

AGENDA

Meeting: Devizes Area Board

Place: Needham House, Victoria Road, Devizes SN10 1FA
(In the community room, please go right from reception and the room is on your right)

Date: Monday 19 June 2023

Time: 6:30 pm

Including the Parishes of: Bishops Cannings, Bromham, Bulkington, Cheverell Magna, Coulston, Devizes, Easterton, Erlestoke, Etchilhampton, Little Cheverell, Market Lavington, Marston, Potterne, Poulshot, Rowde, Seend, Stert, Urchfont, West Lavington, Worton.

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Wiltshire Councillors

CLlr Kelvin Nash, Devizes East
CLlr Iain Wallis, Devizes North
CLlr Simon Jacobs, Devizes South
CLlr Laura Mayes, Bromham, Rowde and Roundway
CLlr Dominic Muns, The Lavingtons
CLlr Tamara Reay, Devizes Rural West
CLlr Philip Whitehead, Urchfont and Bishop Cannings

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	Time
<p>1 Election of Chairman <i>(Pages 1 - 2)</i></p> <p>The Democratic Services Officer will open the meeting and call for nominations for a Chairman for 2023/24.</p>	6:30pm
<p>2 Election of Vice-Chairman</p> <p>To elect a Vice-Chairman for 2023/24.</p>	
<p>3 Welcome and introductions</p> <p>To welcome those present to the meeting.</p>	6:35pm
<p>4 Apologies for Absence</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>5 Minutes <i>(Pages 3 - 12)</i></p> <p>To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2023.</p>	
<p>6 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>7 Appointments to Outside Bodies and Working Groups <i>(Pages 13 - 24)</i></p> <p>To consider the Area Board representatives to Outside Bodies and Memberships of Working Groups as detailed in the attached reports.</p>	6:40pm
<p>8 Chairman's Announcements <i>(Pages 25 - 30)</i></p> <p>To receive the following announcements through the Chairman:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a) Cost of Living update b) Wiltshire Libraries update c) Independent Visitor scheme</p>	6:45pm
<p>9 Partner Updates <i>(Pages 31 - 64)</i></p> <p>To receive updates from the following partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Police • Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service • Healthwatch Wiltshire • Community First • Update from BSW Together (Integrated Care System) 	6.50pm

- Schools updates
- Town and Parish Council
- Sustainable Devizes
- Opendoors
- Devizes and District Foodbank

10 **Area Board end of year review** (*Pages 65 - 72*) **7.10pm**

To receive a presentation from the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager (SEPM) Richard Rogers and Cllr Dominic Muns on the status of projects undertaken and grants awarded by the Area Board across the previous year.

11 **Community Deprivation Update** **7:30pm**

To receive a presentation from the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager (SEPM) Richard Rogers on deprivation in the Devizes community area.

12 **Devizes Area Board Priorities Review** **7:40pm**

To review the Area Board priorities for 2023/2024.

13 **Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG)** (*Pages 73 - 84*) **7:50pm**

To note the minutes and consider any recommendations arising from the last LHFIG meeting held on 18 April 2023, as set out in the attached report.

New Schemes for Approval:

- Devizes Bath Road - Request for dropped kerbs - £1,500
- Devizes Downlands Road - Request for dropped kerbs - £1,500
- Devizes Hopton Road – Waiting restrictions – N/A
- Easterton – Bus stop improvements – N/A
- Seend Bollands Hill – Signage alterations – N/A
- Urchfont – Request for dropped kerbs - £1,125

Recommendations:

- Devizes Area Board to note the discussions from the LHFIG meeting of 18th April 2023
- To confirm the progress of the high priority schemes agreed by LHFIG
- To confirm LHFIG's contribution to the six new schemes (detailed above) at a total cost of £4,125 (75% of total project cost of £5,500)

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

14 **Air Quality and Sustainable Transport**

7:55pm

To receive any updates and consider any recommendations from the Devizes Air Quality and Sustainable Transport Group.

15 **Open Floor**

8:00pm

Residents are invited to ask questions of their Area Board councillors.

16 **Area Board Funding** (Pages 85 - 90)

8:10pm

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 Grant	Older & Vulnerable	Young People
£25,869.00	£7,700.00	£22,320.00

Community Area Grants:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG111 5	Bulkington Recreational Ground – Ground Regeneration	£3,000
ABG117 2	Bishops Cannings Cricket Club – replacement of a three-lane coaching facility	£4,850
ABG118 3	Wharf Theatre – technical upgrades	£5,000

Young People Grants:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG112 8	Youth Adventure Trust – supporting vulnerable young people from Devizes through the cost-of-living crisis	£4,100
ABG120 4	Found Outdoors – Be You day retreat	£530

Close and Future Dates

Future Meeting Dates (6.30pm – 8.30pm):

- 11 September 2023
- 20 November 2023
- 26 February 2024

For information on applying for a grant or grant application deadlines for these meetings, contact the Area Board Delivery Officer, Caroline.LeQuesne@wiltshire.gov.uk

Extract from Part 3 of the Constitution: Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Area Boards

4.8 The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of an Area Board will be appointed at the first meeting of an Area Board, which takes place after the annual meeting of the Council, by the unitary Members on each Area Board. Except in an election year, where after the first meeting of Full Council a special meeting of each Area Board will take place to appoint a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman.

