection withdrawn. If this is not possible, a Cabinet Member Report will have to be written.		
5)	8-22-17 Chilton Foliat – HGV issues on the B4001	<p>Request to contribute to West Berkshire for implementation of a signing scheme (cost £20K) to reduce HGV issues in Chilton Foliat linked to Membury Trading Estate. 12 signs involved. County line approx. 1m north of village. PC willing to contribute £1250 (25% of £5k considered by Mark McClelland)</p> <p>Level of contribution to be considered/ agreed by LHFIG with any payment made on completion via an invoice and proof of expenditure. Agreement for LHFIG to contribute £5,000 to West Berkshire with 25% from Chilton Foliat PC.</p> <p>West Berkshire Council are now unable to fund due to budget restrictions.</p> <p>Chilton Foliat PC have sent a FOI request to West Berkshire.</p> <p>The PC will now request consideration to prohibit movement of HGV's on B4001. Steve Campbell to send email to SH to clarify request.</p> <p>It was agreed that SH would check feasibility of the request.</p>	<p>It is understood that Freight Management strategy is being reviewed with likely adoption for mid 2025. There will be no mechanism to prioritise freight schemes until then.</p> <p><b>Action</b> James Sheppard to write to Spencer Drinkwater/ Cllr Nick Holder for clarification.</p>	Financial action only

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6)	8-23-3 Chilton Foliat, bollard	<p>Request for bollard in highway to prevent building damage from traffic.</p> <p>A bollard is not appropriate due to potential ongoing maintenance.</p> <p>Alignment of edge line to be reviewed. Request to consider inclusion of hatching if possible. SH suggestion of reflective marker on the property wall to be considered by PC.</p> <p>Road marking improvements agreed. Reflective stripes requested to be attached to building not agreed but as they will be on private property, the owner can install.</p> <p>SH to arrange for road markings to be implemented.</p>	Order for road markings submitted to Milestone.	24/25 Priority
7)	8-23-4 Marlborough, Kennet Place	<p>Request for residents parking</p> <p>Request for 8 spaces to have residents parking at night between 6pm and 8am, when free parking is available at Kennet Place and the High Street. Primary aim is to deal with long term parking abuse making it impossible for local use.</p> <p>Recognise will need targeted enforcement early evening/ early morning at least initially and signage for Kennet Place would help.</p> <p>CT to raise Kennet Place Signs with highways. CT To enquire about option for an ETRO.</p> <p>SH has discussed involving Parking Services. Due to operational hours of Civil Enforcement Officers, the</p>	<p>Objections received and Cabinet member report prepared for signing off process.</p> <p><b>Action</b> SH to inform JS and Marlborough TC when report is signed off.</p>	24/25 Priority

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		<p>proposal is not advised as a realistic solution. Alternative, enforceable solutions have been proposed to MTC for consideration.</p> <p>Requests for checks between 6pm and 8am are not sustainable for Parking Services particularly if this sets a precedent for further similar requests across Wiltshire.</p> <p>MTC agreed to limited public parking Mon- Sun 8am to 6pm 2hours. This is with TRO team to be advertised.</p> <p>Advert – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024</p> <p>End of objection – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024</p>		
8)	8-23-6 Marlborough, The Parade/ New Rd	<p>Request for 'one way' along The Parade from New Road. Consider between New Road and Stables Court gravel drive access opposite The Lamb Inn.</p> <p>Initial observation is that this will not be possible as vehicles travelling towards New Road will be unable to turn around at a 'No Entry' at Stables Court. Consideration could be given to a 'No Entry' where the road widens near the car parking.</p> <p>Request for initial proposal sketches to be developed for consideration before a detailed topo survey is requested to enable detailed design work.</p>	<p>Site meeting undertaken and parking proposals to be progressed.</p> <p>Priority to be reviewed.</p> <p><b>Action</b> SH to produce indicative plan showing revised parking and 'No Entry' proposal to enable the TC to gain some local feedback.</p>	



