

AGENDA

Meeting: Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board
Place: Lyneham Village Hall, The Green, Lyneham, SN15 4PH
Date: Wednesday 26 February 2025
Time: 6.30 pm

Including the Parishes of:
Broad Hinton, Winterbourne Bassett, Braydon, Broad Town, Clyffe Pypard, Cricklade, Latton, Lydiard Millicent, Lydiard Tregoze, Lyneham and Bradenstoke, Marston Meysey, Purton, Tockenham and Royal Wootton Bassett.

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Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Allison Bucknell, Lyneham (Chairman)
Cllr Jacqui Lay, Purton (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr David Bowler, Royal Wootton Bassett South & West
Cllr Steve Bucknell, Royal Wootton Bassett East
Cllr Mary Champion, Royal Wootton Bassett North
Cllr Nick Dye, Cricklade & Latton Division

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Democratic Services Officer – Matt Hitch matthew.hitch@wiltshire.gov.uk

Items to be considered	Time
<u>Networking</u>	
A chance to meet your Wiltshire Councillors from 6:00pm .	
<p>1 Apologies for Absence</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	6:30pm
<p>2 Minutes (<i>Pages 1 - 10</i>)</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2024 as a true and correct record.</p>	
<p>3 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>4 Chairman's Updates</p> <p>The Chairman will give an update on outcomes and actions arising from previous meetings of the Area Board.</p>	
<p>5 Information Items (<i>Pages 11 - 48</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community First • Neighbourhood Crime Figures Search by Police Team • Wiltshire Council Consultation Portal • Wiltshire Council Information Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cost of living update ○ Local elections – May 2025 ○ Devolution developments – Heart of Wessex ○ Family and Community Learning impact report 	6:35pm
<p>6 Operational Flood Working Group</p> <p>Cllr Nic Puntis, Portfolio Holder for Flooding, will provide an update on the Operational Flood Working Group. The session will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A reminder of householder / Wiltshire Council's duties regarding flooding 2. Areas affected within our Area Board 3. What has been done to date 4. Future plans 5. Q&A 	6:40pm
<p>7 Highways Update (<i>Pages 49 - 62</i>)</p> <p>The update will include:</p>	6:55pm

1. To receive a presentation on progress towards repairing the B4069 at Lyneham Banks.
2. A written update about active travel.
3. A written update about highway maintenance.

A link to further information about the Royal Wootton Bassett to Swindon Cycleway can be found [here](#).

8 **Spotlight on Parishes and Partners** (Pages 63 - 80)

7:10pm

To receive updates from our key partners, including:

Verbal Updates

To receive any verbal updates from representatives, including:

- a. Wiltshire Police
- b. Parish and Town Councils

Written Updates

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

- a. Wiltshire Police
- b. Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service - [video](#)
- c. Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council
- d. Cricklade Town Council

9 **Our Community Matters**

7:30pm

Updates from Area Board members on the Community Area Action Plan, including the following priorities.

9a **Youth Forum**

RWB and Cricklade Youth Forum update

Cllr Allison Bucknell

9b **RWB and Cricklade Environmental Forum**

RWB and Cricklade Environmental Forum update

Cllr Jacqui Lay

9c **RWB&C Community Care Group** (Pages 81 - 84)

To receive an update from the last meeting of the Community Care Group held on 12 February 2025.

Cllr Mary Champion and Cllr David Bowler

9d **Economy**

Career Advice for Young People – Cllr Allison Bucknell

Business Advice – Cllr Nick Dye

Household Economy – Cllr Mary Champion

9e **Area Board Highlights 2021-2025**

To recap the key achievements of the Area Board over the past four years, including looking back at the projects supported in the community.

10 **Community Safety Forum** (*Pages 85 - 86*)

7:50pm

To receive updates from the recent meetings of the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Safety Forum.

11 **Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)**
(*Pages 87 - 108*)

7:55pm

To note the minutes and consider any recommendations arising from the latest LHFIG meeting held on 12 February 2025, as set out in the attached report.

Recommendations:

- 11-24-01 Noremarsch Primary School and St Bartholomew's Primary School (The Rosary) Parking controls. Allocate £4,000 with a 25 percent contribution from RWBTC (£1,000) Note - Sites at Downs View and Widham bridge (11-24-07) to be advertised at the same time to reduce overall Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) costs.

- 11-24-07 Cricklade Road / Widham bridge, Purton – Traffic management measures – Allocate £5,500 with a 25 percent contribution from Purton Parish Council (£1,375)

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

12 **Funding Applications** (*Pages 109 - 116*)

8:05pm

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

Remaining Budgets:

Community Area	Older & Vulnerable	Young People
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Grant		
£1,619.50	£4,025	£18,016

Community Area Grants:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG2121	Royal Wootton Bassett Petanque Club – canopy provision with drainage	£1,870.90
ABG2190	White Horse Cricket Club – community storage container	£500

Older & Vulnerable Grants:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG2226	Wiltshire Hope and Harmony – Royal Wootton Bassett Dementia Choir and Cafe	£4,000
ABG2228	Cricklade Memory Café – afternoon tea	£500

Young People Grants:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG2129	Stay Safe Initiative CIC - Digital Empowerment	£675
ABG2137	Stay Safe Initiative CIC – Boyz 2 Men	£600
ABG2165	2491 RAF Lyneham Air Cadets – residential training camp 2025	£3,200
ABG2177	The Rise Trust Youth – wellbeing sessions	£5,000
ABG2195	Connect Young People’s Substance Use Service – drug and alcohol awareness group	£498.40
ABG2255	Champions in Community - Youthoria at The Coach House	£3,250

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

13 Get it Off Your Chest

An open, public question and answer session to raise issues with your local representative (please note that if answers cannot be provided on the night, written responses will be provided after the meeting).

14 **Urgent items**

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

15 **Close and Future Meeting Dates**

8:30pm

Future Meeting Dates (6:30-8:30pm):

- 20 May 2025 (extraordinary meeting on the rising of Full Council)
- 18 June 2025
- 24 September 2025
- 26 November 2025
- 4 March 2026

For information on applying for a grant or grant application deadlines for these meetings, please contact the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager andrew.jack@wiltshire.gov.uk or Engagement and Partnerships Lead alexa.davies@wiltshire.gov.uk

MINUTES

Meeting: Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board
Place: Cricklade Town Hall, High Street, Cricklade, SN6 6AE
Date: 11 December 2024
Start Time: 6.30 pm
Finish Time: 8.15 pm

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to:

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Allison Bucknell (Chairman), Cllr Jacqui Lay (Vice-Chairman), Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Steve Bucknell, Cllr Mary Champion and Cllr Nick Dye

Wiltshire Council Officers

Andrew Jack – Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager
Dom Argar – Assistant Multimedia Officer
Matt Hitch – Democratic Services Officer

Total in attendance: 30

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
70	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexa Davies – Engagement and Partnerships Lead
71	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>On the proposal of the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Jacqui Lay, seconded by Cllr Nick Dye, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2024 as a true and correct record.</p>
72	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
73	<p><u>Chairman's Updates</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Cllr Allison Bucknell, welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced the councillors and officers present.</p>
74	<p><u>Information Items</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew the Area Board's attention to the following items included in the agenda pack:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community First, pg. 31-33 • Update from BSW Together (Integrated Care Board), pg. 35-37 • Vaccine Confidence Training (Integrated Care Board), pg. 39 • Neighbourhood Crime Figures Search by Police Team • Wiltshire Council Consultation Portal • Wiltshire Council Information Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure, pg. 41-42 o Cost of Living Update, pg. 43-44 o Local Transport Plan Consultation, pg. 45 o FUEL – Christmas Holiday Activities, pg.47-48 <p>In response to a query from Chris Bull from Cricklade Town Council about how locations for the FUEL school holiday activity programme were decided, it was confirmed that the service was run by different providers in different areas and it would be possible to bid to host events. The nearest activities to Cricklade were held in Royal Wootton Bassett and it was noted that they ran during the</p>

	Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays.
75	<p><u>Chief Constable</u></p> <p>Inspector Scott Anger and Sergeant James Osment gave an update on behalf of the neighbourhood police team. Points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspector Anger thanked Sergeant Osment, who would be leaving the team in January after covering maternity leave for Sergeant Kate Smith. • A number of proactive operations had taken place in October and November, including rural crime and safer business weeks. • Several initiatives had been undertaken to tackle the issue of County Lines, including an educational programme in local schools about the dangers of drug usage. • A community protection notice had been issued for an individual in Cowleaze. • There were several engagement sessions scheduled in villages in the run up to Christmas, including one at Toomers Garden Centre in Lydiard Millicent on 18 December. <p>Chief Constable Catherine Roper then joined Inspector Anger and Sergeant Osment in answering queries. During the discussion, points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks were given to the police for their update. • It was confirmed that thefts from vehicles were not recorded as burglaries. • In response to queries about an incident where 12 vehicles were targeted in Royal Wootton Bassett, it was explained that the suspect had travelled to the area from Hampshire and was wanted in connection with 22 other offences. High quality doorbell footage had been used to provide evidence. • When asked about why there were no longer separate Royal Wootton Bassett Town and Rural police teams in addition to a team for Purton and Cricklade, it was explained that the neighbourhood team had previously been larger. There had been three teams, including one which also focussed on the Malmesbury area. It was explained that there had been a restructure in Wiltshire Police splitting the former community policing teams into neighbourhood teams and response teams. Although the neighbourhood teams were smaller than the community policing teams, many of their responsibilities had been transferred to the new response teams. The local response team also operated in the Area Board's area. • Sergeant Osment offered to contact Cricklade Town Council to speak about how they could make the best use of data from their Speed Indicator Devices. <p>The Chief Constable then gave an overview of the progress that had been made in Wiltshire Police since 2022. Points included:</p>

- Wiltshire Police had been put in the ENGAGE ‘special measures’ process in 2022 following a Police Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy (PEEL) inspection. The Chief Constable was pleased to report that the force had come out of the ENGAGE Process in May 2024, following their most recent PEEL inspection. The results of the latest inspection were published in August and showed the significant improvements that had been made since 2022. A copy of the press release and report were available [online](#).
- Significant improvement had been made in seven of the nine areas of the report and it had been recognised that the foundations had been laid for improvement in the other two areas.
- In August Wiltshire Police had been the second worst police force out of the 43 forces in England and Wales in terms of the time it took to answer 999 calls. By September 2024 they had risen to the thirty third best and they were now seventeenth best. The call abandonment rate had also improved.
- Another recent inspection into how Wiltshire Police was responding to reports of serious sexual offences had found that the force had delivered on a series of recommendations made during a previous inspection.
- Cllr Steve Bucknell held Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Wilkinson OBE, to account on behalf of the public in his role as Chairman of Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel. The Police and Crime Commissioner then held the Chief Constable to account for delivering a good service and meeting the targets in his crime plan.

During the discussion, the following points were raised:

- When asked by Angela Jensen, Vice-Chairman on Cricklade Town Council, about an initiative to tackle violence against women and girls, the Chief Constable explained that there had recently been 16 days of action focussing on the issue. Through Operation Vigilant, the police went into venues used in the nighttime economy to help to identify oppressive behaviours. An independent advisory group had also been established to challenge the police about where further improvements could be made in tackling the issue and in supporting victims and their families. A detective chief inspector had been appointed to specifically coordinate the work on this issue.
- In response to a question about threats to women in public life, the Chief Constable was pleased to report that there had not been many reports of threats in Wiltshire, but she was aware that nationally there had been increasing concern about the issue.
- The Area Board noted that the police force had improved its visibility in the community in recent years.
- The Chairman took the opportunity to thank Sergeant Osment for his work over the past few months and sent him best wishes for his next role.
- Cllr Steve Bucknell emphasised the importance of policing by consent.

	<p>He noted that there was often a perception on social media that the council and the police were separate from the public. He felt that everyone should see themselves as having a part to play in policing by reporting issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The public were encouraged to report any instances of door-to-door sales where the seller did not have an appropriate licence, especially in cases where they were pressuring vulnerable people to purchase goods. It was asked whether further information about the required documentation for door-to-door salespeople could be provided to a future Area Board. • The Chief Constable thanked the Area Board for inviting her and stated that she would try to visit again in future when commitments allowed. She emphasised that the police were regularly reviewing their performance and that they wanted to provide the best possible service.
76	<p><u>Spotlight on Parishes and Partners</u></p> <p>Written updates were available in the agenda pack from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Police – Spot the Signs, pg. 49 • Wiltshire Police – Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls, pg. 51-52 • Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership, pg. 53-63 • Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service - video • Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council, pg. 65-68 • Cricklade Town Council, pg. 69-70 • Purton Parish Council, Agenda Supplement 1 - pg. 11-12
77	<p><u>Our Community Matters</u></p> <p>Updates were provided by lead members.</p>
78	<p><u>Youth Forum</u></p> <p>The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager (SEPM), Andrew Jack, explained that the youth forum had met on 5 December. Both Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade’s town councils were keen to provide youth services and discussions were underway about how the Area Board could support these activities. There was a desire to repeat the youth festival held earlier in the year at Lime Kiln Leisure Centre and Cricklade.</p> <p>The Chairman reminded attendees that Area Board youth funding could be used for special events and to help establish new services. Wiltshire Council is working on a new youth strategy and is aiming to ratify it by March. It was confirmed that there was approximately £18,000 in youth funding available for the current financial year and that the SEPM was having conversations with local groups about potential bids.</p> <p>In reply to concerns about the transport options available to attend the FUEL</p>

	<p>holiday activity programme, the SEPM emphasised that it was necessary to ensure that appropriate safeguarding was in place. The Chairman welcomed the feedback from the public and noted that it might be possible to bid for transport funding, if detailed information was provided. She reported that previously a FUEL programme provider had pulled out just before an event and that this had caused significant logistical issues.</p>
79	<p><u>RWB and Cricklade Environmental Forum</u></p> <p>The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager (SEPM), Andrew Jack, explained that there was a county wide meeting where environmental leads for each of Wiltshire’s 18 Area Boards could meet and share best practice.</p> <p>The Vice-Chairman explained that an infra-red camera was available to borrow from Royal Wootton Bassett Environment Forum and the Chairman noted that it was possible to borrow one from the library.</p> <p>Town and parish councils were encouraged by the Vice-Chairman to report the environmental work that they were carrying out, as she was aiming to arrange a meeting of the Area Board’s environment forum. She reported that wild flower planting had taken place in Purton. She also took the opportunity to draw attention to changes in waste collection, meaning that Wiltshire Council would start food waste collections by 2027.</p> <p>During the discussion, points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairman emphasised that grant funding was available for tree planting projects. Information was available on Wiltshire Council’s website. • It was noted that flood working groups had become increasingly active. • In response to a query about whether the general public could attend operational flood working groups, it was explained that they were normally open to town and parish council representatives. The Vice-Chairman stated that she would find out whether members of the public could attend. • Sally Westwood, Chairman of Lydiard Millicent Parish Council, highlighted that they had attended a meeting in July, and she would welcome more timely communications from the group. Cllr Steve Bucknell requested that the parish council emailed officers at Wiltshire Council and copied him in so that he could make further enquiries.
80	<p><u>RWB&C Community Care Group</u></p> <p>It was reported by the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager (SEPM), Andrew Jack, that a number of new attendees had been present at the Community Care Group meeting held on 20 November. He explained that the meetings were a great opportunity for care providers to network across the community area.</p>

	<p>He was also pleased to report that the Techie Tea Party held on 21 November had been very successful. 13 people had attended with their digital devices and received information about how to improve their IT skills, including one resident who had been helped to register on the NHS App. In addition, work was progressing on a revised paper community directory to provide a list on handy contacts for local groups. The SEPM praised the Engagement and Partnerships Lead, Alexa Davies, for checking that the telephone numbers were all up to date and explained that the final draft would be presented at the next Community Care Group meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Mary Champion thanked Stevie Palmer for all of her work in supporting the Community Care Group.</p> <p>In response to a query about whether the Area Board would be able to fund events for carers, it was explained that they were able to fund one off events. It was highlighted that grant recipients would need a registered bank account and the SEPM stated that he would be able to assist with the application process. It would be possible for compliant schemes to apply for Older and Vulnerable People’s funding via a town or parish council, or Area Board initiative. The Area Board were also able to award smaller grants up to £500 for urgent applications in between meetings.</p>
81	<p><u>Economy</u></p> <p>The Area Board noted that Royal Wootton Bassett Academy had recently appointed a careers adviser to help school leavers. Further careers advice was available at Connecting you to Employment and Skills - Work Wiltshire.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council’s Engagement Team were helping to distribute funding from the sixth round of Household Support Funding. The Area Board were working closely with Malmesbury and District Foodbank, Purton Community Fridge and Lyneham Larder to support people in need of assistance.</p> <p>The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager, Andrew Jack, explained that the Area Board were reviewing whether there was demand for a local business forum. Cllr Nick Dye added that if there was appetite from the community then they would aim to hold their first meetings in February. It would likely be held in Cricklade or Royal Wootton Bassett, but it would depend on the date.</p> <p>Grant funding to help support small businesses was available through the Wiltshire Towns Programme.</p>
82	<p><u>Community Safety Forum</u></p> <p>The Chairman provided an update about recent meetings of Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Safety Forum. She noted that, subject to any emergency call outs, Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue would be attending</p>

	the next meeting.
83	<p><u>Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p>The Chairman referred the Area Board to the notes from the latest Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) contained on pages 77-100 of the agenda pack. She explained that there were no recommendations from the meeting that needed to be ratified by the Area Board but highlighted that significant investment had been made in dropping kerbs. 18 sites had now been updated to improve accessibility. She also took the opportunity to praise the local highways engineer that supported the group, Martin Rose, for his work in delivering the projects. Cllr Mary Champion also gave thanks to the Chairman for her work in chairing the LHFIG and instigating the dropped kerb projects.</p> <p>On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Nick Dye, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>For the Area Board to thank Martin Rose for his work in supporting the LHFIG in delivering a large number of dropped kerbs in the community area.</p>
84	<p><u>Funding Applications</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, and were questioned about, their projects.</p> <p>Area Board Initiative</p> <p><u>Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Care Group</u> The sum of £500 was requested for Techie Tea Parties.</p> <p>On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Mary Champion, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>To Award Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Care Group £500 towards Techie Tea Parties.</p> <p><i>Reason: The application met the Older and Vulnerable People’s Grant Criteria 2024/25.</i></p> <p>Community Area Grants</p> <p><u>Royal Wootton Bassett Memorial Hall Trust</u></p>

The sum of £5,000 was requested for replacement furniture.

On the proposal of Cllr Mary Champion, seconded by Cllr David Bowler, it was resolved to make the:

Decision

To award Royal Wootton Bassett Memorial Hall Trust £5,000 towards replacement furniture.

Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2024/25.

Cricklade Development Foundation

The sum of £5,000 was requested for the Old Police Station Garden.

In response to queries, Terry Robertson from Cricklade Development Foundation, confirmed that they planned to plant fruit trees.

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

Decision

To award Cricklade Development Foundation £5,000 towards the Old Police Station Garden

Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2024/25.