Election of Chairs Procedure

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

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

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

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

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

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

4.15 With the exception of an election year, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of an Area Board shall remain in post until their successors are appointed.

MINUTES

Meeting: Devizes Area Board
Place: Devizes Bowls Club, Long Street, Devizes SN10 1NW
Date: 6 March 2023
Start Time: 6.30 pm
Finish Time: 8.45 pm

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to:

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Kelvin Nash (Chairman), Cllr Iain Wallis (Vice-Chair), Cllr Simon Jacobs,
Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Dominic Muns and Cllr Philip Whitehead

Wiltshire Council Officers

Dominic Argar (Assistant Multimedia Technician),
Andy Brown (Corporate Director Resources & Deputy Chief Exec. (S.151 Officer))
Adrian Hampton (Head of Highways Operations)
Tara Hunt (Senior Democratic Services Officer)
Caroline Le-Quesne (Area Board Delivery Officer)
Cameron Osborn (Apprentice Democratic Services Officer)
Jason Salter (Head of Service, Passenger Transport)
Richard Rogers (Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager)

Partners

Wiltshire Police
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service
Sustainable Devizes
Opendoors

Total in attendance: 50

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He and the other Members of the Board all introduced themselves.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tamara Reay of Devizes Rural West.</p> <p>The Chairman also took the opportunity to thank the Board's outgoing Democratic Services Officer, Tara Hunt.</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were presented for consideration, and it was,</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 5 December 2022 as a true and correct record.</p>
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>The Chairman and Councillor Iain Wallis declared an Other Registerable Interest (ORI) in agenda item 11, specifically the youth grant application from Devizes Town Council (DTC), as members of DTC.</p> <p>The Chairman also declared an Other Registerable Interest (ORI) in agenda items 11 and 13, specifically the grant applications from Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts (DOCA) as a trustee of DOCA.</p> <p>The Members confirmed that they would not take part in the final debate and vote on those items and would leave the room.</p>
5	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the written updates provided in the agenda supplement on the upcoming coronation of King Charles III and the associated community celebrations, Emergency Contact Hubs, Family Help Hubs and Devizes Air Quality and Sustainable Transport.</p> <p>In addition to the written update on fostering, Councillor Laura Mayes emphasised the importance of fostering, drawing attention to the 450 children in care across Wiltshire and the constant demand for families, also noting that the Council do pay foster families. Further details on becoming a fostering can be</p>

	<p>found at Wiltshire Council - Fostering with Wiltshire (fosteringwiltshire.uk).</p> <p>The Chairman noted that a full update on Area Board priorities would be ready for the June meeting of the Area Board.</p> <p>The Chairman also updated the Board on the progress the Kenavon Venture, announcing the publicity event to launch the new season at Devizes Wharf from 11 am on 13 May 2023.</p> <p>Lastly, the Chairman announced the Devizes Youth Awards 2023, stating that the Council had collaborated with the Bear Club Foundation to create the awards designed to celebrate the work being done by young people in Devizes. Nominations for the awards could be made by emailing enquires@devizes-tc.gov.uk.</p>
6	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>In addition to the written updates in the pack, the following verbal updates were given:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Police <p>Further to the written update provided in the agenda supplement by Wiltshire Police, Inspector Benjamin Huggins gave a brief community report, covering local crime rates and types of crime, including a hate crime overview. Attention was also drawn to the statistics of the Speed Enforcement Officer.</p> <p>Inspector Huggins pointed to an emerging priority of youth crime, highlighting the partnership work being done to target, prevent and educate.</p> <p>Inspector Huggins also provided an update on the Station Road Car Park closure order, stating that the order had expired but was still being actively policed.</p> <p>Inspector Huggins notified the Area Board of the recent change in operating model for the Police, with Inspector Huggins now serving as Inspector for the neighbourhood policing team as well as response teams, resulting in greater flexibility to draw upon the breadth of the policing team.</p> <p>The Chairman asked if there was a link between shoplifting and the youth crime affecting Devizes. Inspector Huggins thought there may be a link and also described a cultural shift, mentioning an increase in homeless crime.</p> <p>Councillor Jacobs asked for an update on the new Chief Constable</p>