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		<p>Proposal sketch submitted to Marlborough TC. Topo survey will be required to enable detail design if approved by Town Council.</p> <p>LHFIG approve progress of the topo survey to enable the design, if Marlborough TC can confirm decision to continue.</p> <p>Request for topo survey cost estimate undertaken.</p> <p>Town Council request not to order topo survey at present. Further consideration of the parking and waiting restriction layout to be undertaken to ensure vehicles can turn east into the one-way proposal.</p> <p>SH to consider parking and waiting restriction amendments and liaise with RSW.</p>		
9)	8-23-1 Marlborough, 20mph review	<p>Consideration to widen the review area. Review George Lane.</p> <p>SH has sent original 20mph review to JD.</p> <p>MTC to consider list of streets for review e.g., Pewsey Road and George Lane (now the Pedestrian crossing is in place lowering average speeds)</p> <p>SH pointed out that with some of the streets requested, vehicles would not be able to reach 20mph and that 30mph signs have to be installed where the 20mph changes to 30mph.</p> <p>Data collection planned to be complete by the end of January to enable report to be produced.</p>	<p>Report complete. However guidance has recently changed and the report has to be authorised.</p> <p>Government guidance 'Setting local speed limits' has been revised March 2024 and requests appropriate speed limits in the right places.</p> <p><b>Action</b> JD to discuss with Gareth Rogers (Traffic Engineering Manager).</p>	

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		SH to arrange for report to be progressed.		
10)	8-23-2 Mildenhall, proposed footway	<p>Request for new footway</p> <p>There is LHFIG support recognising efforts Mildenhall PC have gone to raise £10k towards costs. Land is not WC Highways – possibly Ramsbury Estate.</p> <p>Also noted the road closure/diversion etc is a major cost factor and trees may need to be removed.</p> <p>PC to investigate land ownership and seek agreement in principle. It is understood land is owned by Ramsbury Estates.</p> <p>Mildenhall PC/ JS to pursue contact and legal agreement. Future maintenance to be established.</p> <p>Following the LHFIG meeting, it is understood that Ramsbury Estates support the project in principle. Agreement with Wiltshire Council will be required for either transfer or lease of land.</p> <p>Group request not to progress due to a representative from Mildenhall not in attendance.</p>	<p>PC updated contribution total now £20 000.</p> <p>Agreed to be proposed as a substantive scheme.</p> <p><b>Action</b> SH to contact legal team to progress land issues.</p>	
11)	8-23-15 Ramsbury, Isles Road	<p>Request for dropped kerbs at Isles Court retirement estate.</p> <p>Owners of Isles Court have agreed to contribute £250.</p> <p>Being investigated, but it is not a straightforward dropped kerb crossing. Site meeting to be arranged between</p>	<p>Site meeting undertaken. Works will have to be undertaken on private land to enable a workable solution. Legal team have been contacted for assistance on the correct way forward.</p> <p><b>Action</b> SH to ensure scheme is progressed.</p>	

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		Wiltshire Council/ Milestone/ rep from Isles Court and Sheila Glass.		
12)	8-23-16 Marlborough, High Street	Request for restricted day parking in the area of yellow lines adjacent to Nationwide.  Clarified that it is the length of yellow lines outside Superdrug to be changed to restricted parking.	<b>Action</b> SH to share proposal with Marlborough TC when complete.	
13)	8-24-03 Marlborough Town Boundary A4 Manton  8-24-04 A346 Postern Hill  8-24-05 A346 Port Hill  8-24-06 A345 Granham Hill	4no entrance sign and gateway arrangements to be one project. Agreed to be prioritised. 100% MTC funding. Agreed to be included on <b>PRIORITY</b> list.	Signs being designed to the traffic signs regulations.	24/25 Priority

<b>6.</b>	<b>Other potential schemes – not yet prioritised</b>			
1)	8-22-10 New Pavement at Chilton Foliat	New raised pavement in Chilton Foliat between Village Hall and current pavement on eastern side to replace the virtual pavement	Dropped kerb complete. It is understood that a small amount of road marking hatch is required.  <b>Action</b> Martin Cook to ensure work is completed.	

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		<p>Site meeting undertaken with PC. Possible change to position of dropped kerb and addition road markings.</p> <p>MC has instructed work for dropped kerb.</p>		
2)	8-23-5 Marlborough, Lower Prospect	<p>Request for overnight residents parking (same basis as Kennet Place).</p> <p>Further to the concerns at Kennet Place, MTC to establish the way forward for residents parking requests.</p> <p>To be reviewed once the scheme at Kennet Place has been implemented.</p>	Currently on hold.	
3)	8-23-9 Baydon, Pine Cottage, Aldbourn Rd	<p>Request for dropped kerb and sign to assist wheelchair opposite house.</p> <p>It was discussed that as this is required for the care of a disabled resident, LHFIF is not the correct process. The PC will request assistance through adult care and liaise with JD if necessary.</p> <p>If the Adult Care process is not possible then JD can liaise with MC to enable installation.</p>	James Sheppard to discuss this issue with Chris Clarke and keep Martin Cook informed as it is understood that funding is available for disabled access work through the Area Office.	
4)	8-23-10 Marlborough, London Rd pedestrian crossings.	<p>Request for 2 no improvements to existing crossings including lining refreshment and further carriageway narrowing.</p> <p>Road marking refreshment on maintenance list.</p> <p>RSW pointed out that considerations such as replacement globes also to be considered.</p> <p>1.London Rd between The Parade and George Lane. 2.London Rd at St Margaret's Mead.</p>	<p>Marlborough TC have agreed 25% contribution if this project is prioritised.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed to CLOSE this issue as there are other higher priorities for MTC on the list.</p>	