Jubilee Gardens 1978 Ltd.

The sum of £4,347.50 was requested for horticultural activities.

In response to queries, John Crawford, a trustee of the gardens, confirmed that the proposed work to the wall and flat roof constituted improvement repairs rather than routine maintenance.

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

Decision

To award Jubilee Gardens 1978 Ltd., £4,347.50 towards horticultural activities.

Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2024/25.

	<p>Delegated Funding:</p> <p>On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, the Area Board noted the following funding award which had been made between meetings under the Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager Delegated Funding Process, due to a matter of urgency:</p> <p>Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Care Group were awarded £250 towards Toucan Café Lyneham and Bradenstoke Self Help Group.</p> <p>The Area Board noted that they would welcome future applications, especially for Young People’s grants. It was noted that the deadline for applications the Area Board’s next meeting was 9am on Wednesday 5 January 2025.</p> <p>Information links: Area Board Grants and Grants Criteria.</p>
85	<p><u>Get it Off Your Chest</u></p> <p>The Area Board received no questions from the public.</p>
86	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
87	<p><u>Close and Future Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>The Chairman noted that the meeting originally due to be held on 12 March 2025, had been moved forward to avoid the purdah (pre-election period). Future meeting dates were:</p> <p>6:30 – 8:30pm with networking from 6.00pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 February 2025 – Lyneham Village Hall • 20 May 2025 (extraordinary meeting in County Hall on the rise of Full Council) • 18 June 2025 • 24 September 2025 • 26 November 2025 • 4 March 2026 <p>Meeting details, agendas and minutes can be viewed here.</p>

Area Board Briefing Note

Service:	Cost of Living
Date prepared:	8 Jan 2025
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Cost of Living

All community areas are reminded that there is a wide range of support for those who need it over winter to help with the cost of living, stay warm, socialise and access services.

Financial support is available to some groups and more than £2.7m has been allocated from the Government's Household Support Fund to support low-income households that would otherwise struggle to buy food, pay essential utility bills or meet other essential living costs. This funding will primarily be used to help people in crisis in partnership with local charities. More information about the Household Support Fund can be found at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/10672/HSF6-overview-eligibility-and-how-funds-can-be-used>.

There is [cost of living advice and support](#) available on the Wiltshire Council website, covering a range of topics including advice on energy costs, housing and a directory of warm spaces throughout the county.

Wiltshire Council's libraries continue to be warm spaces where residents can sit and stay, chat with the volunteers and connect with people. There are activities including board games, crafts and book chat groups available and some libraries also offer hot drinks. Library staff can also refer people to Warm and Safe Wiltshire for advice and support. All the usual library services, including free access to books, newspapers, computers, Wi-Fi and digital support, continue as normal. The council also provides a home library service for people who are housebound or struggle to get to a library. Anyone interested in this service should contact their local library.

The council's Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub continues to be available to anyone who needs it. Anyone can access the Hub, originally established during the pandemic, and it can provide confidential advice, information, and signposting from the council's friendly team. The Hub is available on normal working days Monday to Thursday from 9am to 5pm and Friday from 9am to 4pm. People can email wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk or phone 0300 003 4576.

For more details about any of the council's services this winter, people should contact their local library or visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries.

For more information and support on the cost-of-living crisis, people should visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living.

Outdoor Education

Alternative Provision

Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre and Linkenholt Countryside Adventure Centre provide a valuable learning experience for vulnerable children and young people. Our Centres can support young people who may struggle to access mainstream education, including those who face social and academic exclusion. Under the leadership of our trained and experienced Outdoor Education Instructors, we foster a nurturing and positive environment where young people feel safe, heard and valued.

Our Centres offer a place to unwind, connect with nature and experience the many positive benefits of adventure and outdoor education.

More information: <https://www.oxenwood.org.uk/alternative-provision/>

Support for Affordable Housing in Rural Communities

Community First and Wiltshire Community Land Trust are working together to deliver the Rural Housing Enabler project, which is funded by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) with support from Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE). The project aims to support rural parishes who are interested in developing new, small-scale affordable housing schemes for their area.

Rural Housing Enablers offer independent support and advice to help rural communities deliver small-scale affordable housing schemes. Rural Housing Enablers are specialists who help rural communities consider the local need for affordable housing, connecting them with landowners, housebuilders and planners to create suitable schemes.

Some of the ways Rural Housing Enablers support the delivery of new affordable housing schemes and raise awareness of the need for suitable housing in local communities include:

- Raising awareness of the importance of the lack of affordable homes in rural communities.
- Supporting communities to undertake Housing Needs Surveys to identify local housing need.
- Providing opportunities for communities to discuss and consider how the need for homes can be met, including the identification of sites and the viability of a proposed scheme.
- Brokering relationships between key stakeholders e.g. parish councils, local authorities, housing associations, planning and development officers, landowners etc and providing impartial advice.
- Unlocking barriers as they arise to ensure local schemes progress to build and completion.
- Monitoring and evaluating rural housing delivery and sharing best practice and examples to inspire other rural communities.

Our Rural Housing Enablers offer free advice to support the development of affordable home for local people. They work with parishes and groups to offer practical guidance and support to deliver new high-quality affordable housing schemes.

Wiltshire Rural Housing Enablers Trevor and Steve are already working with parishes and groups across the county to help identify and find solutions for affordable homes.

Funding is for a limited period up to the end of March 2025. If you would like to be involved or find out more, please do so as soon as possible: info@wiltshirecommunityledhousing.org.uk

Specialist Insurance for Community Organisations

Community First has a unique understanding of the needs of village halls, community buildings, local councils and playing field associations.

We have worked with Zurich to offer tailored, specialist insurance for village halls, community centres and other community buildings for almost 20 years. We also offer Zurich policies for small town and parish councils and playing field associations.

In recent years, also offering cover for community link schemes.

Whilst Community First (Community Insurance) is based in Wiltshire, we work with community organisations and local councils throughout England to offer comprehensive and flexible insurance cover.

Free no obligation quotes can be provided by completing the online proposal forms through the website: <https://communityinsurance.co.uk>

Income generated from Community Insurance is reinvested back into communities including support for village halls, community buildings, local councils and other community development programmes.

Is your Council considering any public engagement projects?

Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) Local County Advisor Ian Nockolds has over 20 years of experience in the market research industry, having managed research and consultations projects in the public, private and voluntary sector.

Ian has retained his status as a Certified member of the Market Research Society, as well as membership of the Local Area Research and Intelligence Association.

WALC recently hosted a 'Survey Surgery' webinar session, which started with a presentation on how to conduct a play park consultation, followed by a Q&A. The session opened up to general questions on research practice, including the consultation requirements for Neighbourhood Plans.

Following positive feedback, the next surgery has been arranged for April 10th.

To view the webinar, visit: <https://www.wiltshire-alc.org.uk/news/2025/01/walc-survey-surgery>

Voice It, Hear It

Please join us in welcoming Nalini Deane and Emma Young to the Voice It, Hear It team. The team is currently working on a project relating to community equipment which is provided by Medequip to enable residents to live as independently as possible.

Over the last 12 months, Voice It, Hear It has worked on a range of voice and engagement projects including the Wiltshire Council accommodation and prevention strategies, learning disability and life expectancy, experiences of home care services and a report for the CQC adult social care inspection.

Over the next few weeks, we will begin sharing the Voice It, Hear It reports which have been created for each of the projects commissioned by Wiltshire Council. It is important that groups and individuals who have kindly shared their experience are able to see the positive impact their feedback has had on support and services locally. For each of the projects carried out by Voice It, Hear It, reports will be shared publicly on the Community First website. Wiltshire Council will provide updates six months after publication with a summary of 'you said, we did' to demonstrate how the feedback has been actioned.

Please keep an eye on our Voice It, Hear It page for the project reports. These will also be shared on social media and in the briefings we send to Area Boards.

www.communityfirst.org.uk/voice

Neighbourhood Collaborative

Our Community Organising team have been working on a Neighbourhood Collaborative project. This is a community outreach and engagement initiative which aims to support improved health outcomes. Over the last few months, work has been focused on the farming community in Wiltshire and looking at ways to prevent Hypertension in the areas of Chippenham, Corsham and Box.

Farming

Following our efforts at Salisbury Livestock Market, we now aim to create a "Staying Well" pack for farmers. In 2024, we began exploring what farmers might need or value in these packs through discussions with them. The goal is to reflect the insights and lessons learned from those conversations at the market. The focus of the pack is on promoting wellness. For example, it could include items like a water bottle with information about the importance of hydration in preventing urinary tract infections, a hat to help prevent sunstroke, and sunscreen to reduce the risk of skin cancer. This initiative is centred on supporting farmers in maintaining good health.

In addition, we have received further funding to focus on helping health and care services to better connect with women in farming communities in Wiltshire. It aims to understand how these women access information about health, social support and wellbeing. This insight will be used to improve communication and develop services that meet their needs. We would like to focus on perimenopausal and menopausal women and women with young children.

CCB (Chippenham, Corsham & Box)

This project is part of a prevention programme focusing on patient centred, non-medical interventions and looks at ways to prevent developing high blood pressure 'Hypertension' with a certain cohort. Various different engagement methods are currently being tried and tested.

Employability Programmes

The Building Bridges and Inspire Swindon programmes work with young people and adults in Wiltshire and Swindon to help them overcome their barriers to employment and education. Building Bridges Support Worker Martina has been working with a participant who wanted to move towards the world of work. This individual had been out of work for some time after having children. They were experiencing a lack of confidence and some challenges around their mental health.

The participant is now employed and feeling positive about the future. This is what they had to say about their experience on the Building Bridges programme:

"Thanks to Building Bridges and the Tools 4 Success course, my life has been turned around. I was quite depressed about where I'd got to, my confidence about even trying to get back into work was disappearing fast. I'd lost my direction after having kids and wasn't sure how I could move forwards again. Since doing the Tools 4 Success course with Meg Batch, I have found my ability to cope with life in general was better."

As I was coping better, I then had the headspace to work with Martina on my CV, cover letter, and actually looking for a job. Martina was with me every step of the way. I shall be forever thankful to her and the team as I am now employed part-time in a job that I love, using my skills and training. Without this course and the support when seeking and applying for a job, I would still be relying on Universal Credit and struggling financially and mentally.

Now I can look forwards and plan a future and not just waiting for the next Universal Credit payment and hoping it would cover the bills.”

This is a fantastic example of the positive outcomes our team is achieving through Building Bridges and Inspire Swindon. We offer a holistic support service which helps people build confidence, resilience and skills. Well done to Martina and the team for all of their hard work.

Building Bridges Swindon is currently accepting referrals. Building Bridges Wiltshire and Inspire Swindon referrals are currently paused.

For more information, visit: www.buildingbridgessw.org.uk or call 01380 732821

Carers Together Wiltshire

Carers Together Wiltshire partnership offers support to the thousands of individuals in Wiltshire identified as an unpaid carer, including parent carers. Please see below for a list of upcoming parent carer face-to-face and virtual support groups.

Wednesday 5th March - Support group (10:30am-12pm), Condado Lounge, Devizes, Market Place, SN10 1JQ, drop in. Speaker TBC

Thursday 20th March - Virtual evening group (7-8pm).

For the online sessions, please email Parent Carer Lead Jo Hiller-Culley for the link: jo.hiller-culley@carerstogethertwiltshire.org.uk. For the face-to-face support group sessions, just drop in. We hope to see you there.

All upcoming parent carer support group sessions for 2025 will be posted on our Facebook page which you can find here: www.facebook.com/communityfirstwiltshire/events

You can now sign up for Carers Together Wiltshire's new quarterly newsletter!

Follow the link on the homepage of the Carers Together Wiltshire website to enter your details and be added to the mailing list for the first issue of the Carers Newsletter which will be coming soon. Each newsletter will be packed with advice, details of community events and resources to help unpaid Carers <https://carerstogethertwiltshire.org.uk>

Bradenstoke Solar Park Community Benefit Fund

The Bradenstoke Solar Park Community Benefit Fund is a local grant fund that is available to the Parishes of Lyneham & Bradenstoke, Hilmarton, Christian Malford, Bremhill, Dauntsey, Clyffe Pypard and Tockenham.

Any community group within these Parishes is eligible to apply for a grant and the fund is renewed every year via an index linked payment of approximately £70,000 that is secured via the lease between the Defence Infrastructure Organisation and the private owners of the park for the lifetime of the solar park.

The grants criteria are as follows:

- Alleviating fuel poverty
- Developing community scale & micro renewable energy schemes
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Advancing efficiency in the use of natural resources
- Protecting or enhancing the natural environment
- Protecting or enhancing biodiversity
- Promoting environmental sustainability
- Other purpose in the interest of the community

If you are part of or know of a local community group that would qualify, in the first instance contact Community First Grants Manager Mary Hardwidge: mhardwidge@communityfirst.org.uk.

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Wiltshire local elections 2025

Background

- Local elections are taking place on Thursday 1 May 2025 and the polls will be open from 7am-10pm
 - They include the Wiltshire Council unitary election and the town and parish elections
 - There are 98 unitary councillor seats available
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Key dates

- People have until 11 April to **register to vote** if they're not already. More details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.
 - People have until 5pm on 14 April to **apply for a postal vote**. More details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote>.
 - People have until 5pm on 23 April to **apply for a new proxy vote**. More details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote>.
 - People have until 5pm on 23 April if they want to apply for a **Voter Authority Certificate** (if they don't have photo ID) <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate>.
 - **Pre-election period** gets underway from 11 March (the period of time immediately before elections or referendums when specific restrictions on communications activity are in place).
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Voter ID

- Voters need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations for the local elections.
 - Accepted forms of photo ID include passports, photographic driving licences, biometric immigration documents, and certain concessionary travel passes. A comprehensive list can be found at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/voter-id.
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Electoral areas and boundaries for elections taking place from 1 May 2025

Following Community Governance Reviews, some of the electoral areas in Wiltshire will change for these elections. An interactive map of the current and new boundaries

can be viewed at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/8167/Wiltshire-Electoral-Boundaries>.

Information for prospective candidates – webinar on 11 February

- On 11 February from 6pm-7pm Wiltshire Council is hosting a webinar to give prospective candidates and agents all the information they need ahead of May's local elections. It will be an opportunity for those considering standing for election and their representatives to hear from our election team directly, including the Returning Officer, and have any questions answered. More information and how to sign up is at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-elections>.
 - Publication of the Notice of Election takes place on 11 March 2025
 - The period for people to submit nominations is from 10am on 12 March until 4pm on 2 April (nominations can be delivered between the hours of 10am and 4pm on working days)
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Working at the election

For anyone interested in applying to work to support the delivery of elections in Wiltshire, they should visit <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/election-jobs>.

Key websites:

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-elections> - Wiltshire Council local elections page
<https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote> - register to vote
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote> - apply for a postal vote
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote> - apply for a proxy vote
www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/voter-id - Voter ID information
<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/8167/Wiltshire-Electoral-Boundaries> - Wiltshire boundaries
<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/> - Electoral Commission

Additional information

If anyone would like any information about the local elections, they should visit <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-elections>

People can also email elections@wiltshire.gov.uk with any queries or questions.

Devolution to Wessex

Devolution is the handing down of powers and decision making from central government to councils. Government published a [White Paper](#) on how they wish to achieve Devolution in England on 16 December 2024.

The White Paper says that government will create in statute a new type of authority, a 'Strategic Authority'. Government wants universal coverage of Strategic Authorities and where progress is slow will have the power to mandate these. Strategic Authorities will bring together leaders of the constituent councils. The deepest powers and funding for Strategic Authorities will only be available to those where the Leaders of constituent councils are joined by a directly elected Mayor.

Funding will include long term investment, regeneration, transport and housing funds. Powers for strategic authorities will include:

- **Transport:** bus franchising; rail network influence; station control; key road network
- **Skills:** Adult Education Budget; Get Britain Working; Local Skills Improvement Plans;
- **Housing and Planning:** Spatial Development Strategies and when in place call-in powers on strategic developments plus a mayoral Community Infrastructure Levy; Homes England programmes and Affordable Housing Programme funding
- **Environment:** retrofit funding; Local Power Plans; Local Nature Recovery Strategies
- **Business:** Growth Hub Funding; Office for Investment; UKRI regional innovation influence
- **Public Service Reform:** aligning geographies (police and fire); mayors on Integrated Care Partnerships; health improvement; right to request devolution

Alongside the establishment of Strategic Authorities government will be moving to fully unitary councils across the country. Reorganisation will commence in remaining two tier areas (parts of the country which still have district councils).

When agreeing geographies for Strategic Authorities, Government will be considering:

- **Scale:** The default assumption is for a combined population of 1.5 million or above.
- **Economies:** sensible economic geographies
- **Contiguity:** Any proposed geography must be contiguous across its constituent councils
- **No 'devolution islands':** Geographies must not create devolution 'islands' by leaving areas which are too small to go it alone or which do not have natural partners.
- **Delivery:** Geographies should ensure the effective delivery of key functions including Spatial Development Strategies, Local Transport Plans and Get Britain Working Plans.
- **Alignment:** The government will seek to promote alignment between devolution boundaries and other public sector boundaries.
- **Identity:** A vital element of successful devolution is the ability for local residents to engage with and hold their devolved institutions to account – and local identity plays a key role in this

Applications to a Devolution Priority Programme were sought by government by 10 January. Wiltshire Council sought inclusion in this programme along with other councils in the Wessex area – BCP (Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole), Dorset and Somerset – representing a combined population of 1.9 million. An extraordinary [full council](#) was held on 9 January where Wiltshire councillors voted 65-7 to join the programme, whilst noting some reservations alongside the clear direction of travel from government. The paper sets out the background to the debate.

On 5 February, government announced the areas that would proceed as part of the Devolution Priority Programme. Wessex was not amongst them and now the individual councils will be working with central government to consider the next steps to ensure the area does not miss out on the proposed benefits.

A statement from the Leaders of the four councils is available online:

[Wessex not accepted into Devolution Priority Programme - Wiltshire Council](#)

FAQs

Why did the councils support an elected mayor for Wessex?

The government has made it clear that it is committed to devolution that includes mayors and that there will be a significant premium in terms of funding and representation associated with this. This model aims to ensure clear, accountable leadership to drive economic growth, improve public services, and invest in vital infrastructure, working closely with the leaders of the constituent councils.

Mayoral devolution offers the opportunity to develop a long-term investment plan for the critical infrastructure our counties need with the ability to bring in additional private sector investment. Should mayoral devolution be agreed, residents would have the opportunity to vote for a mayor.

What about Swindon?

Discussions to date included Swindon Borough Council but they are currently exploring a range of options. Wiltshire, Somerset, BCP and Dorset councils remain open to the possibility of working with Swindon as part of Wessex.

How would the Wessex proposal work in practice? What type of authority would actually be created if devolution is agreed for Wiltshire?