	<p>Catherine Roper, who was appointed in February 2023. Inspector Huggins pointed to her wealth of experience in metropolitan policing and also to her residency in rural Wiltshire. He described her leadership as a breath of fresh air, with an emphasis on neighbourhood policing.</p> <p>Councillor Whitehead enquired about an outstanding promise from the Police about a walkaround in his division, which Inspector Huggins affirmed he would be happy to fulfil.</p> <p>Councillor Wallis asked about speeding on Dunkirk Hill, which Inspector Huggins noted. Councillor Dominic Muns commented that the speed enforcement work in Market Lavington was having a positive impact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) <p>Further to the written update provided in the agenda supplement by Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS), Station Manager Robbie MacPherson reiterated that there was little to report, with no concerning trends emerging, but was keen to promote the Service's 'Safe and Well' message regarding the safe heating of homes during the ongoing cost of living crisis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opendoors <p>Noel Woolrych announced the appointment of the new Chair of Opendoors, Karin Cardiff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devizes Development Partnership <p>Noel Woolrych noted that CCTV cameras were to be installed in the central car park, west central car park, along the side of the Shambles, the cycle racks by the Super Loo, the top of Morris Lane, the slaughterhouse and Little Brittox.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devizes and District Foodbank <p>The Chairman noted that Alex Montegriffo of the Devizes and District Foodbank had sent apologies and directed attendees to the written update from Devizes and District Foodbank.</p> <p><i>Note: The Chairman announced that he was going to alter the agenda order and take the Youth agenda item and all the grants at this point in the meeting, as some attendees needed to leave the meeting early.</i></p>
7	<p><u>Area Board Workshop - Reducing car journeys in the Devizes Community Area</u></p> <p>Councillor Tamara Reay introduced the workshop on reducing car journeys in the Devizes community area in a pre-recorded video.</p>

- **Devizes LCWIP**

Catherine Read from Cycle Friendly Devizes spoke on the ambition to reduce motor travel dependency over the next 20 years, suggesting that they should prioritise developing the infrastructure of a walking and cycling network to make alternative means of travel more viable for the future.

- **Bus service improvements / DRT**

Jason Salter, Head of Service for Passenger Transport at Wiltshire Council, shared the findings of a recent survey on bus usage, and suggested that they would aim to increase the frequency of buses in Devizes.

- **School Travel Plans and Devizes Railway Station**

Richard Rogers, Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager at Wiltshire Council), travel to and from school, drew attention to how much traffic is generated by travel to and from school and the difference a single coach can make. He also noted the high doses of air pollution and higher risk of accident caused by such congestion. He spoke on the School Travel Plan, an advisory document designed to reduce car usage and promote sustainable transport.

Catharine Symington of the Devizes Gateway Project provided an update on the Devizes Railway Station. She explained that work on feasibility started in August 2022 and received lots of feedback. She stated that the proposed station would now be on south side of railway, with access further down the away from a dangerous bend. Walking and cycling plans, as well as bus connections, had all been considered, along with connections to outlying villages. A study is due to finish at the end of March 2023.

- **Electric Vehicle Charging Points**

Adrian Hampton, Head of Highways Operations at Wiltshire Council, discussed the future of fuels and technology, and the aspiration towards sustainable electric charging points.

The meeting then split up into groups to workshop ideas for promoting sustainable transport in the Devizes community area. The groups then fed back to the meeting. Some of the recurring ideas to arise from discussion were:

- The importance of establishing safe, well-lit pedestrian and cycling routes and readily available bike storage
- Bikeability training
- The importance of a fully integrated plan and a joined up approach
- Variable speed limits near schools
- Upgrading Rights of Way and bridleways
- Walking buses

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car-sharing • Resident’s parking permits near schools • Remapping school bus routes • An app to encourage parents to walk to school with their children <p>Graham Martin from Sustainable Devizes addressed the meeting, speaking on the transformative potential of the new government targets, and the importance not to approach them with a scatter gunning of initiatives. He suggested that political willpower was necessary to solve the problem holistically, involving partnerships between several groups and organisations. Members suggested that the Air Quality and Sustainable Transport Group be better utilised to this end as it was an open forum which all interested parties could attend.</p> <p>The Board also discussed the impact of school admissions on sustainability, touching on the possible remedies to parents driving their children to far-away schools and the Council’s legal obligations surrounding choice.</p>
8	<p><u>Cost of Living</u></p> <p>Councillor Whitehead updated the Board on the ongoing Cost of Living crisis and the Council’s response. He highlighted a communication circulated by the Board signposting to the help available and explained that grants were available to support organisations seeking to provide a warm, safe space. He confirmed that uptake had been mixed, with some applications already received and some grants awarded, but he expressed a hope that more would follow.</p>
9	<p><u>Open Floor</u></p> <p>The Chairman then invited questions from the floor. Questions were asked about the possibility of a 20mph speed limit being imposed on main roads near schools rather than the minor roads directly next to them, with the high speed of traffic in Market Lavington referenced specifically.</p> <p>The Health Centre in the Marshall Road was queried. It was put to the Board that the circulated leaflet described the Health Centre as very easy to access because of its large car park, and that this was not helpful for promoting sustainable travel. Jason Salter advised that the upcoming revised bus timetable would hopefully factor in access to the health centre. He also explained that the £2 bus fare had been extended until June and that the upcoming Connect2 service aimed to be competitively priced. He warned that commercial issues were at play when dealing with fare pricing, which hampered the viability of lowering fares. Finally, Mr Salter informed the Board that a Fares policy was soon to be developed to aid decision-making surrounding fare prices.</p>
10	<p><u>Local Highways and Footpaths Improvements Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p>The Board then heard an update from Councillor Muns, Chairman of the Local Highways and Footpaths Improvements Group (LHFIG).</p>