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		<p>Cost estimate for 6no globes on two crossings is £9500. MTC to raise query with MC on cleaning of existing globes.</p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. MTC to raise query about cleaning existing globes.</li> <li>2. SH send cost estimate of replacement globes to MTC for consideration.</li> </ol>		
5)	8-23-7 Marlborough, Orchard Rd	<p>Request for Residents Parking.</p> <p>To be reviewed once the scheme at Kennet Place has been implemented and then MTC can establish an overall view on residents parking in the town.</p>	Currently on hold.	

<b>7.</b>	<b>New Requests / Issues not yet reviewed</b>			
1)	8-23-17 Manton A4	Request for sign to 'Preshute Primary school' Not supported for progression at present.	Not discussed.	
2)	8-23-18 Marlborough, Granham Close	Prevent parking in turning head. Not supported for progression at present.	Not discussed.	
3)	8-23-19 A346 Ogbourne St Andrew	Request to improve footway to enable wheelchair access to bus stop from Crawlings Piece. No PC representative in attendance to enable discussion.	Some maintenance would help.  <b>Action</b> Martin Cook to consider cutting back verge edges to increase footway width.	

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4)	8-23-20 Marlborough - A346 Port Hill	Request for signing and road markings to reduce speeds to 30mph at the existing signs. Suggestion to consider a 40mph limit in advance.  SH to check DfT guidance.	Not discussed.	
5)	8-24-01 Mildenhall, Thicketts Road	Request for 20mph limit  No PC representative in attendance to enable discussion.	Further discussion required.	
6)	8-24-02 Marlborough, Stonebridge Cl/ Elcot Lane Junction	Improved road markings/ possible waiting restrictions.  Parking close to the junction. TC to discuss with Police and local garage.	Agreed Issue to be CLOSED.	
7)	8-24-07 Ramsbury	Request for whole village 20mph speed limit.	PC currently arranging traffic survey to check speed.	
8)	8-24-08 Marlborough, Barn St	Improve exit visibility from Wye House / signing for road users to warn of approach to hidden vehicle exit.	It was agreed that there was nothing that realistically could be done. Agreed issue to be CLOSED.	
9)	8-24-09 Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Bassett	Request for 20mph speed limit.	Concern over derestricted speed signs at entrance to Berwick Bassett from the A4361.  <b>Action</b> SH to seek advice on possible improvements.	
10)	8-24-10 Ramsbury, Union St	Request for one way.	Not discussed.	

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<b>8.</b>	<b>Other items</b>
1)	Discussion around A4 Overton Hill fatality and West Kennet reduction in speed limit. It was agreed that if possible additional road markings would be included within the resurfacing / patching scheme managed by Atkins to be undertaken this year.
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<b>9.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b>  <b>11<sup>th</sup> July 10am Marlborough Town Hall</b>
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### **Marlborough Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group**

#### **Highways Officer – Steve Hind**

#### **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 Marlborough 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, Marlborough Area Board will have a remaining Highways funding balance of £13585.

#### **3. Legal Implications**

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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

