



## Community Engagement Report – Devizes Sep 24

The Devizes Area Board in June 24 agreed local priority themes for the year, each of which has one or more specific local actions associated with it. The priorities are:

- 1. Addressing Climate change and protecting the environment**
- 2. Improve opportunities for children and young people**
- 3. Increasing the safety of our communities**
- 4. Support those in greatest need and improve their resilience**
- 5. Valuing and supporting our vulnerable and older people**



Some of the progress that has been made since the last area board includes:

- Some changes and improvements have been made to the Wiltshire Connect Services and these have taken affect from Sep 1<sup>st</sup>. See [www.connectingwiltshire.co.uk](http://www.connectingwiltshire.co.uk) for details.
- The proposed new cycling and walking route along the London Road is now being developed and taken forward alongside the proposed major maintenance work scheduled for 2025. This has made the project affordable and deliverable.
- The first small community event successfully took place in Waiblingen Way, Devizes and it is hoped to run these in other areas.
- The consultation on whether to introduce a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in Devizes ended on 25<sup>th</sup> August and a decision is expected soon on if it will take place
- Support is continuing for foodbanks and other food providers through the award of funding achievable due to the government's Household Support Fund. This will continue into 2025.
- The proposed health and wellbeing network meeting scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> September had to be cancelled and a new date is being set, probably in October. Do let us know if you wish to receive an invitation.
- The Neighbourhood collaborative is looking at supporting young people who are at risk of self-harming
- The "Five To Thrive" course was run in Devizes with about 18 people attending to learn and share about how to make every interaction count.
- We are working with the Town Council and continuing to explore how a dedicated youth space may be set up in the town,
- We are keen to work with both providers of youth activities and those groups and organisations that support older and vulnerable people. This includes offering financial support where required.

For more information on any of the above or to discuss any ideas or projects you may have, please contact [Richard.Rogers@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Richard.Rogers@wiltshire.gov.uk) or [Caroline.Lequesne@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Caroline.Lequesne@wiltshire.gov.uk)