	<p>Councillor Muns proposed a motion, seconded by Councillor Kelvin Nash and it was,</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the discussions from the LHFIG meeting on 17 January 2023 • To confirm the progress of the high priority schemes agreed by LHFIG • To confirm LHFIG’s contribution to “Seend A361 - Speed limit reduction” at zero cost to the DAB • To confirm LHFIG’s contribution to “Wedhampton - Request for 20mph Limit”: £1,875 (75% of £2,500).
11	<p><u>Youth updates</u></p> <p>Councillor Muns informed the Board that he had received updates from many grant recipients and would collate a video for the Area Board’s June meeting.</p> <p>The Board then considered the following applications for youth grant funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Youth for Christ, £492.96 towards pop up cafe enhancement. <p>Fergus Stewart, Director at Wiltshire Youth for Christ spoke in support of their application.</p> <p>After discussion, Councillor Nash, seconded by Councillor Muns proposed that the grant be awarded in full and it was,</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>To grant Wiltshire Youth for Christ, £492.96 towards pop up cafe enhancement.</p> <p>Reason</p> <p>The application met grant criteria for 2022/23.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devizes Town Council, £5,000 towards Devizes Community Outreach programme. <p>Simon Fisher, Devizes Town Council Clerk, spoke in support of the application.</p> <p>Due to their interest in the application, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman then left the room. Councillor Jacobs was elected as a temporary Chairman.</p> <p>Councillor Whitehead was supportive in principal but wanted to see</p>

	<p>further detail regarding the proposals. He proposed that the grant be awarded in full, with the condition that further details be provided. This was seconded by Councillor Mayes and it was,</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>To grant Devizes Town Council, £5,000 towards Devizes Community Outreach programme, with the condition that further details on the project be provided.</p> <p>Reason</p> <p>The application met grant criteria for 2022/23.</p> <p>The Chairman and Vice Chairman re-joined the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts, £5.000 towards Event Tech Training For Youth with DOCA <p>Representatives of DOCA spoke in support of the application.</p> <p>Due to his interest in the application, the Chairman left the room, and the Vice Chairman took the chair.</p> <p>Councillor Mayes, second by Councillor Muns proposed that the grant be awarded in full, and it was,</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>To grant Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts, £5.000 towards Event Tech Training For Youth with DOCA</p> <p>Reason</p> <p>The application met grant criteria for 2022/23.</p> <p>The Chairman re-joined the meeting.</p>
12	<p><u>Older people and vulnerable adults grants</u></p> <p>The Chairman introduced the grant for Older People and Vulnerable Adults funding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sian Rob Music CIC, £600 towards Community Singalong Sessions. <p>Sian Colquhoun spoke in support of the application.</p> <p>Members discussed the application and the Chairman proposed to award</p>

	<p>the grant in full, which was seconded by Councillor Whitehead and it was,</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>To grant Sian Rob Music CIC, £600 towards Community Singalong Sessions.</p> <p>Reason</p> <p>The application met grant criteria for 2022/23.</p>
13	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Vice-Chairman introduced the application for Community Area Grant funding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts, £2,200 towards Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts Website. (Community Area Grant). <p>Representatives of DOCA then spoke in support of the application.</p> <p>The Chairman left the room, due to his interest in the item.</p> <p>Members discussed the application, Councillor Whitehead, seconded by Councillor Jacobs proposed that the grant be awarded in full, and it was,</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>To grant Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts, £2,200 towards Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts Website. (Community Area Grant).</p> <p>Reason</p> <p>The application met grant criteria for 2022/23.</p> <p>The Chairman re-joined the meeting.</p>
14	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
15	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and confirmed that the next ordinary meeting would be held on 19 June 2023.</p>

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Devizes Area Board 19 June 2023

Appointments of Representatives 2023/24

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To appoint Councillor representatives for the Area Board. This will include appointing to Outside Bodies and to reconstitute and appoint to any Non-Priority Working Groups and the LHFIG for the year 2023/24.