We expect the governance framework for mayoral strategic authorities to be based on the mayoral combined authority structures provided for in existing legislation. In almost all circumstances decisions will be taken by council leaders and 'majority voting, including the mayor'. A mayor would chair meetings of the Strategic Authority. Scrutiny arrangements will be in place alongside audit and local public accounts committees.

Will Wiltshire Council be merging with BCP, Dorset and Somerset if the Wessex devolution proposal is agreed?

No. There are no plans to share additional services between the three councils. The aim of devolution is to unlock additional funding streams from central government and that we would work collaboratively with BCP, Somerset and Dorset on new initiatives.

If the devolution proposal is approved by government, local councils in Wiltshire, BCP, Dorset and Somerset will continue to exist and have the same responsibilities as they do now. Current legal, tax-raising and public service responsibilities of individual councils will remain with those councils. Any formal proposals will be subject to consultation.

What will happen next?

The areas selected for participation under the Devolution Priority Programme will hold mayoral elections in May 2026. The rest of the country that does not already have mayoral authorities is waiting to hear the next steps from central government. The government will be bringing forward the English Devolution Bill to ensure strategic authorities are introduced across the country.

Area Board Briefing Note

Family and Community Learning Impact Report 2023-24

Service:	Family and Community Learning
Date prepared:	23/01/2025
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This Impact Report demonstrates how Wiltshire Council’s Family and Community Learning team are using adult community learning to transform lives through learning all across Wiltshire. It highlights learner stories to show how the service reach adults across the county who face a range of barriers and challenges, and help them to take positive steps to improve their lives.

Working with over six hundred individuals last academic year, and reaching a range of isolated and marginalised communities, the Family and Community Learning team offer free courses on topics such as:

- confidence building and wellbeing,
- skills for adults such as English language and budgeting,
- family learning to help parents to support their child’s emotional wellbeing,
- courses for adults with additional needs to develop independent living skills.

This work is made possible through strong partnerships with community groups, charities, schools, day opportunity services, supported living settings, army welfare service and many more organisations. Family and Community Learning would like to reach out to all the areas of Wiltshire to help us to engage with adults and parents/carers who would benefit from learning with us. Please read the inspirational stories in the Impact Report and share what we do with at least one organisation in your community who could work in partnership with Family and Community Learning.



Family and Community Learning

Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LEARNING

Transforming lives through learning across Wiltshire

- 2023 / 2024 -



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Learner at our 2023-2024 Learner Awards

ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING AS A NATIONAL PRIORITY

Adult Community Learning “draws in those furthest from the workplace - people who have often had poor experiences of education and life - to begin learning again. It is educational seed capital that can lead to tremendous things. This can include helping someone learn to read, improving their numeracy and digital skills, or building their confidence. All of this can support learners to progress onto training programmes that can lead to a good job further down the line. That is real social justice in action, giving people the means to improve their prospects.”

Robert Halfon, ex-Minister for Apprenticeships and Skills, 21 March 2024



Learners at their supported living setting.

ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING AS A LOCAL PRIORITY

Wiltshire Council's Business Plan Objectives and Family and Community Learning

The people of Wiltshire are empowered to live full, healthy and enriched lives.

Family and Community learning provides mechanisms to reduce isolation, support recovery of mental health and support interaction. Our courses offer opportunities for development of the health and independence of our communities.

Our local economy thrives and is supported by a skilled workforce.

Family and Community Learning provides courses for individuals who want to acquire skills that support their working lives. This can include those in need of new skills, people who are economically inactive or individuals new to Wiltshire who need help and support to work.

We lead the way in how councils and counties mitigate the climate challenges ahead.

Family and Community Learning provides courses which can help individuals and families to navigate the changes and challenges which will impact on the world of work as well as our communities.

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH LEARNING ACROSS WILTSHIRE

The Family and Community Learning Service is part of Wiltshire Council's Targeted Education Service. We receive Adult Skills Fund funding through a contract with the ESFA for Tailored Learning. We use this funding to directly deliver high-quality courses to engage individuals of different ages and backgrounds to gain new skills, reconnect with learning, learn how to support their children, and better prepare them for progression to further learning, employment or volunteering.

Family and Community Learning provides support and development for individuals and groups within Wiltshire for whom formal learning may have been a barrier in the past, and works to build confidence and realise potential. Learning programmes provided are for adults aged 19+ across Wiltshire, in a wide range of community venues, many in the county's areas of highest need, as well as online.



Learners at a respite service studying our Exploring Baking course to develop independent living skills.

OBJECTIVES

The Family and Community Learning programme mission statement is:

Growing a lifelong love of learning with communities in Wiltshire
Discover opportunities – Develop skills – Achieve ambitions

We aim to transform people's destinies by supporting their progression, relevant to their personal circumstances, including:

- improved confidence and willingness to engage in learning
- acquisition of skills preparing people for training, employment or self-employment
- improved digital, financial literacy and/or communication skills
- equipping parents/carers to better support and encourage their children's learning
- improved / maintained health and/or social well-being

OUR LEARNERS

Learners learn with us online or in community venues around Wiltshire. Our learners are supported to set goals for their learning in their learning journey and to share their aspirations with their tutor. All learners receive information, advice and guidance to support them to take their next steps after learning with us.



English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) learners

OUR 2023-2024 LEARNERS

In 2023-2024 we worked with 605 individual learners, across a range of online and face-to-face courses around Wiltshire, meeting and exceeding our target by an additional 21%. Learners made 1105 enrolments.

Community learners made up the majority of our learners, with 750 enrolments onto Community Learning courses, and 355 enrolments onto Family Learning courses.

605

Individual learners
(target 500)

1105

Learner enrolments
(target 1100)

844

Learner referrals
(target 700)

3%

Learner withdrawals
(target <5%)

32%

Learners with
disability

29%

Learners from
BME backgrounds

58%

Learners qualified
below Level 2

74%

Learners on means
tested benefits

33%

Male learners

■ Community Learning enrolments
■ Family Learning enrolments



750

Community Learning
enrolments

355

Family Learning
enrolments



Learners with their certificates

OUTCOMES FOR LEARNERS

We provide learners with impartial, high quality, careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) about their future options for learning, training and employment. We track the destination and progression of our learners to:

- Demonstrate how we are contributing to their future success, and
- Show how effective their learning is in providing future employment or education.



Learner achievement

99% of our learners achieved their course learning outcomes and met the success criteria (last year 97%).



Completed course

96% of learners completed the course that they enrolled on with us (last year 94%).



Learners started work

13% of our learners started paid work after completing a course with us (last year 10%).



Achieved progression outcome

80% of learners went on to further study, volunteering, work or other positive next steps (last year 57%).



Enrolled on progression course

56% enrolled on a second-step progression course with us (last year 47%).



Into Work Award Winner

IMPACT ON LIFESTYLE

Adult learning is a fantastic catalyst for learners to take positive steps with their lives. Beneficial outcomes for our learners range from moving on to work, volunteering or further study, to making new friends, becoming involved in their community, building confidence and becoming healthier.

Our learners report developing a wide range of skills on their courses



I had an interview at a pre-school yesterday and they have offered me the job. Thank you for all your help and guidance. I was asked questions that I wouldn't have known the answers to if I hadn't have attended your course. Hopefully after my 3 month probation they are looking at me doing my level 2 qualification." Jess - Working in Schools course

OUR 2023-2024 COURSES

Our courses are designed with our partner organisations and learners.

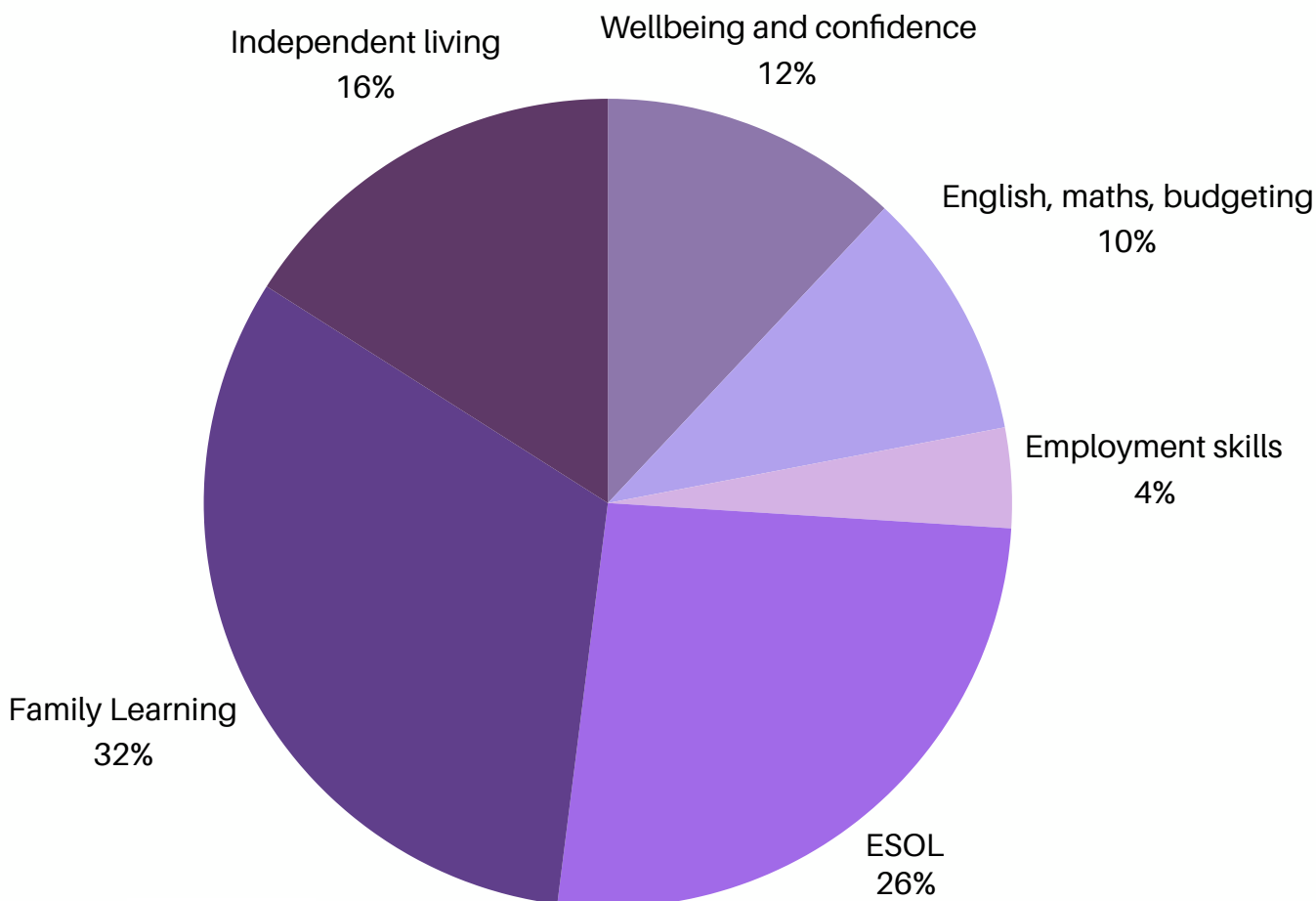
Courses cover four key areas:

- Wellbeing and confidence building
- Skills for adults - English, maths, ESOL, employment skills
- Family learning
- Independent living skills for adults with additional needs



Learners and tutor in an MOD community building in Tidworth

2023-2024 ENROLMENTS BY COURSE TYPE



PARTNERSHIPS AND CURRICULUM

Partnerships with other organisations are central to our engagement with learners. We work closely with our partners to design, plan and deliver courses to meet the needs of adults across Wiltshire. Our partners know the needs of their learners well, and by collaborating together we are able to reach learners who may not otherwise access learning. Our partners work with us to support course delivery, or refer learners to us for the help that we offer through learning.

Our Curriculum Development Steering Group is made up of partners, both from external organisations and from within Wiltshire Council, and meets three times a year to give feedback and influence our curriculum and course design. We welcome new partners to these meetings regularly.

We work with a range of partners including:

Adult Social Care, Resettlement Team, JCP and employment support organisations, Schools, Children’s Centres, Wiltshire Parent Carer Council, MOD, homeless charities, Prevention and Wellbeing team, Social Prescribers, and more.



A support worker assists a learner at a respite care setting partner organisation

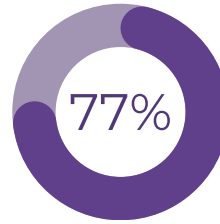
“We are so grateful for all the wonderful work you do for us. It is clear to see the positive impact it has on the customers and staff.”

Sarah, Senior Support Worker
Medley Day Opportunities Centre

LEARNER REFERRALS



Nepalese learners celebrating completing their course



Partner referrals

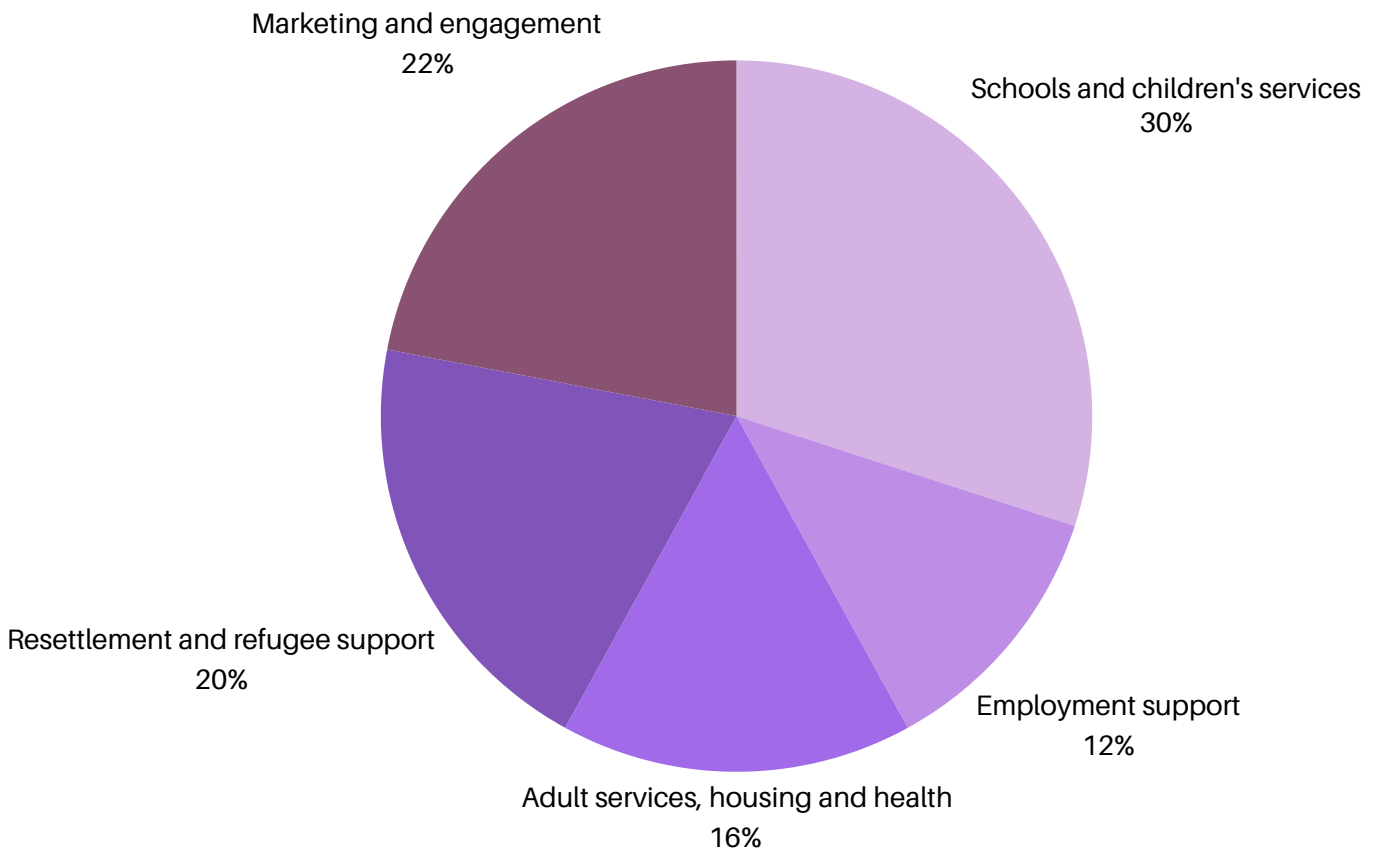
77% of learner referrals came from partner organisations.



Engagement referrals

23% of referrals came from engagement with our staff, social media, marketing events or word of mouth.

2023-2024 LEARNER REFERRAL SOURCE



PARTNERSHIP WORKING

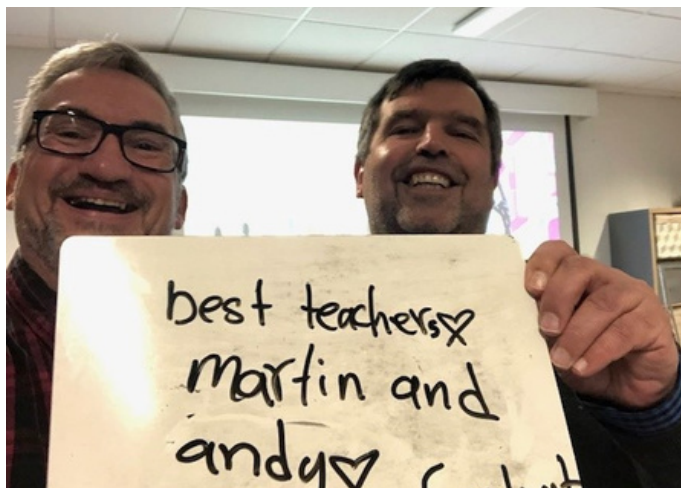
ESOL

An area of curriculum growth over recent years has been our work supporting adults across Wiltshire to develop their English language skills, and we delivered 38 of these courses in 2023-2024, with a quarter delivered online, and three-quarters delivered face-to-face.

Wiltshire has the largest number of Afghan resettlers in the UK. We worked with volunteer support groups, the MOD and their contractors, and Wiltshire Council Resettlement colleagues to offer ESOL courses for Afghan resettlers in military areas.

"Thanks a lot Mr. Andy, teaching outstanding and helping in CV updating.

Mr. Martin, thanks a lot for teaching and helping in issues out of the ESOL class and giving excellent advice for job finding."
Obaidullah



Tutors Andy and Martin with a note from their class

Adults with SEND

Our range of Smart courses to support adults with additional needs to develop independent living skills were delivered at day opportunity services, a supported living setting, a respite care facility, as well as online courses too. We have grown our course offer as a result of feedback from partners about their customers' needs, and now offer bite-size courses to engage learners, and longer courses to develop skills, knowledge and confidence.

"When I first came to the Smart courses, I was worried about talking to anyone and I didn't like going out, now I like talking to everyone and I feel happy."
Smart learner

Wellbeing partnerships

We work with a variety of partners to support learners' confidence and wellbeing, including homeless support charities, prevention and wellbeing services, mental health charities, health services and the DWP. Our partnerships support learners to develop their knowledge and understanding of how to make positive changes for a healthy body and mind.