For information - Highways Responsibilities

Department	Head of Service
Asset Management and Commissioning	Dave Thomas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asset Management of 4381km of highway infrastructure – condition surveys, records, status</li> <li>• Operate and maintain 80 signal control junctions and 136 signal crossings</li> <li>• Inspect and maintain 981 bridges and structures</li> <li>• Draft, award, and administer all Highways contracts</li> <li>• Operate and maintain 45,000 streetlights</li> <li>• Design &amp; Install new infrastructure (cycle lanes, crossings, collision reduction etc) funding through central budgets and LFIGs</li> <li>• Drainage &amp; Flooding advise and repair. Act as Lead Local Flood Authority</li> <li>• Network Management, permits and inspections (approx. 24,000 permits per year)</li> </ul>	
Highway Operations	Adrian Hampton
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Streetscene (Grounds Maintenance, Cleansing)</li> <li>• Parking</li> <li>• Highway and Waste Enforcement</li> <li>• Highway Accesses</li> <li>• Taxi Licencing and inspection</li> </ul>	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event Management</li> <li>• Fly Tipping and Abandoned Vehicles - (really positive WTF campaign and successful prosecutions)</li> <li>• Unauthorised Encampments</li> <li>• Planning Section 106 Amenity Funding</li> <li>• Burials and Cemeteries</li> <li>• Depots</li> <li>• Highway Resilience (weather, out of hour highway issues)</li> <li>• Electric Vehicle Charging</li> <li>• Fleet - emerging strategy</li> </ul>	
Local Highways	Chris Clark
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing Routine Planned and Reactive Highway Maintenance</li> <li>• Delivery of Primary Duties as Highway Authority – Actioning Obstructions, licencing skips Scaffolds.</li> <li>• Undertaking scheduled Highway Safety Inspections (4381KLM)</li> <li>• Assisting with the response to Weather and other emergency operations</li> <li>• Site supervision of development works undertaken as part of Section 38/278 agreements</li> <li>• Management of the Public rights of way Network (6000KLM) Access team .</li> <li>• Tree Maintenance – Including response to Ash Die Back</li> <li>• Updating and responding to enquiries on Definitive Map and Highway records</li> <li>• Acting as the Town and Village Green Authority</li> </ul>	



# Marlborough LHFIG 2024-25

10th May 2024

## BUDGET 2024-25

£25,246.00 CATG/ LHFIG ALLOCATION 2024-25

£11,139.00 2023-24 underspend

## Contributions

£1,175.00 PC contributions to Frees Avenue speed limit (Marlborough TC/ Preshute PC 25%)

£0.00 PC contribution to West Berkshire (Chilton Foliat PC 25%)

£750.00 TC contribution to Kennet Place advert and Implement (TC 25%)

£125.00 PC contribution to Chilton Foliat, Maple Cottage (Chilton Foliat PC 25%)

£425.00 TC contribution to Marlborough The Parade topo survey(TC 25%)

£5,125.00 PC contribution to Aldbourne 20mph (PC agreed £5125)

£0.00 TC contribution to The Parade, one way

£0.00 TC contribution to Marlborough 20mph

£0.00 PC contribution to Mildenhall footway

£0.00 PC contribution to Ramsbury Isles Road

£0.00 TC contribution to restricted day parking

£0.00 TC for entrance signs (Marlborough TC 100%)

## Total Budget

**£43,985.00**

## Commitments for 2023-24

Marlborough Frees Av speed limit advert and implementation

£4,700.00 Estimate (Marlborough TC 2/3 and Preshute PC 1/3 OF 25%)

Chilton Foliat - contribution to West Berkshire

£0.00 Estimate (Chilton Foliat PC 25%)

Marlborough Kennet Place advert and Implementation

£3,000.00 Estimate (Marlborough TC 25%)

Chilton Foliat, Maple Cottage

£500.00 Estimate (Chilton Foliat PC 25%)

Marlborough, The Parade topo survey

£1,700.00 Estimate (Marlborough TC 25%)

## New Schemes 2024-25

Aldbourn 20mph advert and implementation

£20,500.00 Estimate (Aldbourn PC 25%)

Marlborough, The Parade - one way design and implementation

£0.00 Estimate (Marlborough TC 25%)

Marlborough 20mph advert and implementation

£0.00 Estimate (Marlborough TC 25%)

Mildenhall, proposed footway design and implementation

£0.00 Estimate (Mildenhall PC 25%)

Ramsbury, Isles Road dropped kerbs

£0.00 Estimate (Ramsbury PC 25%)

Marlborough High Street, restricted day parking nr Superdrug

£0.00 Estimate (Marlborough TC 25%)

Marlborough, town entrance signs and gates at four locations

£0.00 Estimate (Marlborough TC 100%)

Total **£30,400.00**

Remaining Budget **£13,585.00**



Wiltshire Council Community Area JSNA Survey, 2024:

What is it like to live in Wiltshire in 2024? Share your thoughts and help shape the future.

We bring the latest data on life in Wiltshire into a report called the Community Area Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (CAJSNA). This brings together information on a number of key themes including our population, health, housing, safety and the environment in order to help inform local decision making.

