



Area Board Local Priorities report – Salisbury Community Area

The Salisbury Area Board in June 2022 reviewed available local data and evidence, and integrated this with local knowledge and community conversation to agree five local priority themes for Salisbury:

- ❖ **Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities**
- ❖ **Addressing climate change**
- ❖ **Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing**
- ❖ **Supporting under-represented groups**
- ❖ **Improving transport and access**



Each priority theme has a series of more specific local actions that the Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager and Area Board Delivery Officer will work with the Salisbury Area Board to positively address them. The full action plan can be found at the end of this document. Two examples of community led initiatives in Salisbury include:

Addressing Climate Change

The Community Garden at Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre in Salisbury was created during the Covid-19 lockdown, funded initially through a Salisbury Area Board grant. The aim of the community garden was primarily to tidy up an unloved space, making it pleasant for people to enjoy as they enter the building and creating an opportunity to bring people together for healthy gardening activities outside in the fresh air.

The initiative has expanded over two years and has been led by Becky Twigg, Kingdom of Sticks, who has empowered a team of green fingered volunteers to support the project every week. An outdoor area has been developed at the garden to hold demo's, talks, workshops and plants sales over the coming months.

The community garden space has allowed the community to come together to engage with nature locally and consider the wider environment. The garden has given the team of volunteers a real sense of achievement and pride that the group managed to develop this during lockdown. The project delivers a positive benefit to all in the community and the Area Board look forward to supporting their plans coming up for next year.

Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities

The Area Board supports provision for young people aged 13-19 years and up to 25 years for those with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities to access sufficient positive leisure time activities which improve their well-being.

In 2021 the Salisbury Area Board awarded funding to support the development of the Underground Studios, known as The Bunker, in Harnham. This is a collaborative space that is home to creative projects and initiatives, established primarily for the benefit of the young people of the area but also the wider community of creative people.

Since the 12 months of launching, the projects developed and co-ordinated at the venue have supported young people to learn new skills, develop existing ones and have access to training and equipment that is used by professionals.

Well done to Alex and Naomi, Directors of the Underground Studios, for their passion and drive to ensure the organisation has continued to deliver the aims and outcomes of the project for the positive benefits of young people in our communities. The Salisbury Area Board is delighted to have supported this fantastic initiative.

Salisbury Area Board work plan and local priorities

Salisbury Area Board Work Plan

Priority	Action(s)	Targets	Status
Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities	Work with the Salisbury Youth Forum and partners to confirm priority issues and activities outlined in the Salisbury Youth Survey (e.g. cooking/parkour/self-defence)	To raise the profile of existing activities in the area and expand the opportunities available to increase the number of young people participating	Amber
	Develop a working group to explore options for online platforms (locally and nationally) and the role of social media to promote/raise awareness of the work of forum members, including how best to reach young people	To feed back to the Salisbury Youth Forum on findings and present to young people for their views	Amber
	Develop a new diverse and inclusive platform of young people to consult and review the themes/work group areas	The aim is to create a youth panel of 8 to 12 to engage and empower a youth voice into all processes of the Forum	Amber
	Identify sources of training and support for young people from within the membership of the Salisbury Youth forum	Gain feedback from the young people on the youth panel to details on training/support required	Amber
	Link with Wiltshire Creative young ambassadors and the new youth panel to expand the Local Youth Network	To re-establish the LYN to assess and recommend applications for the Area Board youth grants	Green
	Link with the Sports Development team to identify opportunities for young people in the Salisbury area e.g. the FUEL Holiday Activity and Food programme	Link with local partners (e.g. Salisbury Foodbank/ new Foodie network) to extend the support for the FUEL programme in 2022	Green
	Work with the Underground Studios in Harnham to develop new projects and initiatives for young people	Support the studios to benefit young people in the community, working with under-represented groups	Amber
	Co-ordinate and deliver a Youth Employment Fair in 2023 - Joint AB event with Southern and South West Wiltshire community areas	To raise awareness of the range of employment opportunities in Salisbury and the surrounding areas	Amber
Addressing Climate change	Co-ordinate the Air Quality Management Group quarterly and review the action plan	To review and provide an up to date AQMG action plan to feedback to the members of the meeting	Amber
	Support the development of a Green Awards for businesses via the Salisbury Transition Group/Share Salisbury	For all businesses in Salisbury to work towards the green standard (energy/transport/finance/waste/strategies)	Amber