**Tutor Gill and Janice Deputy
DEAL/Disability Employment
Advisor from JCP Salisbury**

Our range of wellbeing courses support learners to take positive steps to a healthier future.

We have developed our partnerships with our local Job Centre Plus Disability Employment Advisors. They recognise the role that wellbeing plays in a person's work readiness, and together we have run a series of courses to support JCP clients who are on a health pathway to develop their skills to support their wellbeing. On our recent course in Trowbridge, 50% of the learners progressed onto work either during or after the course, highlighting the value and impact of this working relationship;

"I just wanted to tell you that we have another good news story from this Wellbeing Group. [A learner] applied for jobs and was shortlisted for 2 jobs. She went for an interview ... and has got the job, she starts end of August 2024!"

Janice, Deputy DEAL/Disability Employment Advisor, DWP

"Gill was a fantastic tutor. She went slowly with us and made us bond as a group which I have not had before. She gave us good pieces of information to save and use in our own time. She helped us work out what works for us to help with our anxiety. I would really like to work with Gill again, thank you so much for such a useful group." Wellbeing course learner

FAMILY LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS

Referrals for our Family Learning courses has been an area of growth for us this academic year, with strong partnership relationships developed with schools and colleagues within Wiltshire Council.

We developed a new course Understanding School Anxiety alongside the Educational Psychology team, who also support our tutor with delivery of the online session for parents and carers. This is a sensitive topic, with families often desperate for help; we collaborate carefully with schools and other referring partners to ensure that our course reaches those who would most benefit from it.

We partnered with a range of primary and secondary schools to deliver courses in their local communities. For example, we worked with Kingsbury Green Academy, their local feeder primary schools and other charities and support services for children and families in Calne to offer a series of courses with the shared objective: "Together we help you to support your child". This project will be continuing next academic year to build on the progress made to date.



Together
we help you to support your child

#TogetherWeHelp
#TogetherCourses

All courses are held in Calne Library from 10am - 12pm
Welcoming, friendly, relaxed, helpful, supportive & refreshments!

Our range of Family Learning courses help parents and carers to feel confident supporting their child's learning and wellbeing. Last year we delivered 64 Family Learning courses, covering 13 topics, with 80% taught online, and 20% held at schools and community venues.

"I would like to re-iterate how successful our partnership with you was when you came in to lead Family Learning courses for our parents of children with SEN... I can happily feedback that the parents who attended have continued to support each other and this was a by-product of holding it in person in school with likeminded parents struggling with the same issues."
Philippa, Headteacher at Winterbourne Earls Primary School



CELEBRATION EVENT



We were delighted to welcome our learners and partner organisations to our annual learner awards event in November 2024. We celebrated the achievements and inspiring stories of our 2023-2024 learners, with seven fantastic award winners and many nominees, learners, and their families and friends.



LEARNERS WERE NOMINATED FOR THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

- New Directions Award
- Learning for Health and Wellbeing Award
- English Language Award
- Overcoming Challenges Award
- Independent Living Award
- Into Work Award
- Outstanding Individual Learner of the Year Award

*Councillor Laura Mayes,
Cabinet Member for Education and
Skills said:*

"Congratulations to all our learners and those who attended this awards ceremony. It was a brilliant evening. So many inspiring stories, showing how people have taken on learning and it has transformed their lives. Congratulations to you all – not just for the awards, but for everything you do. The Family and Community Learning Team is doing amazing work and this special event demonstrates the value that learning can have for everyone."

OUR 2024 AWARD WINNERS



New Directions Award Winner:

Emily Rogers

Emily found learning rebuilt her confidence and allowed her to reflect and take a new career path, leading to a dream job working with children.



Learning for Health and Wellbeing Award Winner: Julian Lawson

Julian brought positivity to every class; he became a peer mentor and helped other learners feel relaxed and motivated.



English Language Award Winner:

Alsadiq Idriss Adam

Alsadiq has shown dedication to learning; travelling long distances due to housing challenges as a refugee, he stayed committed to his English classes.



Overcoming Challenges Award Winner:

Stephen Traveller

Steve demonstrated great commitment to his family, using strategies he learnt to support his granddaughter, and supporting others in the group.

OUR 2024 AWARD WINNERS



Independent Living Award Winner: Tony Bishop

Tony came to learning after the loss of his mother; now in supported living, he is using the skills he has learnt, and aspires to adopt a cat in the future.



Into Work Award Winner: Maria Barandalla-Fernandez

Maria came to learning after a career break raising her family; she showed her resilience by using all she learnt to secure work in the sector that she wanted.



Outstanding Individual Learner Award Winner: Christina Corderoy

Christina was nominated for her amazing attitude to learning. She has transformed a green space at her children's school, and inspired others to learn.

OUR 2024 AWARD NOMINEES

New Directions Award	Anne Mayers Emily Rogers	
Learning for Health and Wellbeing Award	Jordan Lamprell Sharon Gifford Julian Lawson	
English Language Learner Award	Alsadiq Idriss Adam Nanda Kumari Khadija Stirling Nassima Belmehdi	Sharifa Zara Nazia Malakzai Nabila Khanmuradi Lailuma Noori
Overcoming Challenges Award	Johnathan Hamblin Debbie White Victoria Sennett KC Stephen Traveller Vanessa Lescott Christina Corderoy	Clare Woodley Cadey Kate Abbitt Nicola Campbell David Harries Waheeda Shirzad Zakia Nazri
Independent Living Award	Gail Gogarty Tony Bishop	Jonathon Evans Farhat Atikan
Into Work Award	Jess Norriss Maria Barandalla-Fernandez	Araminta Clibborn Robert King Bibi Zohra Hamdard
Outstanding Individual Learner of the Year Award	Khadija Stirling Christina Corderoy Chloe Hope	

IMPACT FOR LEARNERS - CASE STUDIES



Learners and tutor Wafa at our celebration event.

ESOL

Zakia's learning journey exemplifies the transformative power of education for herself, her family, and her community. Arriving from Afghanistan with no reading or writing skills in any language, Zakia began her studies with the ESOL pre-entry course, where she initially struggled to even write her name. However, her determination and dedication quickly became evident as she progressed through our ESOL courses, mastering the alphabet, reading and writing simple sentences, and improving her handwriting. Every Thursday, she proudly shares the new words she practiced at home and the home learning she has done with her children, demonstrating her commitment to learning for herself and her whole family. Zakia's positive attitude and perseverance have not only led to her own success but have also inspired her peers and encouraged her children to engage more in their studies. Zakia was nominated for our learner award for Overcoming Challenges by her tutor Wafa.

In 2023-24 we delivered 38 ESOL courses, with 283 enrolments, in 12 different areas of Wiltshire, as well as online.

This is a 74% increase in ESOL courses delivered compared to 2022-2023, and a 52% increase in enrolments against the same period.

SMART COURSES

Anne faced significant challenges due to the closure of community activities and the isolation brought on by COVID-19, leading her to become withdrawn.

Encouraged by staff and family, Anne took a leap of faith and enrolled in the Time Smart course, where she initially struggled but soon thrived in a quiet group. This change boosted her confidence, allowing her to engage actively and showcase her sense of humour. Anne's transformation has made her a proud and capable individual again, and she now expresses interest in continuing her learning journey. Anne was nominated for our New Directions award by her tutor Jan.



In 2023-2024 we delivered 21 Smart courses where learners develop independent living skills. We had 178 enrolments on these courses. We have also added a number of single-session courses to enable us to offer courses in respite care facilities. We delivered 75% more of these courses in 2023-2024 than the previous academic year, and enrolled 40% more learners.

In 2023-2024 we held 64 Family Learning courses, online or at venues around Wiltshire. We had 355 Family Learning enrolments, representing 32% of our enrolments for the year, an increase from 20% the previous academic year. This increase has been driven by our widening course offer, including courses for parents and carers of teenagers to support with transitions to adulthood.

FAMILY LEARNING

Kate, a dedicated learner and mother of three, was nominated by her tutor Jenny for our Overcoming Challenges award. Kate has faced significant health challenges, as well as struggles with confidence. Despite these difficulties, she has consistently engaged in various courses at her children's school, excelling in a Families Reading Every Day course with her daughter. Her confidence grew further during the Grow Your Community courses, where she passionately contributed to environmental efforts, including supporting the Hedgehog Street initiative. She also led her class in writing a letter to the local MP, which received a positive response. Kate's perseverance and growth have led her to secure a full-time job at her children's school, which she enjoys immensely.

WELLBEING

Struggling with her wellbeing, Jordan joined the Exploring Positive Emotions course, where she found a supportive group that helped her recognise and validate her feelings. As she progressed through subsequent courses, her confidence grew significantly. Initially unsure of her skills, Jordan soon realised her capabilities and began to envision a future where she could return to work. Her journey illustrates the transformative power of self-reflection and learning. Her tutor Vanessa nominated her for the Learning for Health and Wellbeing Award.



In 2023-2024 we had 482 enrolments on courses to support wellbeing and confidence, or for parents and carers to support their child's wellbeing, representing 44% of our enrolments, (and an increase from 155 enrolments or 23% in 2022-2023). We ran 13 different types of courses, including new courses for parents and carers, and new courses for adults with additional needs.

SKILLS FOR WORK

Jess began her journey with a Confidence and New Directions course, where her tutor noted significant progress in her confidence as she engaged more in sessions. Building on this, Jess enrolled in the Working in Early Years course, using her learner journey to reflect on applying her new knowledge to support her daughter. By the time she joined the Working in Schools course, Jess had transformed into an active, supportive participant, sharing insights and reflecting on her learning's impact on her daily life. A visit from an early years advisor inspired her to pursue volunteering in the field, marking a significant boost in her confidence and ambition. Ultimately, Jess secured a job at a pre-school. She was nominated for the Into Work award by her tutor Shelley.

In 2023-2024 we ran five different types of courses to support adults to develop skills for work, covering themes such as identifying skills and qualities and preparing for job searching, as well as sector-specific courses on customer service, working in schools, and working in early years.

Festival of Learning



FESTIVAL OF LEARNING 2023 FINALIST TUTOR JENNY HAM

Our tutor Jenny Ham has been recognised for her exceptional work with disadvantaged adult learners across Wiltshire at the national Festival of Learning Awards.

Jenny said, "I'm motivated by my learners, seeing them learn, progress and achieve. When you can make a difference to people's lives, there is no better feeling.

"My teaching isn't all about the knowledge that I share with learners. It is important to understand their journey in life and to support them to dream as big as they can."

Laura Mayes, Wiltshire Council Cabinet Member for Education and Skills said: "Jenny's commitment to her learning and development shines strongly. She uses the knowledge and skills that she gains to inform her teaching and the support that she gives her learners. Jenny puts her heart and soul into teaching, and we are very proud of her and what she supports her learners to achieve."

"Jenny is a wonderful, inspiring, supportive tutor. She makes learning fun and helped me feel safe, which is vitally important for someone like me who suffers from anxiety. She was always patting me on the back and helping me believe in my abilities." Learner Sarah

"Jenny is a wonderful teacher because she will go the extra mile. If you still don't understand, she will not stop until she has found a way for you to learn. Without having Jenny, I wouldn't be able to help my children." Learner Claire

ELIGIBILITY

Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria, which has changed slightly since August 2024. Learners must be aged 19+ on 31 August of the academic year, have a Wiltshire postcode and either have lived in the UK/EU for 3 years or meet certain residency requirements.

They must also be able to tick one of the following criteria:

- On a lower income, earning less than £25,000 a year.
- In receipt of benefits (other than child benefit).
- Care leaver, refugee, foster carer, carer, military family / ex-armed forces personnel, have a learning difficulty or disability, have school-aged children who receive means-tested free school meals.
- Not in work and looking to go into work, now or in the future.

CONTACT US

Please get in touch to discuss working with us, making a referral or joining a course:

Website: <https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning-courses/>

Email: familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk

Telephone: 01225 770478

Facebook: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/Wiltsfamilylearning/>

Update from National Highways on the Royal Wootton Bassett to Swindon Cycle Scheme

- Detailed design is complete.
- National Highways must review the scheme amongst other priorities for the new Road Investment Strategy 5-year period. (RIS3)
- Costs of construction are estimated to be in the region of £5 million.
- National Highways has asked Wiltshire Council to make a significant contribution towards that figure.
- If the Authorities were to agree funding the next stages would require planning permission and the acquisition of land prior to construction.



Local highway and footway improvement group (LHFIGs) improvements from around Wiltshire



We have installed new signs at over 21 locations in Cricklade. The signs range from small informing signs to larger advance direction signs.



We have installed dropped kerbs at 19 sites in Royal Wootton Bassett to make it easier for residents to travel around the town.

Wiltshire Council's extra investment in our highways each year, for three years

 <p>£10m for repairing our roads and filling potholes</p>	 <p>£1.7m on drainage schemes to prevent flooding</p>	 <p>£0.33m for gully cleaning to prevent flooding</p>
 <p>£7m on life-extending highways resurfacing</p>	 <p>£0.51m for litter and fly-posting prevention, removal and enforcement</p>	 <p>£0.2m to re-paint white lines and road markings</p>
 <p>£2m on road safety schemes</p>	 <p>£0.5m to replace road signs</p>	 <p>£0.15m to tackle fly-tipping</p>

one.network, roadworks and how to set up alerts

[one.network](#) is a great way for you to find out more about any current or upcoming roadworks in your area. You can sign-up to receive automatic email alerts that will notify you of any roadworks, temporary issues on the network and upcoming work.

The Traffic and Network Management Team coordinates and manages all roadworks on the Wiltshire network, with more than 24,000 applications for work each year. To manage this huge volume of activities, the council publishes all planned works on one.network.

To help you to use one.network, please see the following guides:

- [How to create an account](#)
- [One.network map features](#)
- [How to set up email alerts](#)

Email alerts provide information about works commencing within the selected timeframe. Daily alerts will provide information for works commencing tomorrow, weekly alerts will provide information for works commencing in the following week and monthly alerts will provide information for works commencing in the following month.

Please note we do not manage permits on the A36, A303 or M4. These are published by National Highways and so we do not have any control over this information.

Take care on Wiltshire's roads this winter

The cold weather is now with us and our winter maintenance teams and fleet of 24 gritters are on standby to spread salt on the roads when temperatures drop below freezing. The team usually works after the evening peak of traffic or before the morning rush, depending on the up-to-date weather forecast.

The first gritters run of the season took place earlier this month on the county's A and B primary routes, and the team will no doubt be heading out again during the coming weeks.

Keep an eye on our social media channels for the latest on our gritters, but if it is cold and icy outside, please take extra care on the roads, allow extra time for your journey and watch out for ice. Never expect a road to be gritted and drive carefully, particularly on minor roads.

If you're heading out on foot or using a wheelchair, mobility scooter or bicycle during cold weather, beware of slips, trips and falls and take extra care.

Useful links

- [Roadworks and related information](#)
- [Roads, road care and cycle lanes](#)
- [Report with MyWilts](#)

12 November 2024

For immediate release

Council shares highways investment by area board – and why its extra investment into highways is paying dividends

Wiltshire Council has shared details of highways investment over the past five years in each of its 18 area boards.

The report, discussed at today's Environmental Select Committee (Tuesday 12 November), explains that the council manages more than 2,800 miles of roads throughout the county, with 356 miles of A-class roads, which carry the most traffic and have higher numbers of accidents. There are also 201 miles of B-roads, 1,042 miles of C-roads and 1,251 miles of unclassified roads in the county.

The council's Asset Management Policy and Strategy sets out its approach to maintaining its highways infrastructure. This involves taking into account the lifecycle of the assets, while also monitoring the performance of its intervention and investment strategies, to minimise expenditure while ensuring the required performance.

South West Wiltshire Area Board has the most miles of roads in Wiltshire, with around 330 miles of mostly C and unclassified roads, followed by Chippenham and Villages Area Board, with around 240 miles. Westbury Area Board has the fewest miles of road.

This road distance is reflected in the money spent on major maintenance for each area board, which includes resurfacing, patching, surface dressing and micro asphalt treatments. South West Wiltshire has had just under £7m of work in the past five years, with the next highest expenditure in Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board, which has seen £5.2m invested during the same period.

Two other expenditure figures that are featured in the report – potholes patched and repairs by pothole gangs – show a variance of investment across the 18 area boards that is based on several factors. Over the past five years, Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade has had the most investment in pothole repairs, followed by South West Wiltshire.

Cllr Nick Holder, Cabinet Member for Highways, said: “Showing our highways investment by area board is a really useful exercise, as it illustrates where we spend our money and why – and of course this is based on many factors, such as the length of roads, type of roads, road usage and local geography and the results and analysis of our regular carriageway condition surveys.

“We have invested an extra £22m into Wiltshire highways – on top of the £20.7m we receive from the Government – and it is really making a difference on the county’s roads, with more resurfacing, more repairs and fewer potholes.

“For example, we are now using Bobcat machines that can remove and replace large areas of road in a matter of minutes, before moving straight on to the next job. We’ve spent £1.1m on this brilliant piece of kit since April across our 18 area boards – and this could not have been staffed and deployed without our extra investment.

“And there is much more to come, as we continue to invest significant sums into filling and preventing potholes, replacing and extending the life of our road surfaces, preventing flooding, replacing road signs and reinstating and painting new road markings. This extra investment is making a real difference in every one of our 18 area boards around the county.”