We are asking people to complete this short survey to give your thoughts on what's really important to you and your local area. This data will be shared with council leaders and key partners alongside the CAJSNA data to provide a full picture.

Before taking the survey, you may wish to have a look at the data contained in the Community Area Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which can be accessed here:

<https://www.wiltshireintelligence.org.uk/cajsna>

Q1 Please tell us your post code (this will not be used to identify you in any way):

Community Area	Responses (out of 2,690)	Proportion
Marlborough Area Board	103	3.8%

Q2 Please tell us your age:

Age	Responses (out of 103)	Proportion
Under 16	0	0.0%
16-24	0	0.0%
25-34	3	2.9%
35-44	13	12.6%
45-54	13	12.6%
55-65	32	31.1%
65+ years	42	40.8%

Q3 From the list of themes below, please select your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices in order of importance (1st choice being most important to you).

	Health	Environment	Safety	Children & Young People	Housing	Community	Cost of Living	Economy	Older People
1st Choice	44	13	13	13	7	7	1	4	1
2nd Choice	14	27	8	7	13	13	11	6	4
3rd Choice	11	21	18	9	9	5	10	6	13
Score*	171	114	73	62	56	52	35	30	24

(\*where 1<sup>st</sup> choice = 3 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> choice= 2 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> choice = 1 point. Not chosen = 0)

Q4 You've chosen **health** as one of your top three choices. From the list of issues concerning the county's health, please tell us the three most important ones to you that you'd like to see Wiltshire Council take action on:

Issue:	Responses	Proportion
Support for "Living longer better"	47	68.1%
Support for keeping physically active	36	52.2%
Mental health support	34	49.3%
Care for those living with Dementia	32	46.4%
Tackling levels of obesity	23	33.3%

Q5 You've chosen **housing** as one of your top three choices. From the list of issues concerning the county's housing, please tell us the three most important ones to you that you'd like to see Wiltshire Council take action on:

Issue:	Responses	Proportion
Addressing rising house prices / affordability	24	82.8%
Supporting homes for younger people / new families	22	75.9%
Preventing homelessness	13	44.8%
Addressing the number of second homes within my community	10	34.5%
Reducing the number of empty homes in my community	7	24.1%
Tackling fuel poverty in my community	3	10.3%

Q6 You've chosen **economy** as one of your top three choices. From the list of issues concerning the county's economy, please tell us the three most important ones to you that you'd like to see Wiltshire Council take action on:

Issue:	Responses	Proportion
Tackling unemployment amongst young people	12	75.0%
Tackling unemployment overall	9	56.3%
Addressing empty businesses / shops in my community	8	50.0%
Addressing low education / skills within my community	8	50.0%
Supporting the right balance of jobs within my community	7	43.8%

Q7 You've chosen **environment** as one of your top three choices. From the list of issues concerning the county's environment, please tell us the three most important ones to you that you'd like to see Wiltshire Council take action on:

Issue:	Responses	Proportion
Addressing flooding in my community	40	65.6%
Supporting Public Transport services	36	59.0%
Tackling fly tipping	27	44.3%
Improving the quality of landscapes (nature reserves & other designations)	19	31.1%
Support for increasing biodiversity	15	24.6%
Reducing emissions	13	21.3%
Supporting / improving Active Travel	12	19.7%
Tackling poor air quality within my community	10	16.4%

Q8 You've chosen **communities** as one of your top three choices. From the list of issues concerning the county's communities, please tell us the three most important ones to you that you'd like to see Wiltshire Council take action on:

Issue:	Responses	Proportion
Supporting the quality of open spaces, community gardens and playing fields in my area	21	84.0%
Improving the range of community groups and activities in my community	14	56.0%
Improving cultural assets and performances / opportunities	12	48.0%
Improving facilities at my Wiltshire Council leisure centre	11	44.0%
Improving facilities at my library	5	20.0%

Q9 You've chosen **safety** as one of your top three choices. From the list of issues concerning the county's safety, please tell us the three most important ones to you that you'd like to see Wiltshire Council take action on:

Issue:	Responses	Proportion
Reducing speeding within my community	24	61.5%
Tackling the number of road traffic collisions in my community	19	48.7%
Reducing the level of crime in my community	17	43.6%
Addressing drug crime within my area	17	43.6%
Tackling anti social behaviour in my area	13	33.3%
Tackling anti social behaviour by young people	8	20.5%
Addressing the amount of hate crime in my area	2	5.1%