2. Background

- 2.1. Area Boards are invited to appoint Councillors to be their respective lead for particular Outside Bodies, Non-Priority Working Groups and the LHFIG. The following guiding principles are in place for Councillors when taking on one of these roles:

- To be the main Area Board point of contact for local Officers within their respective area
- To attend (and often Chair) relevant working groups of the Area Board
- To work collaboratively with relevant local partners and community groups
- To provide regular updates back to the Area Board in relation to their Group/Outside-Body including providing feedback on the success or limitations of previously funded Area Board grants (if applicable)

- 2.2. The Area Board is invited to appoint Councillor representatives to the Outside Bodies or Non-Priority Groups (which do not fall under one of the Area Board Priority areas) listed at **Appendix A**. These appointments will continue for the duration of Councillors' terms of office, and will be reviewed annually, unless the Board determines otherwise.

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. The Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) operates as an informal working group making recommendations to the Area Board for approval. Terms of Reference are set out in **Appendix B** for information. The Area Board are invited to appoint a Lead Councillor on an annual basis.
- 3.2. Any amendments to the currently appointed Representatives on Non-Priority Working Groups can be agreed by the Area Board here or at any future scheduled business meeting.
- 3.3. If a new Non-Priority Working group is required, the Strategic Engagement & Partnerships Manager will work with the Board to set out the exact purpose and Membership, which would then be agreed by the Area Board at its next scheduled business meeting.

4. Financial and Resource Implications

4.1. None.

5. Legal Implications

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

6. Safeguarding Implications

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

7. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

7.1 None.

8. Equality and Diversity Implications

8.1 None.

9. Delegation

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

9.2 The appointment of Councillors and other representatives to Non-Priority working groups operating under the Area Board is a matter for the Area Board to determine.

10. Recommendation

10.1 The Area Board is requested to:

- a. Appoint Members as Lead representatives to Outside Bodies, any Non-Priority Working Groups and to the LHFIG, as set out at Appendix A;
- b. Note the LHFIG Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix B.
- c. Note the AQST Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix C

Cameron Osborn, Senior Democratic Services Officer

Appendices:

Appendix A – Appointments to Outside Bodies, Non-Priority Working Groups and the LHFIG

Appendix B – LHFIG Terms of Reference

Appendix C – AQST Terms of Reference

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

None.

Appendix A

Representative Appointments 2023/24

Appointments on Outside Bodies and Non-Priority Working Groups will continue for the duration of Councillors' terms of office, and will be reviewed annually, unless the Board determines otherwise.

Outside Body	Councillor Representative
Devizes Leisure Centre Group	Cllr Philip Whitehead and Cllr Tamara Reay
Devizes Development Partnership	Cllr Iain Wallis

Non-Priority Working Group	Councillor Representative
Air Quality and Sustainable Transport (AQST)	Cllr Tamara Reay

LHFIG Councillor Representative Note: This position is appointed annually	Cllr Dominic Muns
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LOCAL HIGHWAY & FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENT GROUPS (LHFIG)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Membership of the LHFIG

The LHFIG will normally be made up of:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Appointment of LHFIGs members

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

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

Media relations

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

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

Wiltshire council's communications team. You can contact the communications team at communications@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Meetings

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

Officer support

Meetings will be attended by relevant officers from Wiltshire Council, including a Senior Transport Planner, a Senior Traffic Engineer, Local Highway Maintenance Engineer and the local Community Engagement Manager. Attendance by officers of other expert knowledge may be arranged when necessary.

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

Terms of reference

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

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

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

Terms of Reference

1. Small-scale transport schemes – discretionary funding

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Small scale transport schemes – substantive funding

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

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

LHFIGs can fund the following:

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

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

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

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

New road markings: new and replacement of existing markings.

Speed limits: assessment and implementation.

Waiting restrictions: assessments and implementation.

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

Drainage: minor improvements, new gullies.

Street lighting: new installations.

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

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

LHFIGs cannot fund:

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

Service subsidy: bus services

Promotional campaigns

SID equipment

Improvements for individuals and properties

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

Devizes Air Quality and Sustainable Transport Steering Group – Terms of Reference

Overall objective/outcome of the group:

To work together with the common goal of seeking to improve the air quality in Devizes Community Area through behavioural, strategic and infrastructure change to ensure that the level of pollutants (nitrogen dioxide and particulates (PM₁₀)) are in line with national air quality objectives and that this work supports the principles of sustainable development.

Purpose of the group:

To oversee the development and implementation of an effective local Air Quality and Sustainable Transport Action Plan for Devizes Community Area.