To read the full report, people should go to: [Agenda - Democratic Services - Wiltshire Council](#)

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Area Board Highways Defect Dashboard



Completed P1-4 Defects by Area Board:
02/04/2024 to 29/01/2025

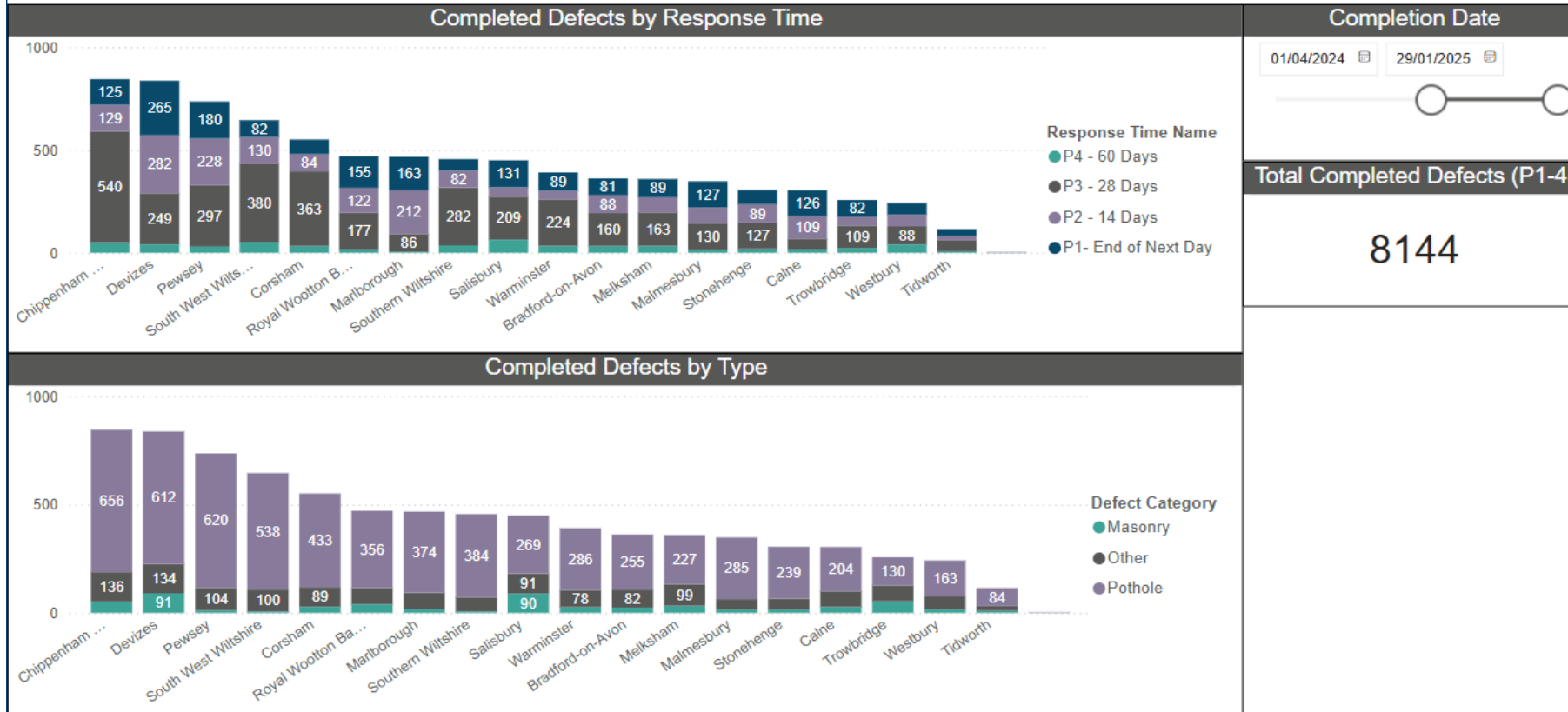


Table 1



Potholes Reported and Repaired since 1 Dec 2024 to 29 Jan 2025					
Area Board	Reported (This Month)	Reported (Last month)	Repaired (This Month)	Repaired (Last Month)	
Bradford-on-Avon	72	54	70	54	
Calne	50	30	49	28	
Chippenham and Villages	144	50	111	62	
Corsham	57	52	51	50	
Devizes	152	120	136	102	
Malmesbury	70	55	62	56	
Marlborough	72	84	63	79	
Melksham	41	67	40	66	
Pewsey	107	57	91	52	
Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	139	85	129	91	
Salisbury	35	38	40	27	
South West Wiltshire	127	111	128	78	
Southern Wiltshire	87	110	108	55	
Stonehenge	42	32	28	23	
Tidworth	19	25	15	14	
Trowbridge	38	38	32	37	
Warminster	99	42	83	47	
Westbury	27	29	24	30	

Table 2

Area Board Highways Defect Dashboard

Supporting Notes:

1. Table 1 breaks down defects by response time as laid out in the Wiltshire Highways Safety Inspection manual. In addition to this there is a breakdown between Defect Types - Potholes are typically small surface defects to tarmac surfaces, masonry type defects are those such as damaged kerbs, flagstones and slabs. https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/media/12952/Wiltshire-Council-Highways-Safety-Inspection-Manual/default/Wiltshire_Highways_Safety_Inspection_Manual_5tf2s8ptwasn.odt?m=1710487628513
2. Table 1 contains data for the financial year running from 1 April 2024 until 29 January 2025.
3. Table 2 looks in more detail at potholes specifically and compares reports received against repairs made over December 2024 and January 2025.
4. When looking at numbers reported it is possible that there can be multiple reports for a single defect repair hence the figure for repairs will be lower than the overall reported figure.

Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board Report

Royal Wootton Bassett Neighbourhood Policing

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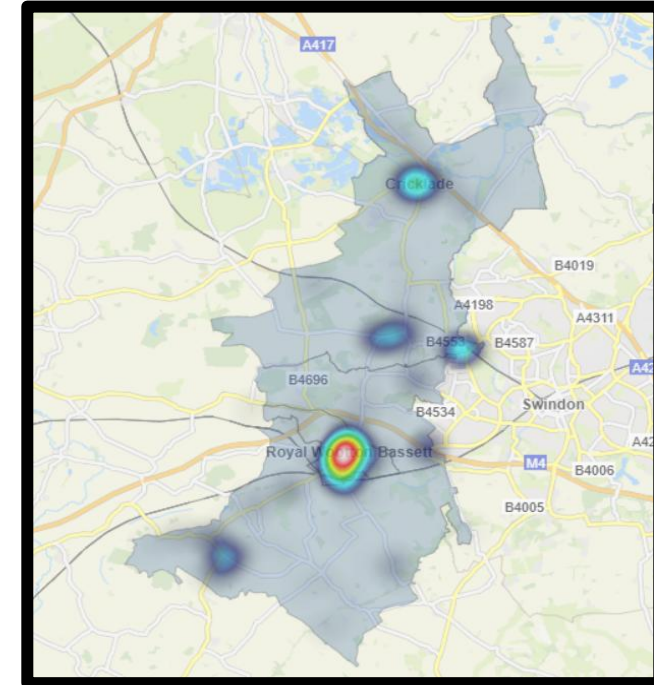
Keeping Wiltshire Safe



Agenda Item 8

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team-

Inspector 1868 Scott Anger
Sergeant 2232 Kate Isaac



Contact us at: royalwoottonbassettareanpt@wiltshire.police.uk

Our Community Commitment

ENGAGE REGULARLY WITH COMMUNITIES BY HOLDING FACE TO FACE EVENTS

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

ENGAGE REGULARLY THROUGH ONLINE CHANNELS

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

INCREASE AND BROADEN OUR ENGAGEMENT ACROSS NEED TO REACH COMMUNITIES

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

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

Our mission: Keeping Wiltshire Safe

Our priorities:

Safer public spaces

Violence

Burglary

Since we last met... Royal Wootton Bassett

December:

- RWB Christmas light switch on
- Speed enforcement – several locations have been revisited as per Social Media requests. Most drivers adhering to the limit, however 3 Tickets issued

January:

- Joint Police & Trading Standards operation at specific High Street businesses
- Speed enforcement
- Reformed Pub Watch
- Attended a Tockenham Parish Council meeting
- Meetings with the Community Speed Watch team in reference to RWB and Lyneham
- A 'knife crime' talk given to Lyneham Scouts

February:

- Community Consultations held in Clyffe Pypard, Bushton, Studley Grange and Bradenstoke
- All 3 suspects in relation to the Theft from Motor Vehicle series have all been interviewed and bailed. Now seeking a prosecution from the CPS



Since we last met... Purton and Cricklade

December:

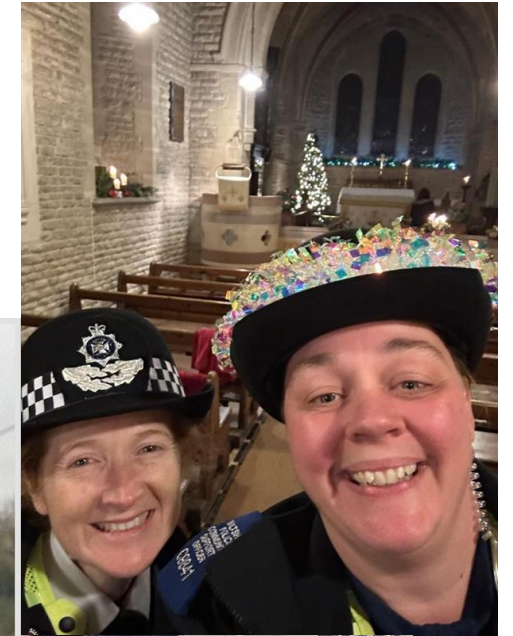
- Community consultations held in Cotswold Rise, Purton and Cricklade as part of our Christmas Roadshow
- Speed checks conducted in Latton and Marston Meysey
- Letters sent to residents in Cob Hill and Cowleaze reference parking concerns
- Patrols conducted with Chief Constable Roper

January

- 2 males arrested following an assault and criminal damage in Cowleaze. One male charged and one male given a Community Resolution
- 3 males arrested from Cowleaze on suspicion of criminal damage. The suspects are on bail whilst the investigation continues
- Partnership working with Sovereign Housing Association to tackle a family causing ASB in Cowleaze
- Community consultation held at Pip café, Purton
- Speed checks in Cricklade with 18 vehicles caught speeding
- School talks at Manor Prep, Cricklade and St Mary's, Purton

February

- Community consultation event held in Latton



Where you'll see us next...

IN ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT YOU WILL SEE US AT:

24th Feb – Youth Club, Memorial Hall – 1800hrs

- NHW Meeting at the Cross Keys – 1900 hrs

26th Feb – Community Consultation at Broad Town Village Hall – 10:00-11:45hrs

27th Feb – Neighbourhood Harm Reduction Day of Action

4th Mar – Pub Watch Meeting at the Five Bells – 15:00hrs

13th Mar - Lyneham Primary School visit with the Dog Unit – 13:10hrs

29th April – Mini Police station visit – 13:10hrs

IN PURTON AND CRICKLADE YOU WILL SEE US AT:

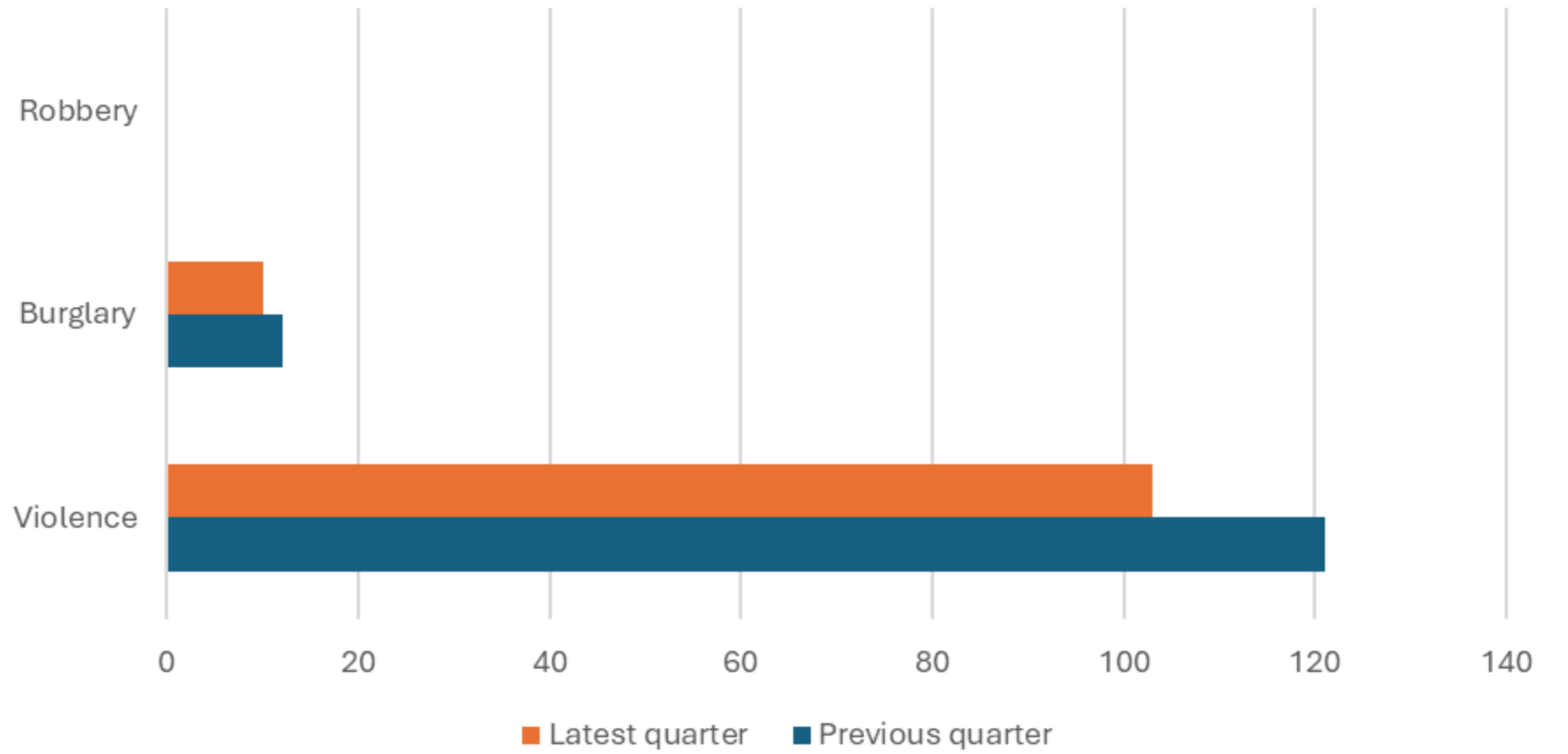
12th Mar – Community Consultation at McBrides café, Cricklade - 1000hrs

13th Mar – Community Consultation at Pips community café, Purton - 1300hrs

29th Mar – Community Consultation at the Spotted Cow, Marston Meysey (time tbc)

5th May – supporting Purton schools with 'No Peak Week'

RWB, Cricklade & Purton key crime statistics



PRIORITIES FOR YOUR AREA: ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

Safer Public
Spaces

Violence
Violence against the person

Burglary

Parking

Schools, High Street, Tinkers

ASB

Boroughfields, Buxton Way, Whitehill

Traffic

Clack Hill, Noremarsch road

PRIORITIES FOR YOUR AREA: PURTON AND CRICKLADE

Safer Public Spaces

Violence

Violence against the person

Burglary

Parking

Purton, Ridgeway Farm

ASB

Purton

Speeding

Purton

Drugs

Cricklade

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council - Chief Officer's Report

To Full Council – 6th February 2025

This report to Full Council is for information and is designed to provide details of work being undertaken by council officers, progress being made, key issues, events planned, and upcoming items for council meetings.

It is designed to provide all Councillors with a high-level summary of our current and future activities, and to support them in their role within our town.

Upcoming Events

Mayor's Charity Event – 4th March

Civic Awards Ceremony – 28th March

Bassett business Forum Network Event – 31st March

Budget 2025 – 2026

The budget for 2025-2026 was approved at Full Council on 12th December 2024.

The precept demand was submitted to Wiltshire Council on 7th January 2025.

Major Projects

Manor House; COMPLETED

Manor House Community Rooms:

Community rooms bookings currently available Monday to Wednesday 9am – 3pm. Thursday 9am – 1pm and Friday's 9am – 2pm. Weekly bookings now set up for 4 local groups, and we have had a number of adhoc bookings, including full-day events.

We will increase the amount of time the rooms are available over the next few months, and already have a regular Sunday booking from late February.

Sale of 117 High Street

This is ongoing – completion expected end of February 2025.

Coronation Country Park

Transfer took place on 8th January 2025. Official opening event to take place in April/May 2025, date to be confirmed.

Town Hall Renovations (Town Hall Trust) and Weekly Market

Renovations have now been completed. The reopening is planned for 5th April 2025

The weekly market has returned to its original location around out Town Hall. New market traders have joined, the available space is now full, the first time this has happened for many years.

Thanks to all our market traders for their patience and support during the renovations.

Memorial Hall (Memorial Hall Trust)

A building survey was completed for the hall, showing some signs of subsidence, and areas in need of repair. We are now putting together costs and a plan for the repairs.

Bassett Skate Park

Working Group has been set up. Ongoing discussions with landowners and developers to find a suitable site for the new skate park, and then a design and build contractor will be appointed. Grant funding is being sort, and community support and engagement continues to build.

Digital Office Transformation

Implementation of Plotbox, a new Cemetery Management System, continues. We are increasing the use of Modern.gov, our governance and paper-less meeting system, and My Bassett, our residents portal, with processes now being digitised through these systems.

Merchants House

Unit 5 is currently being marketed, and currently hosts the very popular pop-up Town Hall Museum.

We have commissioned a buildings survey due to ongoing and regular maintenance issues with this old and iconic building.

Neighbourhood Plan

Ongoing development and preparation for public consultation May/ June 2025

Key Issues

Jubilee Lake Pollution; Environment Agency investigation still continues, and we have asked to meet with the EA to discuss the findings. This is impacting the Angling Club, and also holding up our planned maintenance and development of the lake and park area.

Progress on Council Resolutions

Jubilee Lake Gazebo; COMPLETED.

Old Court Play Park; new Trim Trail COMPLETED.

New Road Play Park; grant funding previously secured to revamp the toddler play equipment, start date late January 2025

Sparrow Lane; initial clearance has been completed, working group meeting 22nd January 2025

Non-Political Council Report, Full Council – February 2025

SiD Phase 2 proposal, Full Council – February 2025

Election Campaign, draft communications, posters to be circulated February 2025

Community Grants new process and application form, Full Council – February 2025

Councillor Training and Induction proposal, Full Council - February 2025

Youth Council Report, Full Council – March 2025

Dog Wash at Jubilee Lake, ongoing, implementation Spring 2025
Youth Provision, working with RISE Trust to secure grant funding for 'enhanced provision'
Games Area, grant funding secured, awaiting quotes, Amenities June 2025
VE Day, ongoing preparations for 8th May 2025
Mural Competition for Boroughfields Toilets, working with the Academy, RISE Trust and NHP Team – launch Summer 2025

Bassett Business Forum

Initial meeting took place on 17th December hosted by The Little Gem, a networking event/ business fair is being planned for 31st March 2025.

Forward Plan

Daisybrook Play Park Transfer, Full Council – March 2025
Cemetery Fees Report, Full Council – May/ July 2025
Asset Transfer and Service Devolution from Wiltshire Council
20mph zones, ongoing work with Wiltshire Council
Merchant House building survey and proposal
Community Fridge – March 2025
Church St Parking – from Allotment Working Group
CCTV Expansion and grant funding
Town Guide – part of Towns Programme grant secured
On going Play Park Replacement Programme
High Street Clock Repairs

Grounds Maintenance and Facilities

Audits; Work continues following the Tree Survey, Cemetery Safety Audit, RoSPA Safety Checks and the H&S/Fire Audits, progress is tracked each month.
War Memorial; Repairs are required to the War Memorial, we are seeking quotes from stonemasons
Jubilee Lake; Work is required on the bridges, island and fishing-stations, and the paths down to and around Jubilee Lake. See the above point about the EA.

Save the Dates – 2025 –

Town Hall Reopening – 5th April, to be confirmed
Annual Town Meeting – 8th April
Coronation Country Park Event – April tbc
RWB Elections – 1st May
VE-Day Event – 8th May
RWB Triathlon – 11th May
Mayor Making – 15th May
RWB Carnival – 17th May
RBL Riders Branch National Rally in RWB – 28th June
Rotary 50th Anniversary Event – 28th June
Music Festival – Summer
Civic Service – 12th October

Remembrance Sunday – 9th November
Armistice Day – 11th November
Christmas Lights – 28th November

Mark Hopkins

Chief Officer

Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)

Christmas in Cricklade

A large number of residents turned out on a lovely late November evening and joined together at the lighting of the Christmas tree.