Q10 You've chosen **cost of living** as one of your top three choices. From the list of issues concerning the cost of living within the county, please tell us the three most important ones to you that you'd like to see Wiltshire Council take action on:

Issue:	Responses	Proportion
Supporting households living on low incomes	13	59.1%
Support for children living in low-income families	12	54.5%
Support for housing and/or rent affordability	12	54.5%
Providing debt / financial advice	9	40.9%
Tackling fuel poverty	8	36.4%
Support for foodbanks	3	13.6%

Q11 You've chosen **children and young people** as one of your top three choices. From the list of issues concerning the county's children and young people, please tell us the three most important ones to you that you'd like to see Wiltshire Council take action on:

Issue:	Responses	Proportion
Improving activities for children and young people	17	58.6%
Supporting young people's mental health	14	48.3%
Support for children claiming free school meals	12	41.4%
Support for children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND)	11	37.9%
Improving school attainment	10	34.5%
Support for young people who are not in employment, education or training (NEET)	6	20.7%
Supporting young carers in my community	6	20.7%
Improving children's and young people's health (including obesity)	5	17.2%

Q12 You've chosen **older people** as one of your top three choices. From the list of issues concerning the county's older people, please tell us the three most important ones to you that you'd like to see Wiltshire Council take action on:

Issue:	Responses	Proportion
Supporting the general health of older people	14	77.8%
Preventing social isolation and loneliness	11	61.1%
Support for people living with dementia (and their carers)	8	44.4%
Preventing falls amongst older people	7	38.9%
Support for (unpaid) carers	6	33.3%



## Marlborough Area Board 18 June 2024

### Appointment of LHFIG Representative 2024/25

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To appoint Councillor representatives for the Area Board the Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) for the year 2024/25.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1. Area Boards are invited to appoint a councillor to be their respective lead for the LHFIG. The following guiding principles are in place for Councillors when taking on the role:
  - To be the main Area Board point of contact for local Officers within their respective area
  - To Chair the LHFIG
  - To work collaboratively with relevant local partners and community groups
  - To provide regular updates back to the Area Board in relation to the LHFIG

#### 3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. The [LHFIG](#) operates as an informal working group making recommendations to the Area Board for approval. Terms of Reference are set out in **Appendix A** for information.

#### 4. Financial and Resource Implications

- 4.1. None.

#### 5. Legal Implications

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

#### 6. Safeguarding Implications

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

**7. Environmental Impact of the Proposals**

7.1 None.

**8. Equality and Diversity Implications**

8.1 None.

**9. Delegation**

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

9.2 The appointment of the LHFIG Lead Member is a matter for the Area Board to determine.

**10. Recommendation**

10.1 The Area Board is requested to:

- a. Appoint a lead Member to the LHFIG,
- b. Note the Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix A.

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**Appendices:**

Appendix A –LHFIG Terms of Reference

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

None.

## Appendix A

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

#### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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

The LHFIG will normally be made up of:

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

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

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

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

The group will normally be chaired by a Wiltshire councillor. Membership of the LHFIGs will cease when a member ceases to hold the stated office as first appointed, or when a parish/town council or group choose to nominate an alternative representative.

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

##### **Appointment of LHFIGs members**

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

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

##### **Media relations**

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

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

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

### **Meetings**

It is recommended that the LHFIGs meet four times a year. Ideally the meetings should be 2 to 4 weeks in advance of the Area Board meetings. Meetings are intended to be limited to the membership set out above and is open to other members of the Area Board who wish to attend. It can be open to public if the LHFIG chair wishes, and by invitation. It should be noted that LHFIGs are advisory bodies and do not exercise delegated decision-making powers. All decisions are to be ratified by the Area Board.

### **Officer support**

Meetings will be attended by relevant officers from Wiltshire Council, such as a Senior Transport Planner, a Senior Traffic Engineer or Local Highway Maintenance Engineer. Attendance by officers of other expert knowledge may be arranged when necessary.

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

### **Terms of reference**

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

The LHFIGs terms of reference are set out at Appendix 1:

Examples of projects the LHFIGs can and cannot fund are set out in Appendix 2:

**Terms of Reference**

1. Small-scale transport schemes – discretionary funding

To make recommendations to the Area Board to determine priorities and levels of expenditure required for small-scale transport schemes in the community area. A discretionary highways budget has been allocated to the board by the Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste, Street Scene and Flooding. The funding allocation is a mixture of highways and council capital funding and can only be used to provide new and improved highway infrastructure. It is suitable for schemes that improve safety, increase accessibility and sustainability by promoting walking, cycling and public transport and improve traffic management.