	Work with local partners to encourage further engagement from the community in the Salisbury Riverpark project	Local partners to propose and deliver new engagement initiatives to compliment the River park project (e.g. Wessex Archeaology)	Amber
	Expand the Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre garden project to other outdoor areas of the centre supported by a group of volunteers	To replicate the work of the FR garden to other areas of the centre and source volunteers for maintaining the areas	Amber
	Develop a new 'Green' Salisbury network group to engage all key partners to discuss potential Climate Change projects for the city	To network and develop green projects in and around Salisbury to ensure there is a joined up approach across the city	Green
	Co-ordinate and deliver an Environment event	To engage community representatives and groups in responding and delivery outcomes for this local priority	Amber
Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing	Support the development and promotion of a comprehensive Silver Salisbury programme with Irene Kohler, Older People's Champion	To build on and improve the programme for 2022 (buddy scheme/ accredited standard/ satellite events)	Green
	To rejuvenate the Safe Places scheme, led by Safer and Supportive Salisbury	To establish the provision currently in Salisbury, identify gaps in support for residents	Amber
	Develop and review the Live Well programme at Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre by consultation with the target audience (those not currently accessing FR)	To re-start the programme and increase participation in all activities	Amber
	Expand the audit of clubs, activities and support groups for older people in Salisbury	To compile a comprehensive list of clubs, activities, events and support available for older people in Salisbury	Amber
	Link and promote the Salisbury Well-City project supporting people with low to medium mental health needs	To support the Well-City project to ensure all courses are at maximum capacity	Amber
	Link with the Safer and Supportive Salisbury network to develop the Camerado's concept of a friendship group	To establish a new Camerado's friendship group in Salisbury	Green
	Work with SSAS and Salisbury Soroptimists to develop an action plan for Women's Safety in Salisbury	Identify priority actions to ensure women and girls in Salisbury feel safer and to make it easier to access support when feeling unsafe	Green
	Support the Salisbury Carer's champion to raise the profile of unpaid carers with organisations	To support with up to date statutory information, and on line support groups and activities	Amber

Supporting under-represented groups	Develop the 'Foodie' network of local partners to collaborate to reach all of the community that need support	To reach all of the community, including low income individuals and families, vulnerable residents and older people who are isolated	Green
	Work with Sports Development and DofE to develop the FUEL Holiday Activity and Food programme for young people in Salisbury to access	Link with local partners (e.g. Salisbury Foodbank/ new Foodie network) to extend the support for the FUEL programme in 2022	Green
	Link with Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre to develop and expand the Club1 free gym membership project	To support young people from disadvantaged areas of Salisbury to gain experience, skills and confidence in solo activities	Red
	Develop a new Club1 plus project for young people to access free qualifications in swimming/fitness at Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre	To support 3 or 4 of the Club1 members to gain qualifications in swimming/ fitness and potential employment opportunities	Red
	Develop proposals with Arundell's, including a community garden to be twinned with The Friary community garden and Family fun days, inclusive for local families on low incomes	To ensure the community of the Friary are consulted to engage in these two programming initiatives	Amber
	Build on the objectives and feedback from 2021 to develop an enhanced Window Wanderland across Salisbury	To create a sense of community between residents, community organisations and local businesses through creative and cultural activity	Amber
	Develop and expand a new Diversity Action Group with local partners	To establish a new group of local partners in Salisbury to network and collaborate	Red
	Attend the Experience City pillar group and work with local partners to develop new initiatives	To work with local partners and businesses to develop a range of events and activities throughout the year	Amber
	Link with the Women's Muslim Association to develop opportunities for young people and the Muslim community	To develop new projects e.g. Women's only swimming/ opportunities for young people in the community	Amber
	To support the new Youth Hub initiative in Bemerton Heath through the YIF Funding	To deliver new opportunities for young people in Bemerton Heath	Amber
	The development of the Salisbury Progress bar for the LGBTQ+ Salisbury community	To ensure a safe and inclusive venue for the LGBTQ+ community	Amber
A showcase event to promote services supporting people with disabilities and family carers	To promote services supporting people with disabilities and family carers	Amber	

Improving transport and access	Co-ordinate the Underpasses working group and to review the aims, objectives and actions of the group	To identify key issues for short, medium and long term maintenance in all Salisbury underpasses for the safety of all residents	Amber
	A36 working group established to be briefed and consulted on the plans for the A36 Southampton Road	To work collaboratively with NH and key stakeholders to share the outcomes of the study to identify and develop plans moving forward	Amber

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