Many thanks to the Christmas lights team for organising a lovely event.

Thanks also to Sid for the donation of the tree, and Cricklade Town Council grounds team for cutting the tree down and collecting it.

Cricklade Town Council also awarded a cup and certificates to a number of residents and business who won our Christmas lights competition.

The Christmas Tree festival held in St Sampson's Church was a very worthwhile event . Well done to all community groups who decorated trees, they looked lovely. The CTC tree - and creative team - are on the right.



Cricklade Memory Café

The Cricklade Memory Café celebrated it's first birthday on 5th February where a party was held for all to enjoy. They have gone from strength to strength over the last year with new members and carers attending each month. Thanks go to various businesses and individuals who have donated money to cover the hall fees and so the event remains free to attend, and thanks also go to the residents that bought tickets for their Christmas raffle. CTC was able to provide a start-up grant.

The café is held on the first Wednesday monthly in the Town Hall Annexe from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Town Centre Improvements

CTC is currently partway through a programme of improvements to the town centre street furniture. The scheme includes repainting the heritage lamp posts, bollards, bins and cycle racks. Signage has been improved, including renewing the brown 'tourist' signs on the A419.

We have been able to use funding made available under the Wiltshire Council 'Towns Programme' which has made a valuable contribution.



**Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Community Care Group
Wednesday 12th February 2025, Cricklade Town Council Office.
Notes**

Item	Notes	Action
Present	<p>Lisa Williams, Ben Bates (work experience), Diana Sims (RWB Dementia Choir); Diana Kirby, (Tockenham PC); Emma Wheeler (Cricklade TC); Kate Brooks (Age UK Wiltshire); Debs Resden (Carers Together); Stevie Palmer; Abi Mitchell (Rethink Mental Health); Tim Gold (Hartford Care); Cat Attwell (Home Instead); Nicole, Laura & Millie (SLP Group); Louise Nankivell, (Prevention & Wellbeing team), Alexa Davies (Engagement & Partnerships Lead), Andrew Jack (Strategic Engagement & Partnerships Manager) (Wiltshire Council).</p>	
Apologies	<p>Mel Allsop (Lydiard Millicent PC); Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr David Bowler (Wiltshire Council)</p>	
Introduction to SLP Independent Living	<p>Laura from SLP gave background to the company, based in Swindon. They started as a property maintenance firm, noticed that older people needed further support and developed into providing care. From there, they noticed the need to provide a personal alarm system for older and vulnerable people. This includes wearable devices, such as watches and pendants. They allow the customer to talk to the service provider and offer full detection, including if the customer has had a fall. The outgoing call can either go to family or friends or to the service provider, SLP. This was demonstrated during the meeting. In order to respond appropriately, SLP has equipment such as lifting chairs to be able to assist customers in many situations and make them comfortable.</p> <p>From this service, SLP Unity was set up as a CIC to assist people who can't always afford the services offered above. This can include simple property maintenance, such as cleaning gutters to help prevent damp in the home. The offer of help by Unity is on a case-by-case basis and assessment of the person. It is not means tested or reliant on certain benefits.</p> <p>The alarm service reaches out approximately as far as Devizes or a 30-40 minute travel / response time from Swindon to get to the customer. Property services reach out 10 miles from Swindon. LN asked if they are able to support hoarders. Laura replied they are biohazard trained and can deal with this issue. LN will be in touch as this is an issue she encounters!</p>	
Overview of new Carers' Together service	<p>DR gave a talk on the new service and the separate organisations that make up the umbrella service.</p> <p>The service is a partnership between Age UK Wiltshire, Community First, Alzheimer's Support, Wiltshire Service Users Network (WSUN), Citizens Advice Wiltshire and Wessex Community Action under the umbrella, 'Carers Together Wiltshire'. This partnership will provide tailored support to the thousands of people across Wiltshire identified as an unpaid carers. A separate group, Forward Carers, provides help with the</p>	

	<p>new digital Carers' Card.</p> <p>As well as supporting adult carers, Carers Together can support young carers (5-25). They will undertake a carer's assessment for Wiltshire Council, taking referrals. They will talk to carers individually and can signpost to member organisations and to others if appropriate. If the carer's needs are not met, they can come through for a full assessment.</p> <p>This is mostly done over the phone for speed plus there is a self-assessment form that will guide people through the process. If this is completed well, Carers Together will go through that form with the person to check in with what the person needs. If not, there is support available to improve how the form is filled in. They can also offer direct payments via Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living (Wilts CIL) or to check for other services. All funded carers have a regular 12-month review. If their circumstances have not changed, this goes through quickly. Most situations do change, so could be re-assessed if needed. Carers Together run carers' cafes and other group sessions online in the evenings. They are there for carers; the cared-for does not need a formal diagnosis to qualify. They look for services for younger people, including with Wiltshire Parent Carers Council.</p> <p>CA asked about a sitting service and how much this could be. DR replied there is no upper limit and is based on the carer's needs (not their wants) and the assessment is for a given number of hours. This goes to Wiltshire Council for agreement. It is not means tested, so eligibility is based only on need.</p> <p>AD links DR with Benson Miyoba and his offer of space for young carers at his centre near Royal Wootton Bassett.</p>	
<p>Rethink Mental Health service</p>	<p>AM updated the group on changes to the Access Mental Health Service. This currently operates with them working in north Wiltshire and Alabare working in the south. Rethink MH has lost the contract and Alabare will cover the whole county from 1st April. AM was not sure how the service will change, but staff will be TUPE'd over to the new service, so there will be some continuity of what recipients get moving forward.</p>	
<p>Grant applications:</p>	<p>As a working group of Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board, this group has a role in making recommendations to the area board on grant applications. Two applications had been circulated before the meeting:</p> <p>Cricklade Memory Café. AD and SP have visited the group and are very happy with the service offered by the volunteers. AD described the café and their project to take members on a day trip to enjoy afternoon tea at a different location.</p> <p>Royal Wootton Bassett Dementia Choir. LW described the work of the group and the service delivered through music therapy. Sessions last 1 hour, then a relaxed refreshment time. The Choir is reaching out to local care homes "going out to gigs" to engage with more people.</p> <p>Following LW's talk, there were offers to include the choir in the</p>	

	<p>WOW guide, connections with Wiltshire Parent Carers Council, Wiltshire Together and Your Care Your Support.</p> <p>Following questions about these services, the group was happy to recommend both grant applications to the area board.</p>	
<p>Update on future Carer's Community Events, - Stevie Palmer</p>	<p>SP described the Cricklade event as very good with a continuous stream of people coming through the whole time. There was also lots of networking going on amongst the community groups taking part. Over 20 different groups took part and all of them took part in the networking. Around 80 members of the public came through and there was a good atmosphere. Feedback forms were collected and are being analysed.</p> <p>SP reported the next event is being planned for 31st May at Memorial Hall, RWB. Set up with be from 9.00 – 10.00 with the public welcome from then until 2.00. it will be run along the same lines as the Cricklade event. TG offered to redesign the original poster for this event and Wiltshire Council can get it printed.</p> <p>There was feedback received about transport to the event. The new demand responsive transport service should be available in the Malmesbury and RWB areas by then and could be used to get people to this event. Local Link scheme drivers might also be available to help with transport.</p> <p>CA and TG said they would be happy to run a workshop about care options during the event.</p>	
<p>Future Projects – for support / discussion:</p>	<p>Community Directory Update – AD reported all the data and information is now complete. She asked for any good photos or images to include in the document to make it come alive. The graphic designer who helped produce the 1st version will be commissioned to design this revision.</p> <p>“Value your Volunteer” campaign for the area was raised as a way to celebrate and thank local volunteers. Further ideas on doing this will be gathered soon.</p> <p>‘Techie Tea Parties’ – AD described the sessions and the volunteers who helped run it. AbilityNet might not be able to support more sessions due to their capacity, but there are other volunteers within the community, some linked through Wiltshire Libraries.</p> <p>CA said that she had an IT Roadshow that goes out to locations and is manned by an IT expert from Home Instead. He can be overwhelmed by requests so needs help. AD and AJ should be able to find further volunteers to support him using this ready-made set up</p>	
<p>A.O.B.</p>	<p>EW raised with the group the new Thoughts and Talks group based in Cricklade which is a drop in group for anyone having mental health issues. The group now has funding for the rest of the year. EW will circulate their poster.</p>	
<p>Dates and venues for next meetings:</p>	<p>7th May, 10.30am to be held in Manor House, RWB</p>	

Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board Community Safety Forum – Report to Area Board FEBRUARY 2025

Overview

The Community Safety Forum was set up during the height of the Covid-19 Lockdown to bring together appointed representatives of the Towns and Parishes and the Area Board Members with the local Wiltshire Police Inspector and the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Station Manager (Swindon West & North East Wiltshire – Westlea, RWB & Cricklade).

The group continues to meet virtually on the second Friday of the month.

There will generally also be a main topic of interest with a presentation and speaker. Police and Fire priorities and issues are discussed, along with any general concerns arising from the parishes.

Notes of the meetings are sent to those present to be shared as they wish within their own parishes/organisations.

If anybody would like a copy of the notes or presentations, or to join the Forum, please contact allison.bucknell@wiltshire.gov.uk

Recent Meetings

JANUARY 2025

Speaker – Camella Town, Wiltshire and Swindon Resilience Forum Emergency Contact Hubs.

Camella gave an overview of the ECH's and their importance as the first port of call for the emergency services/ Local Authority in case of a local emergency eg power cut/ flood

FEBRUARY 2025

No meeting

MARCH 2025

Speaker – representatives from the PCC's YOUTH COMMISSION

Report by
CLlr Allison Bucknell, 17th February 2025

FINAL MEETING NOTES FOR 12th FEBRUARY 2025

Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade - Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)

Date of meeting: **Wednesday 12th February 2025.**
6pm Via MS Teams

Chair – Councillor Allison Bucknell, Highways Officer – Martin Rose

Notes taken by - Martin Rose

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	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
1.	Attendees and Apologies			
	Attendees:	Cllr Allison Bucknell (Chair), Martin Rose (WC), Martin Cook (WC), Cllr Steve Bucknell, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Nick Dye, Chris Bull (Cricklade TC) Shendie Green (Lyneham & Bradenstoke PC) Mo Suleman (Lydiard Millicent PC) Steve Walls (RWB TC), Mark Hopkins (RWB TC) Rupert Pearce (Broad Town PC), Geoff Greenaway (Purton PC) Jim Gunter (Broad Hinton & Winterbourne Bassett PC) Kevin Woolnough (Tockenham PC), Elizabeth Martin (Lyneham & Bradenstoke PC)		Agenda Item 11
	Apologies	Cllr David Bowler Cllr Mary Champion		

2.	Notes of Previous Meeting																																			
		<p>The notes and recommendations of the previous LHFIG meeting held on 27th November 2024 were presented to the Area Board at its 11th December 2024 meeting and agreed.</p> <p>The meeting minutes can be found here: https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=174&MIId=15352&Ver=4</p>		To note																																
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4.	Priority Schemes for 24/25 (funding committed where indicated)			
a)	<p>11-21-8</p> <p>C34 Purton, Manor Hill Speed Limit</p> <p>Submitted 23/06/21</p>	<p>11/09/24The proposal for Church St / Manor Hill Purton was advertised on 1st August, with the end of objection period the 26th of August. A large number of representations has been received and will be considered by the Cabinet Member for Highways, Street Scene and Flooding, Cllr Nick holder.</p> <p>MJR to prepare report and keep local member and PC updated.</p> <p>27/11/24 - CM report has been prepared and is currently with Cllr Nick Holder, Cabinet Member for Highways, Street Scene and Flooding for consideration. Decision likely to be published in Dec 24.</p> <p>£6,000 allocated in 24/25 budget.</p>	<p>12/02/25</p> <p>A copy of the report and CM decision can be found here: https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=2073</p> <p><u>Summary</u> - To consider comments received following the formal advertisement of the proposed 40mph speed restriction on Church Street / Manor Hill, Purton and Lydiard Millicent.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> I approve that: (i) The proposals be implemented as advertised. (ii)The objectors be advised accordingly.</p> <p>Group agreed to implement the '40' limit with a proviso to look again at Manor Hill speed limit in the future in conjunction with anticipated local development opportunities</p>	MJR

<p>b)</p>	<p>11-23-08 Lydiard Millicent Common Platt safety Submitted 14/02/23</p>	<p>Group has agreed to consider submitting project for funding as a 'substantive scheme' in 24/25 and maintain current allocation of £8,550. (£10,000 - £1,450)</p> <p>07/11/24 Application for Substantive Bid process 2024/25. This will take place in Autumn 24</p> <p>27/11/24 - Application for substantive funding submitted on 29/10/24 . Decision likely Jan / Feb 25. Delivery in 25/26 financial year. Mo Suleman queried contribution amount required from 3rd parties for substantive bids. <u>For clarity the breakdown is as follows:</u> Estimated cost of scheme = £38,000.00 (A) Contribution from LHFIG = £6,412.50 (B) Contribution from LMPC = £2,317.50 (C) Amount from Substantive highway fund = £29,270.00 (D) D= (A – B - C)</p>	<p>12/02/25</p> <p>Awaiting Results of assessment process. Delay due to resourcing. A total of '11' applications received for substantive funding across the 18 community areas. A full list is below:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Pewsey</td><td>Sunnyhill Lane Bus Stop Improvement</td></tr> <tr><td>Pewsey</td><td>Rushall Footway P3</td></tr> <tr><td>BoA</td><td>Atworth Footway Improvement</td></tr> <tr><td>Chippenham</td><td>Chippenham Marshfield Road</td></tr> <tr><td>Corsham</td><td>A4 Pickwick Bath Road Ped Improvements</td></tr> <tr><td>RWB & C</td><td>Lydiard Millicent Common Platt</td></tr> <tr><td>Malmesbury</td><td>Easton Grey Bridge Protection</td></tr> <tr><td>South West Wiltshire</td><td>A30 Fovant Footway Improvements</td></tr> <tr><td>Calne</td><td>Derry Hill to Studley SUP</td></tr> <tr><td>Calne</td><td>Derry Hill Traffic Management</td></tr> <tr><td>Tidworth</td><td>A338 Collingbourne Ducis</td></tr> </table> <p>Cllr Steve Bucknell raised issue of pending development in the Common Platt area. It was agreed to look closer at possible S106 monies to assist with this project should they become available.</p>	Pewsey	Sunnyhill Lane Bus Stop Improvement	Pewsey	Rushall Footway P3	BoA	Atworth Footway Improvement	Chippenham	Chippenham Marshfield Road	Corsham	A4 Pickwick Bath Road Ped Improvements	RWB & C	Lydiard Millicent Common Platt	Malmesbury	Easton Grey Bridge Protection	South West Wiltshire	A30 Fovant Footway Improvements	Calne	Derry Hill to Studley SUP	Calne	Derry Hill Traffic Management	Tidworth	A338 Collingbourne Ducis	<p>MJR</p>
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<p>c)</p>	<p>11-23-12 B4533 Purton Stoke, speed reduction Submitted 02/09/22</p>	<p>https://www.google.com/maps/</p> <p>11/09/24 A site visit has taken place to look at the possibility of moving the existing give way line forward on the Stoke Common Lane junction. Markings could be re-aligned forward by approx. 300mm which may help with visibility issues at junction. The best method of removing the old markings is the use of a Hydoblaster rather than blacking out, but this is high cost. Members agreed it was better to combine with other lining</p>	<p>12/02/25</p> <p>Awaiting to combine with future road marking work in Purton Area. MJR to seek possible use of Hydro-blaster to remove existing GW markings.</p> <p>Hydro blaster line-removal-and-surface-preparation</p>	<p>MR</p>																						

		works in the area requiring removal to reduce overall cost to LHFIFG. Retain on tracker. 27/11/24 - Members agreed to retain request for changes to the give way lines, but agreed they should be implemented with other lining sites when opportunity arises due to cost implications.		
d)	11-23-19 Tockenham Passing Bay Submitted 17/09/23	Request for formal passing bay. approx. 150m south of Shaw Farm (just after a field entrance) https://what3words.com/perfected.plant.coaching 22/05/24 Update - Topo received, and outline design prepared. Option 1 - Replicates the current visible vehicle over run area and is approx. 5.5m at its widest point. Estimated Cost = £14,500.00 Option 2 - is a more formal passing bay with a width of approx. 6.0m. Estimated Cost = £12,000 Both options will take 5-8 days under temporary road closure. Plans issued to TPC who have expressed their preference for Option 2 22/05/24 - Proceed with implementation of Option 2 at a cost of £12,000. Tockenham PC contribution 25% - £3,000 27/11/24 - Works programmed for May 2025. 1 week Temp road closure required.	12/02/25 Works programmed 05/05/25 to 16/05/25 Temp Road Closure - submitted 08-01-25. Update at next meeting.	MR
e)	11-23-17	10/01/24 - Group discussed submission and agreed that consideration is to be given to improved pedestrian provision	12/02/25 MJR Comments No further action at this time.	To note

	<p>Greatfield near Lydiard Millicent Topo Survey</p>	<p>along the section between Greatfield Garden Centre and #20 Greatfield . Recommendation – Allocate £1900 for topo survey to enable design to be prepared.</p> <p>22/05/24 - Topo received. Outline design for coloured virtual footway issued to LMPC. Restricted carriageway will only permit sub-standard width. Estimated cost £25-£30k Reduced cost option – Clear weeds, sweep footway, refresh road markings and install pedestrian symbols, ‘30’ carriageway roundels ‘no footway’ signs to Diagram 544.1. Estimate - £4,500. No further action at this stage.</p> <p>11/09/24 Mo Suleman expressed his ongoing concerns about this location and the desire to undertake improvement work. Martin Cook has instructed Milestone to refresh the road markings in this area.(D24144304). Members agreed to wait until the road markings were complete and assessed before considering further action. Retain issue on tracker.</p> <p>27/11/24 Instruction .(D24144304). from local highways to refresh road markings along Greatfield has not been completed. Martin Cook has chased contractor 20/11/24 but likely to slip until Spring 25. Mo Suleman aware and content, but would like issue re-examined once lining is complete</p>	<p>Martin Cook has chased road marking refresh but likely to be March 25 onwards.</p>	
<p>f)</p>	<p>11-23-10 A3102 Wootton Bassett Infants School Submitted 31/03/24</p>	<p>Vehicles parked on High St close to school entrance restricting access (especially for emergency services) and visibility. 22/05/24 Agreed to fund School Keep markings at a cost of £1500. (25% RWB TC).</p>	<p>12/02/25 Road markings remain outstanding due to presence of parked vehicles. Neighbourhood Policing Team (Sergeant Kate Smith) has now</p>	<p>MJR</p>