Terms of Reference:

- The Devizes Air Quality and Sustainable Transport Steering Group (the Group) will work together to ensure the development and implementation of the air quality action plan. Membership will comprise of officers of Wiltshire Council, community representatives and elected Councillors (see Membership below). The group will co-opt other members onto the group as and when considered necessary and appropriate.
- Governance arrangements for the Group will sit with Members of the Area Board – the Group itself will have no voting rights. The Group will make recommendations to the Area Board as and when decisions are required (including commissioning decisions) and will report the progress of its work to Members by means of updates at future Area Board meetings as appropriate.
- The Group will use the air quality data from the current monitoring regime to provide an objective framework for monitoring and for guiding its actions and recommendations, focusing on those areas with greatest exceedance with regard to air quality objectives.
- The Group will focus activity within Devizes Community Area addressing the existing Air Quality Management Area and aligning with the Transport Strategy. However the Group accepts that this will not fetter activity elsewhere in the Board area if this achieves the overall objective of the Group.
- The Group will endeavour to work within and complement existing national and local policy frameworks such as the UK climate change strategy, Wiltshire Air Quality Strategy, Local Plan, Local Transport Plan, Devizes Neighbourhood Plan, Wiltshire Core Strategy, etc
- The Group will explore any funding opportunities and recommend any commissioning decisions to Members of the Area Board.
- In order to inform its action plan, the Group will assess the work already completed or on progress across the town and Community Area with regard to air quality and sustainable transport.

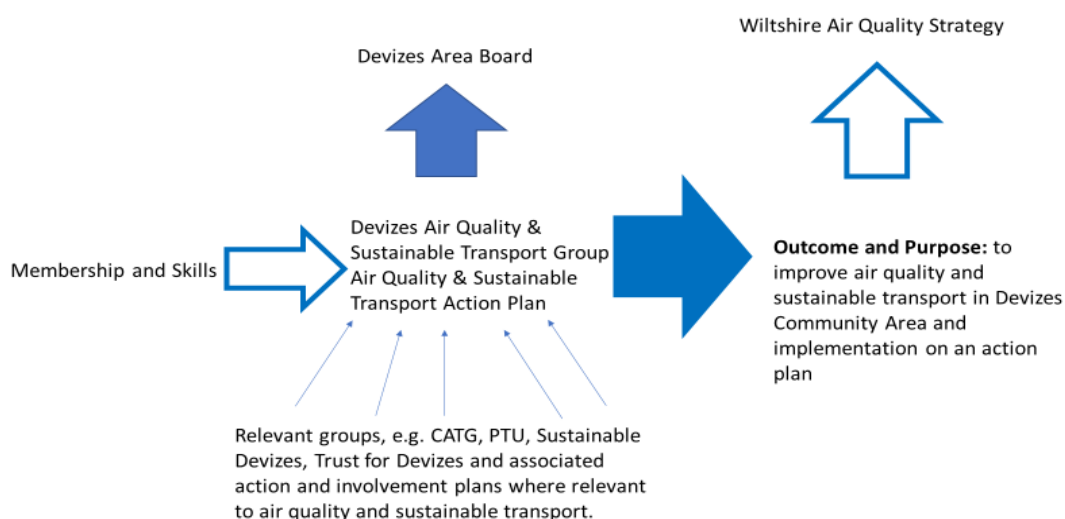
- The group will establish a dialogue with community groups to understand existing concerns or perceptions regarding air quality and to explore a means of dealing with those concerns.
- The group will link with other steering groups across the County with a view to sharing good practice with respect to air quality management.

Membership

Core membership:

- Area Board Wiltshire Councillor(s)
- Community representatives:
 - Local Highways and Footpaths Improvements Group
 - Devizes Town Council
 - Local Parish Councillors as appropriate
 - Trust for Devizes
 - Sustainable Devizes
- Representatives from the following Wiltshire Council Services as required:
 - Public Protection Services
 - Public Health
 - Transport Planning
 - Strategic Planning
 - Development Control
- Potential Co-optees
 - Local businesses, schools etc as appropriate

Operating model:



Frequency of meetings

Quarterly

Area Board Briefing Note – Cost of Living Crisis

Service:	Executive Office
Date prepared:	24/4/23
Further enquiries to:	Will Oulton
Direct contact:	William.Oulton@Wiltshire.gov.uk

With inflation and energy costs still high, Wiltshire Council continues to provide support to people through the cost-of-living crisis. Wiltshire Council has a range of advice and support at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living.

Energy Support

The Government recently extended its energy price guarantee for an additional three months until the end of June 2023, which limits the amount suppliers can charge per unit of energy used. However, the £66/£67 monthly payments that most residents were receiving from their energy supplier since October 2022, as part of the Energy Bills Support Scheme (EBSS), recently came to an end. With this in mind, and in addition to the continuing high inflation, Wiltshire Council continues to provide a range of support to those most in need.

The council is continuing to allocate funding to those who were not eligible for payments through the EBSS. So far, the council has allocated £510,000 through the Government's EBSS Alternative Fund and a further £172,600 through its Alternative Fuel Payment Scheme for people who don't have a domestic electricity supplier. More information on this can be found at [Overview - Wiltshire Council](#).