It cannot be used to fund revenue functions, such as routine maintenance schemes or the provision of passenger transport services.

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

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

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

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

2. Small scale transport schemes – substantive funding

To submit bids for funding from the centrally held substantive funds. A scheme qualifies as substantive if the estimated cost is more than the total discretionary amount available as part of the group's annual allocation.

## Appendix 2 – Example of projects which can and cannot be funded by LHFIGs

### LHFIGs can fund the following:

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

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

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

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

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

**Speed limits:** assessment and implementation.

**Waiting restrictions:** assessments and implementation.

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

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

**Street lighting:** new installations.

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

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

### LHFIGs cannot fund:

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

**Service subsidy:** bus services

**Promotional campaigns**

**SID equipment**

**Improvements for individuals and properties**

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

### Marlborough Area Grant Report

#### Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Marlborough 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 2024-25	£ 15,835.00	£ 17,786.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 15,835.00	£ 17,786.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 6,835.00	£ 17,786.00	£ 3,700.00

#### Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1864</a>	Area Board Initiative	Marlborough Health & Wellbeing Group	Health and Wellbeing Group Networking and Engagement event Summer 2024	£500	£500
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>                      In order to raise awareness about both itself and the many voluntary and community sector organisations working in the local area, Marlborough Health and Wellbeing Group will host a showcase and engagement event in Summer 2024. Lots of different organisations will be invited to meet and share information with each other and the public. There will be activities and bitesize sessions for people to take part in and find out about what's available in the area. This funding from Marlborough Area Board will help to pay for the different elements of this event.</p>					

<a href="#">ABG1696</a>	Community Area Grant	Marlborough Tennis	New clubhouse top floor lounge and kitchen fit out	£8750.00	£3000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Marlborough Tennis is a 100% volunteer run club and we moved to our current location just over 5 years ago and at that time erected a recycled, second hand portacabin as a "pavilion". The portacabin was only ever intended to have a limited life and indeed planning permission required that after 5 years – May 2023 - it must be removed. The clubhouse is being constructed and funded as two distinct projects, the first of which is to physically construct a two-storey building. The main build cost is £248,337 without the fit out of the second floor. Fundraising is now only short by and estimated £11985 and with other fundraising in place we are confident this will be raised by the summer. The upper floor is being treated as a separate, second phase project and the fit out of this important area is where we are seeking financial support. The upper floor will be a shell in need of completion and fitting out. The top floor will comprise of a lounge and kitchen area where members, visitors, or coached players can relax after a game of tennis. Importantly, and recognising our charity status, we want to create a space that can be used by community groups in the Marlborough area who currently struggle for space to hold their gatherings. We want the space to be used regularly, and to be attractive to external groups, so we need the standard of fixtures and fittings to be of a good standard so they are durable and will stand usage on a regular basis. We are working with Wiltshire &amp; Swindon Sport (WASP) to identify groups who would benefit from having this space made available. We intend to work with WASP to ensure that in fitting out the top floor, we take in to account the needs of any community groups who will use the facility. We will also work with club members to make sure final designs meet the needs of members and the community. A survey has already take place and communicated back to members.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1761</a>	Community Area Grant	Aldbourn Scouts and Guides Supporters Association	Aldbourn Scout and Guide Hut New Kitchen	£10000.00	£3000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>We are installing a new stainless steel, industrial style kitchen in the newly built extension of our Scout and Guide Hut. This will include units, a new cooker, a microwave and fridge freezer and will be used for scouting and guiding cookery activities.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1776</a>	Community Area Grant	2nd Marlborough Scout Group	Roof repairs for Scout Hut	£26286.00	£3000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>A recent survey has indicated that the roof must be repaired before next winter to avoid expensive damage to the fabric of the building. We have asked for quotes from three companies for the repair and have the selected the cheapest at £26,286.00.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1844</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Marlborough Area Poverty Action Group	Marlborough Area Poverty Action Group Summer Outings	£2985.00	£1000.00



**Project Summary:**

**Marlborough Area Poverty Action Group is a voluntary group who aim to raise up to £5,000 a year to support a range of activities/support for Vulnerable adults and children in our community. There being areas of the Marlborough and Manton community with high social deprivation. The following are some of our activities:**

