



South West Wiltshire Area Board

End of Year Report

May 2021 - March 2023

Wiltshire Council

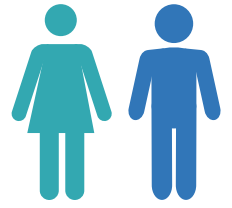
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The area of South West Wiltshire is made up of 3 community area's – Mere, Tisbury and Wilton.

Each of these cover mainly rural countryside, featuring many popular cultural assets, including Stourhead, Wilton House, and Fovant Arch to name a few.

A significant part of South West Wiltshire hosts the Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty which serves as a strong partner facilitating heritage, environmental and wildlife enhancing initiatives, projects and events.

39 parish councils and nearly 200 village groups, community organisations, voluntary and charitable associations serve this part of Wiltshire, regularly joining together to work collectively on key local priorities, significantly influenced by dialogue and action facilitated by the South West Wiltshire Area Board.



**Total
Population
22,824**

Area Board Investment

The Area Board invests in local community projects and initiatives that meet local priorities and deliver exceptional outcomes for residents. The Area Board aims to work in partnership to achieve maximum value for its investment. They take a long term view to invest in prevention and early intervention, focusing on tackling inequalities and improving social mobility.

Total Area Board Investment

£42,557	£30,478	£14,060
Community	Youth	Older and Vulnerable Adults
Total Community Contribution		
£192,126	£153,714	£93,518

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

Local Priorities

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



Strengthening youth engagement

Alongside the ongoing support for the Seeds4Success, Mere based Youth Charity, the area board facilitated an event for young people in July 2022 at the Nadder Centre, focused on the theme of wellness and wellbeing. This saw over 40 young people from the ages of 12-17 engage well, enjoying a day packed full of positive, fun, and nurturing activities. The event also helped to facilitate a number of new memberships to Seeds4Success.

Addressing environmental issues in partnership with the Cranborne Chase AONB

The area board has facilitated 2 'nature recovery' themed engagement events with the AONB this year during the Great Big Green Week (11-18 June), one at The Guild, Wilton and the other at the Nadder Centre. It continues to support grass root led community action to tackle climate change.



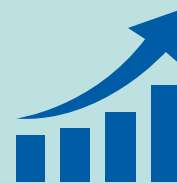
Supporting older people and vulnerable adults' health and wellbeing



This priority has been facilitated by a small investment in the Celebrating Age Wiltshire programme, which has led a wide range of indoor and outdoor events for the most frail and elderly across the area, including during lockdowns. This programme is proving to be very popular and assisting many older people who daily encounter loneliness and a sense of social isolation. The area board helped to support 8 new grassroots led 'warm spaces' to open up during Winter 2022/23 in response to the cost of living crisis.

Supporting the local economy

Work has begun on establishing closer links with employers in South West Wiltshire, through the development of an area board joint venture (with the Salisbury and Southern Wiltshire Area Boards) to deliver a Youth Employment event at Wiltshire College in 2023. This event aims to respond to the needs expressed by young people wishing to find work locally, and to the aspiration to strengthen the local economy through improved employer networking arrangements.



Renewed focus on community safety



Alongside the ongoing focus on highway safety and speeding, the area board has been particularly mindful in 2022/23 to ensure its business meetings offer good time and space for partners and the public to debate issues of community safety.

Community-led projects



The South West Wiltshire Area Board has developed strong, well established and highly functioning networks of local partners, organisations and residents. The Board recognises the talents, expertise and knowledge of the local community and empowers and facilitates community led action to co-deliver local services. To name a few of the most notable examples:

When the Youth Development Service in Wiltshire ended, the Area Board made the conscious decision to invest in a new youth charity to help support young people in South West Wiltshire – Seeds4Success. This charity has developed into a real success, facilitating a good range of positive activities to some of the most disadvantaged young people locally. A key strength to this charity is its focus on rural transport access, knowing full well that one of the main barriers for young people whether to access positive activities or indeed local employment, is transport.