		<p>11/09/24 - Meeting has taken place with school and proposal agreed. RWB TC have indicated approval. Order issued to contractor and implementation likely Sept 24.</p> <p>27/11/24 Repeated visits to site by road marking contractor to install School Keep Clear markings, however unable to complete work due to parked vehicles. Gang have knocked on adjacent doors to request removal, but this is ignored. No waiting cones placed to discourage parking but ignored / moved. Contact with school made to explain delay.</p>	<p>offered to assist with removal. Note- Thank you to Mark Hopkins (RWB TC) for his assistance.</p> <p>Work to be programmed, but likely early / mid-March due to weather. MJR to write to local properties in advance.</p>	
h)	<p>11-23-4 11-24-11</p> <p>C415 Broad Town Road (towards Wootton Bassett)</p> <p>Submitted 07/02/2023</p>	<p>Request for 40mph speed limit to replace NSL) due to increased ped activity along length.</p> <p>22/05/24 Agreed to fund speed limit assessment by Atkins. Cost £3,100 (Broad Town PC -25%)</p> <p>11/09/24: Instruction issued to Atkins. Report expected Nov /Dec 24. Speak to PC re. contribution. Members agreed that depending on come of assessment implementation of any speed limit change can be coordinated with issue 11-24-08 in order to reduce legal costs.</p> <p>27/11/24 - Site assessment and speed surveys completed by Atkins. Awaiting final report. Likely 1st week of December. Issue to Rupert Pearce (BTPC) upon completion. Report finding to be considered at next meeting. Estimated cost £4,000.</p>	<p>12/02/25 MJR Comments</p> <p>Atkins Assessment Report issued to Broad Town PC 10/1/25 with copy to LHFIG chair.</p> <p><u>Note- Report recommends the following:</u></p> <p>(Section 1) Retention of existing 40mph limit on C415</p> <p>(Section 2) Reduction of 60mph to 50mph on C415</p> <p>(Section 3) Reduction of 60mph to 50mph on C415 (up to Broad Town 30mph limit).</p> <p>Broad Town PC are unhappy with the report recommendations and have submitted several points for consideration. MJR to update PC in due course. Please note as part of the new Wiltshire speed limit policy, there is an agreed process for challenging the recommendations of assessments.</p>	MJR

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<p>i)</p>	<p>11-24-08 A4361 Broad Hinton (towards Swindon) Submitted 15/02/24</p>	<p>google.co.uk/maps</p> <p>11/09/24 When questioned on the 2019 assessment, Atkins commented as follows: “The assessed speed shows 60mph so there was no reason to justify lowering the speed limit. There are few collisions hence a high assessed speed. In the initial work we did we recommend lowering the speed limit to 50mph purely for consistency with adjoining sections. However, Client officer wanted us to base the recommendations on the assessed speed”</p> <p>There does appear to be issues relating to consistency of speed limits along the A4361 to both the south of Broad Hinton and to the north, especially with road characteristics of NSL lengths in comparison to 50mph speed limit commencing at Swindon boundary.</p> <p>Agreed – Proceed with implementation of 50mph limit on A4361 between Broad Hinton and Swindon Boundary. NOTE:- No financial allocation made at this stage. Awaiting outcome of issue 11-24-11 for possible combination of projects.</p> <p>27/11/24 On hold. Possible Implementation is to be combined with issue 11-24-11 following outcome of speed limit assessment. No financial allocation at this stage.</p>	<p>12/02/25</p> <p>To be discussed following agreed outcome for 11-24-11 with view to combine TRO costs. Scheme currently on hold pending agreed way forward for issue 11-24-11.</p> <p>It was agreed by members to press ahead separately with this project if the issue 11-24-11 is not agreed by the next meeting.</p> <p>Note – Liaison required with Swindon BC due to speed limit change at boundary. https://www.google.co.uk/maps</p> <p>Estimated cost £4,000</p>	
<p>j)</p>	<p>11-24-04 High Street, Purton (East of Willis Way) Submitted 08/01/24</p>	<p>Request for Bus stop Clearway as buses are being forced to stop in road for passengers</p> <p>22/05/24 - Agreed to fund Bus stop clearways x 2 at a cost of £1500 (Purton PC 25%)</p>	<p>12/02/25</p> <p>Bobcat work now complete. Milestone instructed to carry out bus stop clearway work. Likely to slip until March due to weather.</p>	<p>MJR MC</p>

		<p>11/09/24 - HIAMS order issued with implementation programmed Sept 24. Maintenance issue to resolved before road markings can be installed. Members agreed to delay road markings until surface issues are resolved to avoid duplication of work.</p> <p>27/11/24 - Bus stop clearway markings x 2 delayed due to future maintenance work to carriageway. Martin Cook confirmed order has been raised for bobcat works to take place in next few months. Once confirmed Milestone lining gang will be instructed accordingly.</p>	<p>Concerns expressed re. presence of parked vehicles on north side which may prevent work taking place.</p>	
<p>Page 95</p> <p>k)</p>	<p>11-22-01 Greenhill Crossroads, Lydiard Millicent Submitted 04/02/22</p> <p>Resubmitted as 11-24-16 on 12/04/23</p>	<p>Greenhill Crossroads speed reduction https://www.google.com/maps/ 22/05/24 - further site meeting has taken place with Mo Suleman to discuss options for improvement including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Additional Warning signs (cross road – reduce speed now) on both approaches. (Est £1,000) 2. Re-introducing rumble strips (Purton direction only) (Est £500) 3. Moving give way lines forward on Greenhill side. Note - Area approx. 20m x 1.0m will require surface repairs first. Refresh road markings (Est £3,500). 4. Relocating 30mph terminal point and village gates further north on Restrop Road (approx. 30m). Note this requires amendment to TRO (Est. £5,000) 5. Coloured gateway treatment with 30mph roundel. (Est. £4,000) 6. Reinstating coloured surface across junction (£6,000) 	<p>12/02/25</p> <p>Detailed design work to be issued to parish councils for comment in due course.</p> <p>Work cannot be programmed until carriageway repairs are complete on Greenhill side. Martin Cook confirmed instruction has been raised with contractor.</p>	<p>MR</p>

		<p>12/09/24 A further visit to site has been made. C/way area on Greenhill side still requires a repair before any changes to the give way can take place. Road width 6.7m. Signs at junction in poor condition which may be addressed under routine maintenance. TRO would be required for speed limit extension.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Move give way lines forward (250mm -300mm) 2. Relocate 30mph speed limit approx. 36m north with new gateway / village gates. 3. Cross roads warning signs (reduce speed now) on both approaches to junction 4. Miscellaneous road markings 5. Purton Village nameplate. <p>Martin Cook has issued instruction for Bobcat (Carriageway repairs) at Greenhill junction.</p> <p>Lydiard Millicent PC have indicated support for the proposal.</p> <p>Agreed – Allocate £8,000 with a 25% contribution (£2,000) from Lydiard Millicent PC</p> <p>27/11/24 Design work ongoing. Implementation target Spring 25. Relocation of 30mph limit northwards will require amendment to 2006 TRO. Look to combine with other formal advertisement to reduce overall cost. Carriageway repairs on Greenhill side required and must be carried out before lining changes can be implemented. Martin Cook has raised the instruction and hopeful it will be combined with High Street, Purton (issue 11-24-04)</p>		
l)	<p>11-23-01 B3553 Purton Road Cricklade</p>	<p>Traffic travelling faster than 30mph limit. Request to extend existing 20mph limit on High Street to include Purton Road (as far as Hitchings Rdbt)</p>	<p>12/02/25 Surveys undertaken Dec 24</p>	<p>MR</p>

	<p>Submitted 10/01/23</p>	<p>22/05/24 - Agreed to investigate speed mitigation measures on Purton road up to Hitchings Rdbt with a view to extending 20mph limit on High St google.co.uk/map</p> <p>11/09/24: Order for Speed / Volume counts (x 2) placed. Locations agreed with Town Council. Nov / Dec. Report back to next meeting.</p> <p>27/11/24 - Awaiting metro-counts data. Delay due to backlog and change in provider. Confirmed for early Dec 24. Report back data to Feb meeting</p>	<p>Site 1 (between Giles Av and Dance Court) https://what3words.com/coverage.weeds.eaten Average Speed 25.43mph 85th percentile 29.02mph Total vehicles 46619 % exceeding posted 30mph SL 8.9%</p> <p>Site 2 (#7 Purton Road) https://what3words.com/overheard.unusable.notes Note limited data 11-12-24 to 14-12-24</p> <p>Average Speed 26.98mph 85th percentile 30.65mph Total vehicles 20538 % exceeding posted 30mph SL 19.4%</p> <p>A discussion took place with group members. MJR explained the traffic data demonstrated good overall compliance with the posted 30mph limit. Collision date indicated a single (slight) collision during last 3 years. Cllr Dye and Chris Bull (Cricklade TC) expressed their unhappiness and felt direct action was required to calm traffic on Purton Road citing concerns raised by local residents. Cllr Dye raised an issue relating to the poor road surface and it was explained these need to be raised via the appropriate channels. MJR to contact Chris Bull and Cllr Dye via email to outline conditions whereby formal traffic calming is typically considered and discuss what action, if any, can be taken.</p>	
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<p>m)</p>	<p>11-24-01 Noremarsch Primary School & St Bartholomew's Primary School (The Rosary)</p> <p>Submitted 03/01/24</p>	<p>Ongoing issues relating to Dangerous and inconsiderate parking on the junction, parking across driveways/dropped kerbs. Request for parking controls.</p> <p>22/05/24 - Agreed to undertake WR review as part of 24/25 commitments and report back to RWB TC and group.</p> <p>11/09/24 Initial site visits undertaken for both sites. Further visits required following commencement of new school term in Sept 24. Report back to next meeting.</p> <p>27/11/24 - Site survey/ observations discussion with residents at both sites in early October. Some inconsiderate parking observed, but no major issues identified. Parent parking typically starts around 2.30pm and the sites are clear by 3.20pm. It is not feasible to cover extensive areas with parking controls as this will lead to migration of problems elsewhere, however some protection of key areas including junction bell mouths close to the schools is advised. Plans for both sites issued to RWB for comments. To be considered at Feb meeting.</p>	<p>12/02/25</p> <p>Proposal for both sites submitted to RWB TC. To be considered at full council on 6th Feb.</p> <p>Request received for RWB TC to extend lines on Eastwood Avenue due to vehicles over running verge. Also request for short extension to existing DYL on Downs View due to concerns expressed by Wiltshire & Dorset fire & rescue service (WDFRS). https://www.google.co.uk/maps/</p> <p>Group members agreed to progress with scheme and include additional site as requested by WDFRS.</p> <p>Martin Cook asked for the parking review to consider another area of Downs View where overrunning the verge is taking place. MJR to investigate further and report back.</p> <p>Agreed allocate £4,000.00 with a 25% contribution payable by RWBTC (£1,000)</p>	<p>MR</p>
<p>n)</p>	<p>11-23-15 Manor Hill (North of Manor Hill Farm) Purton</p> <p>Submitted 28/03/24</p>	<p>A Dew Pond was filled in at Manor Hill Farm when planning permission was granted for new entrance and driveway to field, the water from the fields now run out on to Manor Hill causing flooding. The flooding is creating c/way large overruns.</p> <p>22/05/24 - Agreed to investigate kerbing, surface reinstatement and warning signs either side of access and report back to group. https://www.google.co.uk/maps/</p> <p>11/09/24. Approx 40-45m of new kerbing (total) either side of access, backfill behind kerb with topsoil, reinstate carriageway in</p>	<p>12/02/25</p> <p>Awaiting topo survey. Design work Feb/ March. Programmed for June 25.</p>	<p>MR MC</p>

		<p>front of kerbs. Road narrows warning signs x 2. Temp road closure required for approx. 1 week. Estimated cost £6,000. (TBC)</p> <p>Agreed – Allocate £6,000 with a 25% contribution (£1,500) from Purton PC</p> <p>27/11/24 - Small topo survey required for detailed design work. Estimated cost £1700.00. Design Early Jan with construction Spring /Summer 25. Retain existing allocation of £6000.00. Geoff Greenaway & Cllr Lay commented on continued flooding issues in area, exacerbated by run off at access and asked if further improvements can be considered to mitigate problems. MR to discuss with MC.</p>		
<p>o)</p>	<p>11-24-07</p> <p>Cricklade Road / Widham bridge, Purton</p> <p>Submitted 18/01/24</p>	<p>Request for traffic calming measures to reduce the speed and allow safer access out of New Road. google.co.uk/maps</p> <p>22/05/24 - Agreed to investigate signs / road markings to mitigate speeding and report back to group</p> <p>11/09/24- Site visit undertaken. Warning lines through double bend not visible due to war. No evidence of reflective road studs. Some signs in poor condition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reinstate warning lines through double bend and increase to 150mm wide. (£1500) -Misc other road markings (£200) -Install bi-directional road studs (£500) -Provide NAL socket for SID (northbound) (£500) -Provide NAL Socket for SID (southbound) £500 -Upgrade 'road narrows' warning sign / post on northbound approach.(£400) 	<p>12/02/25.</p> <p>Site meeting with Geoff Greenaway (Purton PC) 16/01/25. Minor changes requested including length of no waiting at any time to assist vehicles turning left from Station Road into Widham. Possibly combine this element with issue 11-24-01 to reduce legal costs.</p> <p>Agreed, allocate £5,500.00 with a 25% contribution payable by Purton Parish Council (£1,375.00)</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Widham Purton - Proposed Sign- Roa</p> </div>	<p>MR</p>

		<p>-New Road narrows / Junction-R ahead sign /post (£400) Total £4,000.00 (Estimate) Purton PC have indicated provisional support for proposal. Cllr Jacqui commented on the need to improve visibility to the south for traffic exiting Widham and issues with the grass verge. Land ownership dispute by Dairy House was raised. Issue on hold pending further investigation of the issues raised. MJR to report back to next meeting.</p> <p>27/11/24 Site inspection undertaken to look at section of verge south of junction with New Road. Suggest area of EcoGrid to maintain 'green' appearance but retard grass growth. Likely increase in cost £800.00.</p> <p>Area by Dairy House checked and shown as maintainable highway. MR to arrange meeting with Geoff Greenaway and agree way forward. No financial allocation at this stage.</p>		
<p>q)</p>	<p>11-24-25 A3102 Calne Road / Preston Lane Mini RDBT Submitted 14/04/24</p>	<p>Near misses and high speeds approaching and crossing the mini roundabout on the A3102 at Preston Lane in Lyneham.</p> <p>22/05/24 - MJR to undertake review at mini Rdbt and report back to group. google.co.uk/maps</p> <p>11/09/24 Proposal, Options 1 and 2 prepared, included High Friction surfacing, changes to road markings and sign improvements. Approx Cost £8,000. PC have expressed preference for Option A.</p> <p>Agreed – Allocate £8,000 with a 25% contribution (£2,000) from Lyneham PC.</p>	<p>12/02/25.</p> <p>Repair by Thames Water to nearby leak attempted on 02/02/25, but not resolved.</p> <p>Note - increase in cost from £8000.00 to £8,949.96 due to requirement for new large post & associated electrical work rather than extension post. (work to replace post is complete).</p>	<p>MR</p>

		<p>27/11/24 Order (M2/00726) for HFS raised to combine with recent pedestrian crossing upgrade. Work deferred due to adjacent water leak. Works now likely spring 25. Instruction to Milestone for changes to large base post / sign light issued.</p>		
r)	<p>11-24-12 C414 Hook Street / Village Hall Lydiard Tregoze Submitted 13/03/24</p>	<p>1. Concerns about speeding and lack of pedestrian provision at Hook St / Hook village hall) No footway on west side) -1. Request for rumble strips (north approach, - 2. Road sign improvements at bend 3. Raised junction at C414 / Hook Street. 4. Footway link on west side google.com/maps</p> <p>11/09/24 - Footway link on west side difficult due to visibility issues. Option prepared for sign / road marking improvements and issued to PC for comments. PC are unhappy with elements of the design and are seeking reinstatement of the coloured patches on the northbound approach to Hook St junction, 'peds in road' signs and a footway on the west side of the C414. Members resolved to keep issue on hold pending further discussion with PC.</p> <p>27/11/24 - Further discussion with LTPC required re. footway on west side before scheme can progress. No allocation at this stage. Cllr Steve Bucknell to raise issued with LTPC to try and move issue forward.</p>	<p>12/02/25 Awaiting contact from LTPC to agree way forward. MJR to speak to PC to prompt.</p>	MR
s)	<p>11-24-13 C414 Hook Street to Coped Hall</p>	<p>Request for footway upgrade due to overgrown, narrow and uneven surface.</p>	<p>12/02/25 Awaiting billing for topo work completed to date before invoicing LTPC</p>	MR

	<p>Submitted 10/01/24</p>	<p>22/05/24 - MJR to establish cost of topo survey and liaise with Lydiard Tregoze PC google.co.uk/maps</p> <p>11/09/24: Topo cost is £5,800 + VAT. LTPC have agreed to fund in full. Longer term project and possible substantive bid for 25/26. Agreed – Allocate £0 with 100% contribution (£6,960.00) from Lydiard Tregoze PC.</p> <p>27/11/24 - Instruction to proceed with topo survey received from LTPC. Order issued. Email received from LTPC asking for topo to be stopped following recent routine maintenance work. Unfortunately, base survey work was completed. Current cost of £4,000 incurred. LTPC informed of situation via email.</p>		
<p>Page 102</p>	<p>t) 11-24-17 B4696 Braydon Road (Includes Lydiard Millicent & Purton Parishes)</p> <p>Submitted 17/04/24</p>	<p>Request for measures to slow down traffic on B4696 south of Braydon roads following recent fatal collision including improved signage / road markings. Request for SID to be used and measure to prevent overtaking. 6 residential properties at Four oaks Caravan Park google.co.uk/map</p> <p>22/05/24 - Current speed limit is 60mph. SIDs cannot be deployed where speed limit > 40mph. Criteria for solid double lines to prohibit overtaking not met.</p> <p>MJR to undertake signs and road marking review along length and report back to group.</p> <p>11/09/24 - Site visit not yet undertaken . Suggest upgrade to existing bend warning signs on B4696 (x 6) with 'reduce speed now' supplementary plates and Enhanced 'SLOW' markings. Possible flag type sign at Four Oaks</p> <p>Signs / Posts / foundations =£2500 Traffic management = £1500</p>	<p>12/02/25 Sign works programmed for 17/2 Road Markings programmed for Spring 25</p>	<p>MR</p>

		<p>Road markings = £1500 Total £5,500 (Estimate) Agreed – Allocate £5,500 with a 12.5% contribution (£687.50) from Purton PC and a 12.5% (£687.50) contribution from LMPC</p> <p>27/11/24 - Outline signs / road marking plan prepared and issued to Lydiard Millicent PC, Purton PC, and Lydiard Tregoze PC for comment and approval. Order to be issued before 31/12/24 for delivery early spring 2025.</p>		
u)	<p>11-24-21</p> <p>Length of C114 Water Eaton</p> <p>Submitted 06/05/2024</p>	<p>Request for additional measures to address problem with drivers not adhering to speed limits. google.co.uk/maps</p> <p>22/05/24 - 40 /50mph Speed limits installed in autumn 23, but some drivers ignoring restriction. Request for increased police enforcement, Poles / sockets for SIDs, warning signs, Improved gateway at 40mph terminal point, c/way roundels.</p> <p>MJR comments: Limited options for improvements within 50mph section other than c/way roundels. Suggest focus on 40mph section with village gates at terminal points x 2, '40' roundels and SIDS. (sockets only, Devices to be provided by LPC)</p> <p>27/11/24 Site visit undertaken. Outline plan to be issued to LPC by mid-December. To be considered at Feb meeting.</p>	<p>12/02/25.</p> <p>Minor Signs & Road markings. Outline design issued to LPC for comments. Copy sent to Cllr Dye</p> <p>Work cost estimate - £2,500</p>	MR
6.	Minor Signing schemes to be paid for by Town/ Parish Councils			
	No current schemes.			
7.	Any Other Business			

	<p><u>Submitting LHFIG Requests / Deadline for requests</u></p> <p>NOTE: All new highway requests for 2024/25 are now agreed by the group. Subsequent requests received from Town / Parish councils for consideration as 25/26 schemes will be logged and considered at the LHFIG meeting held during Spring 2025</p>	<p>Requests to be sent to the following email address. LHFIGrequests@wiltshire.gov.uk</p> <p>NOTE - Town and parish councils are requested to examine their previously submitted issues shown at APPENDIX 2 and whether they wish them to be considered by the group as part of the assessment of new 25/26 LHFIG schemes in Spring 2025</p>	
8.	Date of Next Meeting		
Page 104	<p>It was agreed by group members that due to the local election taking place on the 1st May 2025, it would be advisable to reschedule the May meeting to June, to allow the necessary appointments to the Area board and LHFIG to take place.</p> <p>Wednesday June 11th 2025 (TBC)</p>		To note

Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Local Highways & Footway Improvement Group

Highways Traffic Engineer – Martin Rose

Area Highway Engineer – Martin Cook

11. Environmental & Community Implications

11.1. 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.