Household Support Fund

The council has allocated all of its funding from the 2022/23 phase of the Government's Household Support Fund, but recently had confirmation that it had received more than £5.4m to allocate during 2023/24. The Household Support Fund is provided by the Department for Work and Pensions and is in place to support households that would otherwise struggle to buy food or pay essential utility bills or meet other essential living costs to help them during the current cost-of-living challenges. The council is in the process of finalising its plans for the fund and will have more information soon.

Support in Libraries

Although the temperatures have risen, Wiltshire Council's libraries continue to be there for people who need them, providing anyone with a warm and friendly welcome. The council continues to work with Warm and Safe Wiltshire and The Rural Communities Energy Support Network to assist residents seeking basic energy advice and make referrals to experienced energy advisors in all but its smallest libraries. In total, 1,462 warm packs were handed out at libraries, which contained a thermal mug, a fleece blanket and a hot water bottle with a cover. More packs may be available later this year. All libraries can signpost people to community partners and agencies that can support people through the

rising cost of living. Wiltshire Libraries are also working with the Good Things Foundation to distribute free SIMs and mobile data to people in need. The [National Databank scheme](#) is supported by UK mobile networks including Vodafone, O2 and Three. More information can be found at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-news>.

Interactive Directories

Last year Wiltshire Council set up an interactive directory, which continues to be available, so people could easily find local food providers and warm spaces near to them at just a few clicks of a mouse. The council will soon be engaging with all the local groups that registered to be included on the directory to establish what support is still available in the county and what the plans might be for the future so that it has a clear picture of what might be needed.

Work of Area Boards

All 18 of Wiltshire Council's Area Boards have also been working on a number of projects and initiatives to support people in the county's community areas. Multiple Area Boards have hosted warm and safe community events, bringing together a range of partners to showcase what support they can offer to residents. They have coordinated the production, printing and distribution of local cost of living information leaflets to specifically targeted residential areas through officers, volunteers and councillors. Some have worked with community groups to draw in multiple sources of funding to develop small emergency hardship funds that agencies can refer suitable residents to. In partnership with food banks and community organisations, the area boards have also provided a range of useful products free of charge to suitable residents including slow cookers and electric blankets.

Bus Passes

The council also recently confirmed that all holders of Wiltshire concessionary bus passes can continue using their pass to travel at any time on local bus services during April. Normally, concessionary bus passes for older and disabled people cannot be used to travel before 9.30am on weekdays, but Wiltshire Council agreed with bus operators to temporarily lift this restriction from 1 September 2022. The offer is eligible on all local buses that operate within the Wiltshire Council area, or for any bus journeys that begin in Wiltshire. Concessionary passes cannot be used to board a bus within the Borough of Swindon before 9.30am on weekdays.

Holiday Activities

The council has been delivering the Holiday Activity and Food programme, known locally as FUEL during the Easter holidays and this will continue in the Summer and Christmas school holidays in 2023. The FUEL programme is funded by the Department of Education and will deliver camps in ten areas across the county where there is the greatest level of need. At FUEL camps children receive a nutritious lunch each day and are given the opportunity to take part in a range of practical, physical and hands on activities including robotics workshops, circus skills, sporting sessions, Olympic kit, talent shows, and arts and crafts.

Area Board Briefing Note

Service:	Library
Date prepared:	16/03/2023
Further enquiries to:	Kathryn Preston
Direct contact:	kathryn.preston@wiltshire.gov.uk

Wiltshire Libraries are supporting residents to stay online during the cost of living crisis

Wiltshire Libraries are helping residents to have the skills and internet access they need to get and stay online during the cost of living crisis.

All libraries in Wiltshire offer free Wi-Fi and computer access, plus printing for a small charge.

If residents want to learn more about using their smart phone, tablet, laptop or the library computers, they can contact Amesbury, Bradford on Avon, Calne, Chippenham, Corsham, Devizes, Malmesbury, Marlborough, Melksham, Royal Wootton Bassett, Salisbury, Trowbridge, Warminster and Westbury libraries to book a one-to-one digital support appointment with library staff or volunteers.

Wiltshire Libraries are also working with the Good Things Foundation to distribute free SIMs and mobile data to people in need. The [National Databank scheme](#) is supported by UK mobile networks including Vodafone, O2 and Three.

The free SIMs and mobile data are available from Chippenham, Devizes, Salisbury, Trowbridge and Warminster libraries.

To be able to access the National Databank recipients must be 18+ years old and from a low-income household. One or more of the following must also be true:

- They have no or poor access to the internet at home.
- They have no or poor access to the internet away from home.
- They can't afford their existing monthly contract or top-up.

Anyone who meets the criteria can be referred by their local library or can contact Chippenham, Devizes, Salisbury, Trowbridge or Warminster libraries direct to find out more and to book an appointment. The National Databank online application form is now live at [National Databank - Wiltshire Council](#).

Up to six months of data can be provided at a time with a maximum of 12 months to one individual.