- Enable participation in holiday activities for children/families and provide additional support for families in need throughout the year**
- Distribute Foodbank boxes in Marlborough and the surrounding area**
- Build up relationships with the homeless and rough sleepers**
- Support campaigns on local issues, e.g. the Cost-of-Living Crisis**
- Offer vouchers to disadvantaged families at Christmas.**

**Our application for funding from the Area Board is to support our 2024 summer outings which are extremely important for both the adults and children who attend. Vulnerable adults with young children are often socially isolated with their own Physical, mental health and well-being needs. They have limited funding to give their children broader experiences and activities outside the home environment. The summer outings offer support for these vulnerable adults, providing an experience, with their children; spending time with them, without having to worry about organising transport etc. The outings help reduce the risk of social isolation, improving their confidence and ability to enjoy time with other isolated adults/parents and 'quality time' with their children. It was obvious last year that many parents were equally excited with the trip on a coach arriving at the venue and sheer delight at seeing the sea spending time on the beach (Weston Super Mare). I am sure it was similar on the other trips. Parents experiencing this anticipation of the trip, the day etc. I am sure their self-esteem went up and also mental health improved, for the rest of the summer holidays. These adults often find the anticipation of the school summer holidays are filled with dread due to what could be an overwhelming experience looking after their children 24/7 without having the skill, finance, opportunity etc. This year's trips are to Weston Super Mare, Marwell Zoo and Bournemouth.**

<a href="#">ABG1846</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Arts Together	Arts Together Projects for Isolated and Vulnerable Older People in Marlborough	£8320.00	£2500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b></p> <p><b>Arts Together runs a regular art group for lonely older people in the Marlborough area, helping to keep them creative and connected and improving their wellbeing. 'I don't go out at all except for Arts Together. Others do my shopping and I don't even see the doctor in person because I can't get there but Arts Together come and collect me and I feel safe.' Group member's evaluation. Offering a creative outlet for some of the most vulnerable people in our community, in a supportive and friendly environment, these weekly group sessions are held in the lounge at Marlborough Bowls Club, led by professional artists with the support of a team of local volunteers. Meaningful creative activities that build trust, confidence and friendship and support them to stay living at home within their community. A freshly cooked lunch is made after each art session and specialist community transport is provided for group members who need it, the majority of whom would be unable to attend otherwise. Being creative in a community setting of like-minded people can really help to improve cognitive function and confidence in practicing new skills, feelings of fulfilment and togetherness to combat depression, not to mention fostering new friendships and the joy and fun of being creative. The Arts Together Group is supported by trained volunteers and care professionals to encourage an inclusive, supportive and comfortable environment. We rely totally on donations and grants to continue our work and are very grateful to Marlborough Area Board for awarding us a grant in March 2023 when we faced a huge increase in our transport and other costs due to the cost-of-living crisis. Since then, in response to growing demand and referrals, we have increased the number of members in the group from 12 to 16. Our group members are in their 70's, 80's and 90's with conditions including Parkinson's, dementia, limited sight or hearing, stroke, mental health issues and multiple sclerosis, that make it very difficult or impossible to leave the house without assistance. We have a limit on numbers due to the range and complexities of support needs of our members, so that we can provide the support required to each person and to enable meaningful interactions and friendships within the group. From September 2024 to February 2025, we will run 3 new art projects for lonely and vulnerable older people in Marlborough. Each project will be led by a different artist and supported by a team of local volunteers and takes place over a 5-week block. Projects are stimulating and challenging and adapted specifically so that they are accessible to all. Our art tutors are professional artists, fully insured and with Enhanced DBS checks. Our group manager and volunteers (also DBS checked) are trained in supporting members who might have barriers to taking part, be it through poor health, disability, or mental health issues. An accredited carer is at each group session as the dedicated emergency first-aider and for any personal support needs. The group manager has extensive experience and offers wellbeing support to each beneficiary beyond the weekly sessions to enable them to keep attending the group and signpost them to other support services as required. Our costs have increased in line with the increase in regular members in the group from 12 to 16 since we last applied for funding. The Marlborough group is immensely popular and has become a place of immense support and friendship. It is currently at capacity with a waiting list due to increased need and referrals. The group are currently working with artist Joanna Dewfall on a collaborative mosaic panel. The members are excited to share their mosaic with the wider community and are over the moon that their mosaic will soon be on permanent display at the Bowls Club. What a sense of pride and belonging this has engendered! We are constantly fundraising and request £2,500 from Marlborough Area Board towards the cost of running three of these engaging, confidence building and life enhancing projects for some of the most vulnerable older members of our community.</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 person's 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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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