12. Financial Implications

12.1. All decisions must fall within the Highways funding allocated to Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board.

- 12.2. If funding is allocated in line with LHFIG recommendations outlined in this report, and all relevant 3rd party contributions are confirmed, Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board will have a remaining Highways funding balance of **£ - 109.54**
Refer to APPENDIX 1 - 12-02-25. (FINAL)

13. Legal Implications

- 13.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

14. HR Implications

- 14.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

15. Equality and Inclusion Implications

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

16. Safeguarding implications

- 16.1 There are no specific Safeguarding implications related to this report.

17. Recommendations to Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board.

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- **11-24-01 Noremarsh Primary School & St Bartholomew's Primary School (The Rosary)** Parking controls. Allocate **£4,000.00** with a 25% contribution from RWBTC (£1,000.00) **Note** - Sites at Downs View and Widham bridge (11-24-07) to be advertised at the same time to reduce overall Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) costs.
- **11-24-07 Cricklade Road / Widham bridge, Purton – Traffic management measures** – Allocate **£5,500.00** with a 25% contribution from Purton Parish Council (£1375.00)
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY (as of 12/02/25)

LHFIG Budget 24/25	A	£30,186.00	
Carryover from 23/24	B	£65,325.39	(Underspend)
Total Budget for 24/25	C	£95,511.39	(A+B)

Committed Spend 24/25	D	£126,436.92	
less 3rd Party Contributions (Estimate)	E	£30,815.99	
	F	£95,620.93	(D-E)

Balance **-£109.54 (C-F)**

Issue # Committed Schemes 2024/25 (Schemes in RED carried over from 23/24)

11-21-8 Purton Manor Hill, speed limit advert and implementation	£6,000.00
11-22-14 Broad Hinton, Advance Give way sign/ SLOW	£734.27
N/A Community Area dropped kerb requests	£49,067.39
11-23-19 Tockenham Passing Bay signs	£897.42
11-23-08 Common Platt Pedestrian Build-out / Priority scheme (Sustantive bid)	£8,550.00
11-23-10 A3102 Wootton Bassett Infants School (School Keep Clear).	£1,500.00
11-24-22 Cricklade Town centre Sign review	£5,094.82
11-23-19 Tockenham Passing Bay	£12,000.00
11-24-11 Broad Town Speed Limit Assessment	£3,100.00
11-24-04 High Street (East of Willis Way) Bus stop Clearway x 2	£1,500.00
11-24-16 Greenhill Crossroads Improvements, Lydiard Millicent	£8,000.00
11-24-25 A3102 Calne Road / Preston lane Mini RDBT	£8,949.96
11-24-13 C414 Hook Street to Coped Hall Rdbt TOPO SURVEY	£0.00
11-23-15 Manor Hill (North of Manor Hill Farm) Purton (Kerbing - Signs)	£6,000.00
11-24-17 B4696 Braydon Road (Includes Lydiard Millicent & Purton Parishes)	£5,543.06
11-24-01 Noremarsch Primary & St Bartholomew's Primary School Parking controls (includes Widam & Downs View)	£4,000.00
11-24-07 Cricklade Road / Widham bridge, Purton	£5,500.00
	D £126,436.92

3rd Party Contributions 2024/ 25

Purton PC for Manor Hill Speed limit advert / implementation (25%)	£1,500.00
Broad Hinton & Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council for Give way (25%)	£183.57
Purton PC, Lydiard Tregoze PC, Cricklade & RWB TC for dropped kerbs	£12,020.90
Tockenham PC for passing bay signs (25%)	£224.36
LMPC for Common Platt Pedestrian Build-out / Priority scheme (25%)	£2,137.50
A3102 Wootton Bassett Infants School (School Keep Clear). RWB TC (25%)	£375.00
Cricklade Town centre Sign review (Cricklade TC)	£963.90
Tockenham Passing Bay (Tockenham PC)	£3,000.00
Broad Town Speed Limit Assessment	£775.00
High Street (East of Willis Way) Bus stop Clearway x 2 Purton PC	£375.00
Greenhill Crossroads Improvements, Lydiard Millicent	£2,000.00
A3102 Calne Road / Preston lane Mini RDBT	£2,000.00
C414 Hook Street to Coped Hall RDBT TOPO	£0.00
Manor Hill (North of Manor Hill Farm) Purton	£1,500.00
B4696 Braydon Road (Lydiard Millicent PC)	£692.88
B4696 Braydon Road (Purton PC)	£692.88
RWB TC - Noremarsch Primary & St Bartholomew's Primary School Parking controls	£1,000.00
Purton Parish Council - Cricklade / Widham Bridge	£1,375.00
24/25 Total	E £30,815.99

Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade 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	£ 24,639.00	£ 19,916.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 23,019.50	£ 1,900.00	£ 3,675.00
Current Balance	£ 1,619.50	£ 18,016.00	£ 4,025.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ - 751.40	£ 4,792.60	£ - 475.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG2121	Community Area Grant	Royal Wootton Bassett Petanque Club	Canopy provision with drainage at RWB Petanque Club	£6750.00	£1870.90

Project Summary:

We are seeking financial support to provide a wooden Canopy shelter, with wood and transparent screening to facilitate wider access to our facilities. We have invested in increasing the playing areas as a result of demand for regular opportunities to play, increasing the playing terrains from 8 to 12 pistes. Our sport is suitable for all ages and abilities, and it meets the needs of a range of people with health or physical constraints. We have disabled players using walking aids, mobility scooters and wheelchairs. We have a small number of youth players but we working to increase this offer. Membership has risen to 70 members. The additional canopy would allow us to continue to offer play through summer and winter giving members opportunities to be active all year thus improving well-being. Over 75% of our members live in RWB, a significant number of members are 65+ who gain access to physical activity through participation in club sessions throughout the year summer and winter. The Project Funding Request is for £1870.90 total for proposed development of a second canopy. This would be 50% of the cost (£3741.80) associated with the activity.

ABG2190	Community Area Grant	White Horse Cricket Club	White Horse CC – Community Storage Container	£1200.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: To fund a storage container to replace the dilapidated existing one to allow the cricket club to store machinery and to store community assets (chairs, tables, gazebos) which are used for Parish events (e.g. fun days, fetes, parties)</p>					
ABG2226	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Hope and Harmony	RWB Dementia Choir and Cafe	£8000.00	£4000.00
<p>Project Summary: RWB Dementia Cafe is a weekly therapeutic Community group run by an HCPC Music therapist together with a group of trained and supervised volunteers. The group provides bespoke group and care for those with Dementia and similar conditions together with their families and carers. We run a client centered, trauma informed group based in RWB, with fortnightly outreach sessions at the invitation of local Care Homes or other settings.</p>					
ABG2228	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Cricklade Memory Cafe	Cricklade Memory Cafe members trip for afternoon tea	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: We would like to arrange a FOC trip for our members and their carers to take them for afternoon tea. This would involve hiring the local minibus.</p>					
ABG2129	Youth Grant	The Stay Safe Initiative CIC	The Digital Empowerment Programme	£1350.00	£675.00
<p>Project Summary: The Digital Empowerment Program is an educational initiative designed to equip secondary school students with the knowledge and skills to navigate the online world safely, positively, and responsibly. Targeting Year 7 and Year 9 students, as well as their families, the program aims to foster critical thinking, promote digital well-being, and strengthen online safety practices. This programme addresses the challenges of the digital age, including social media, online influence, mis/disinformation, online exploitation, and the long-term impact of digital footprints.</p>					

ABG2137	Youth Grant	The Stay Safe Initiative CIC	Boyz 2 Men	£1200.00	£600.00
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Project Summary:

The "BOYZ-2-MEN" initiative by The Stay Safe Initiative CIC focuses on supporting teenage boys' mental health, promoting positive masculinity, and preventing violence against women and girls (VAWG). This project addresses the influence of toxic masculinity, online disinhibition, and harmful online influencers, aiming to foster respectful behaviours and emotional resilience in young men. The initiative will collaborate with local secondary schools, offering educational programs that emphasise understanding masculinity, promoting healthy relationships, challenging toxic online behaviours, and navigating online spaces responsibly. The primary beneficiaries are teenage boys, who will gain critical skills and knowledge, but the project also aims to benefit women, educators, families, communities, and online environments. Expected outcomes include increased awareness of positive masculinity, reduced incidents of VAWG, improved mental health among young men, and a scalable model for broader implementation. Ultimately, the initiative seeks to build a safer and more inclusive society.

ABG2165	Youth Grant	2491 Lyneham RAF Air Cadets	Residential Training Camp 2025	£6426.00	£3200.00
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Project Summary:

Summary: We would like to conduct a residential training event held of a weekend in early/mid-summer of 2025 for cadets of 2491 (Lyneham) Squadron Air Cadets. The event is to be held at PGL Liddington with total cost of £6426. Squadron training staff will be present on a pro-rata basis and will receive free board and lodgings. The primary focus of event is teamwork, personal development and confidence building. Who we are and why we deserve and Area Board Youth Grant: 2491 Lyneham Air Cadets is based at MOD Lyneham and attracts cadets mainly from the Lyneham, Royal Wootton Bassett and West Swindon areas. At present, we have c. 60 cadets, 5 non-uniformed and 4 uniformed members of staff headed by our Officer Commanding (OC), Flight Lieutenant Louise Curtis. The squadron staff (uniformed and non-uniformed) give their time on a voluntary basis. They receive zero financial reward. At a minimum, this would be five to six hours per week but, in reality, the actual amount of time they give up is much greater. Our cadets represent a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds, and the squadron has policies in place to ensure that cadets are not disadvantaged because of factors such as household income. As with all Air Cadet Squadrons, we receive no funding from the government. Many of the cadet activities are supported by the Royal Air Force (flying, camps, fieldcraft etc.) but all other squadron costs are the responsibility of the individual squadrons. We have "excepted" charity status and are mandated (as per RAFAC constitution) to be financially independent. The Civilian Committee are the trustees of the non-public funds. How we make a difference: RAF cadet life is all about challenge, excitement and adventure and we focus on improving skills; the organisation prides itself on being fully inclusive. We also pride ourselves on developing cadets that would otherwise not have an opportunity to shine. Our Training Officer, Ft. Off. Stephen Maxsted, recalls a recent personal experience where two particular cadets who, at the start of their cadet journey, found it difficult to engage with groups of people but will now confidently stand up in front of 20+ peers to deliver presentations or issue orders. This was achieved by supported exposure to experiences, nurturing and mentoring that helped them achieve things they'd have felt overwhelming a year or so earlier. Without opportunities to test themselves cadets may not develop key life skills such as being part of a team or speaking in front of groups which are key skills in the modern work force. Why we need your help: Whilst the Royal Air Force Air Cadet (RAFAC) organisation is a large one, it is subject to more and more funding constraints and the availability of places on national camps is becoming more constrained. Even when camps are conducted, age is a key factor for eligibility, excluding many of our younger cadets. In 2024 there were only two main camps which were supposed to cater for a cadet figure of 45,000. Individual Squadrons are now more than ever tasked with organising their own activities to further the objectives of RAFAC. With this application we wish to provide our cadets with a local equivalent to a national camp. Whilst they won't be mixing with cadets from all parts of the UK, holding our own activity will present us with the distinct advantage of being about to tailor the course content to address specific training goals. This will allow them to test their current skill set and develop it by creating specific activities centered around our leadership and teamwork framework. Training enables cadets to gain and improve key life skills such as confidence, teamwork and leadership and this will help prepare them for all aspects of life, from now into adulthood. Without wishing to labour this last point too much, a four-year

study (2016-20) commissioned by the MoD and conducted by the University of Northampton, showed that, when compared with non-cadet peers, cadets demonstrated marked enhancements in areas such as communication skills, leadership skills, team working, social interactions, acceptance of diversity and... confidence. These differences were most apparent with cadets from socially disadvantaged groups! Why PGL: Many cadets will not have experienced this before and, by being away for two nights, it will push them in their personal comfort zones. Experience shows that; however, it will also help them develop the sense of comradeship and allow them to share their experiences in safe and structured environment. PGL Liddington is also fairly local which means we can minimise travel costs. The weekend aims to fulfil the following: Bolster and support Cadet welfare and mental health - The Squadron has a diverse social make up Squadron aims to utilise the setting and time to support the following activities: • Basic Navigation – Leading Cadet syllabus • Map reading Exercises – First Class Cadet Syllabus • Blue (basic) Leadership Exercises – First Class Cadet Syllabus • Basic Radio Communications - (if the setting permits) • Advanced leadership skills - Staff cadets will be able to hone leadership and organisational skill set as they will be assigned groups to lead over the weekend. • First aid practice - Utilise leadership Exercises to create scenarios to cover this area. • Fieldcraft – Leadership exercises utilising the area of the PGL to teach rudimentary fieldcraft such as camouflage. Teamwork will be the most targeted as we have no usable outdoor space (at the squadron) with which to practically demonstrate and teach, this weekend will add to the learning experience for a cross section of abilities and age groups. We will engage with PGL to absorb these activities, and we will create a programme, utilising their staff and facilities, to support the elements highlighted above. We can't use public open spaces (e.g. Lydiard Park) for these activities as it's a public space and the safeguarding element would be an issue. PGL will have facilities to ensure that should there be inclement weather, we are catered for, and the environment means we are kept within a specific safe area to utilise as we wish. As we have no outside space of our own and it is close enough to not warrant additional expense of transport, it fits the brief. Additionally, some cadets have never experienced a stay overnight in this type of environment therefore we are growing them.

ABG2177	Youth Grant	The RISE Trust Youth	RISE wellbeing sessions	£20326.82	£5000.00
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Project Summary:

The aim of this project is to hold weekly sessions for young people who would like to access youth work/sessions in smaller less busy environment than open access youth sessions. The sessions will be themed, and activities provided to support by using the 5 ways of wellbeing and will allow young people to connect with others, access support and have fun in a supportive environment. Referrals/sign up will be expected and can be made by the young people themselves or others working with them, i.e. - schools, social worker, YOT worker, or CAMHS. group numbers will be a max of 15 and held in the newly refurbished manor house.

ABG2195	Youth Grant	Connect Young Peoples Substance Use Service	Young Persons Drug and Alcohol Awareness Group	£498.40	£498.40
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Project Summary:

This is a preventative Project for those children who are the periphery of crime, substance use and exploitation. We have sought support from partnering agencies to refer young people into the group who require intervention regarding the topics mentions above. We aim to run a 5-week course with each session lasting 2 hours. These sessions will cover: education on drugs and alcohol, vaping harms and adulterated substances, exploitation, motivation to make changes, skills to make changes to substance use and, advice on how to maintain any changes made. Wiltshire Connect, delivered by DHI, provides crucial support to young people facing substance misuse issues. DHI's work is extensive, addressing a range of social problems including drug and alcohol misuse, poverty, homelessness, offending, and mental health challenges. Given the significant impact DHI has had, helping 12,000 individuals last year alone, securing funding for Wiltshire Connect could further enhance their ability to support young people in need. The free and confidential support, along with the non-judgmental approach, is crucial for creating a safe space for young people to address their substance misuse issues. The range of services offered, from brief interventions and individual sessions to outreach and harm reduction advice, ensures comprehensive support. Given that Connect is already commissioned to work within communities, schools, colleges, and through home visits, expanding this project aligns well with DHI's broader organisational aims. Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) are serious issues that can have profound impacts on their lives. These young people, especially those in care or with Child in Need status, are particularly vulnerable. Being NEET (Not in Education, Employment, or Training) or at risk of becoming NEET adds another layer of instability and vulnerability. As a result of running these groups, young people will be better equipped to understand and navigate risk and have access to support services if

they need them, promoting their ability to thrive within a safer and healthier local community. We will ensure young people have access to support following this course that will reduce their risk of being impacted by these dangers, as well as being able to access the support they need to address existing problems.

ABG2255	Youth Grant	Champions In Community	Youthoria at The Coach House	£6510.00	£3250.00
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Project Summary:

Youthoria is a 6-week rolling programme that empowers young people to become high performers in the areas that they are passionate about. WE WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE THIS PROGRAMME TO 4 DIFFERENT COHORTS IN THE NEXT 6-12 MONTHS. Example Cohorts (We would work to local priorities) 1. BOYS 2. GIRLS 3. YOUNG CARERS 4. 16-24 w/ SEN We use our foundation of 7 components of mental fitness, to guide small groups of 6 - 8 young people at a time through 6 different 2-hour modules. Each of which is interactive and engaging to promote a specific feeling on completion of the session: Comfortable Connected Happy Healthy Challenged Celebrated We use our ever-growing network of local experts to deliver the best experiences, that without our Youthoria programme these young people may never get access to. By working closely with local professionals, community partners and businesses. We do everything with sustainability in mind. We develop the young people's belief, awareness and purpose over the programme. So that we can introduce them and their families to opportunities to flourish in their local area.

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.

Additional information:

[Area Board Grants - Wiltshire Council](#)

[Area Board Funding and Grants criteria.pdf](#)