Secondly, this Area Board takes very seriously its approach to supporting residents, as they encounter difficulties relating to highways infrastructure and maintenance – this is actioned in partnership with many of the 39 local parish councils. Of special note is the action taken on speeding, with Community Speed Watch teams being very active in South West Wiltshire, supported by investment in speed indicator devices.

Engagements

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

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

**Area Board
Business meetings**

8



Attendances

250

**Area Board
working groups**

26



Attendances

192

**Engagements/
events/ activities**

16



Attendances

253

**Area Board
surveys**

2



Responses

59

Local Highways and Footpath Infrastructure group

The LHFIG is a sub group of the South West Wiltshire Area Board, which deals specifically with highway issues. They aim to find solutions for local transport issues, such as road repairs, traffic problems, road layouts and parking.

The amount allocated is dependent on the geographical size and population for the community area and the funding allocation is for capital expenditure and can be used to provide new and improved highway infrastructure.

LHFIG Projects

- Fovant A30 Eastern Gateway
- Teffont B3089 Jcn C24 Sign
- Swallowcliffe Gateway Signage
- Swallowcliffe Gateway Signage Remedials
- Wilton The Avenue White Village Gates
- Wilton The Avenue Speed Limit Assessment
- Mere - Shaftesbury Road Speed Limit Assessment
- Tisbury Keep Clear Marking
- Ansty 20mph Speed Limit Feasibility Study
- Footpath 18 Improvements - Low Lane Broadchalke
- B3092 Enhanced Slow Markings - Norton Ferris
- Fovant - Footpath 16 Improvements
- Teffont Speed Limit Assessment
- Fovant - Footpath 5 Improvements
- Kilmington Speed Limit Assessment
- Quidhampton Traffic Management (Substantive BID)
- C283 Weight Limit, Stoford
- Tisbury 20mph Feasibility Study 2021/22
- Improvements To Hindon Bus Stop
- Fovant 20mph Implementation
- Tollard Royal Electricity Supply
- Tisbury Temporary Width Restriction Sign
- Fovant Playground Warning Signs
- Quidhampton NAL Sockets



£82,277.11
Investment

LHFIG meetings

8

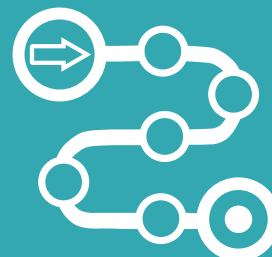


Attendances

144

**LHFIG projects
completed**

23



Agreeing and delivering priorities for 2023/24

By agreeing and delivering to local priorities, the Area Board is able to proactively address issues by focusing its resources and working in partnership with local organisations, volunteers and residents. To effectively select local priorities it is important that there is a regular review of the evidence available and the views of the residents are sought. To aid Councillors to agree their priorities, the list below provides some of new sources of data and evidence:

- **JSNA Wiltshire Intelligence**: The 2022 Wiltshire JSNA presents data on the current and future health and wellbeing needs of people in Wiltshire
- **Census 2021 results**: results from the 2021 census are being released in a phased manner, which started in June 2022
- **VCSE research - Wessex Community Action**: state of the Wiltshire voluntary and community sector 2022
- **Annual report - Wiltshire Citizens Advice**: Wiltshire Citizens Advice annual report 2022

As well as being evidence led, priorities should be selected where the Area Board believes it can realistically make a positive impact upon them. To aid the delivery of the chosen priorities, the Engagement and Partnerships team will support the Area Board councillors through the development of the Area Board local action plan.

Based on the work undertaken in 2022/23 and the new evidence available, some of the key priorities that the Board may wish to consider are as follows:

- **Addressing environmental issues in partnership with the Cranborne Chase AONB**
- **Strengthening youth engagement**
- **Support older people and vulnerable adults' health and wellbeing**
- **Support the local economy**
- **Renewed focus on community safety**

It is recommended that for each priority selected, an area board councillor takes responsibility for overseeing its delivery and reporting back to the Area Board on progress. The Engagement and Partnerships team will support the Area Board councillors in undertaking this work.