Further information about getting online at the library can be found at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-accessing-computers>. Information about the National Databank appears on the cost of living support and advice pages at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living>. An online referral form will soon be added.

Area Board Briefing Note – Independent Visitor Scheme

Service:	Quality Outcomes for Children and Families
Date prepared:	08/03/2023
Further enquiries to:	Jesnie Barry, Independent Visitor Scheme Manager
Direct contact:	Jesnie.Barry@wiltshire.gov.uk; 07760178875

The Independent Visitor Scheme needs more volunteers! Independent Visitors are adult volunteers who are matched with young people in care to visit, advise and befriend them. We currently have nearly 70 approved and matched Independent Visitors but with over 400 young people in care in Wiltshire, we need more to provide this vital and life changing service.

Volunteers are asked to give a long term commitment to visit a young person every 3-4 weeks, for a couple of hours, to have fun, try new things and build a strong and lasting relationship. Training and ongoing support is provided, with all expenses covered.

If anyone is interested, please could they get in contact with IVScheme@Wiltshire.gov.uk for more information on how to apply!

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Road Safety update - Devizes Area Board

19 June 2023



Agenda Item 9

• Road Safety Team

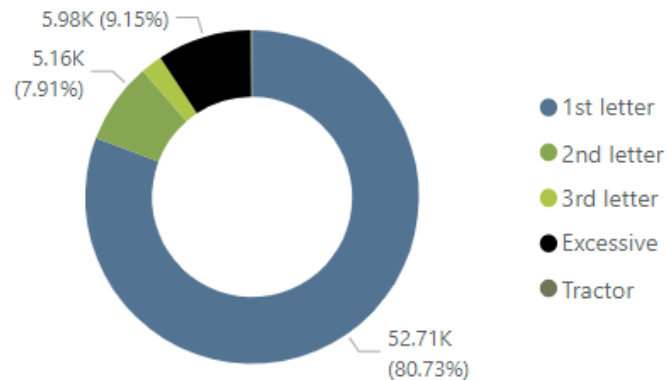


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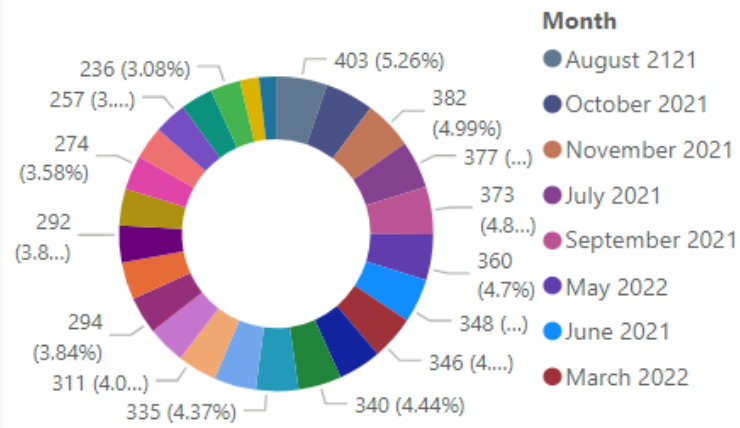
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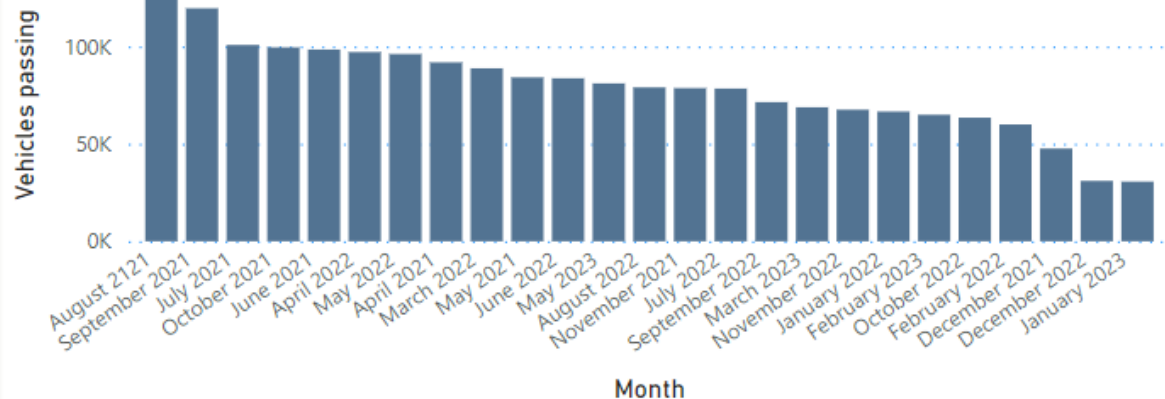
Number of letters sent



Number of watches by month



Vehicles passing by month



7.66K

Sum of No. of watches

65.28K

Sum of Total letters

1.98M

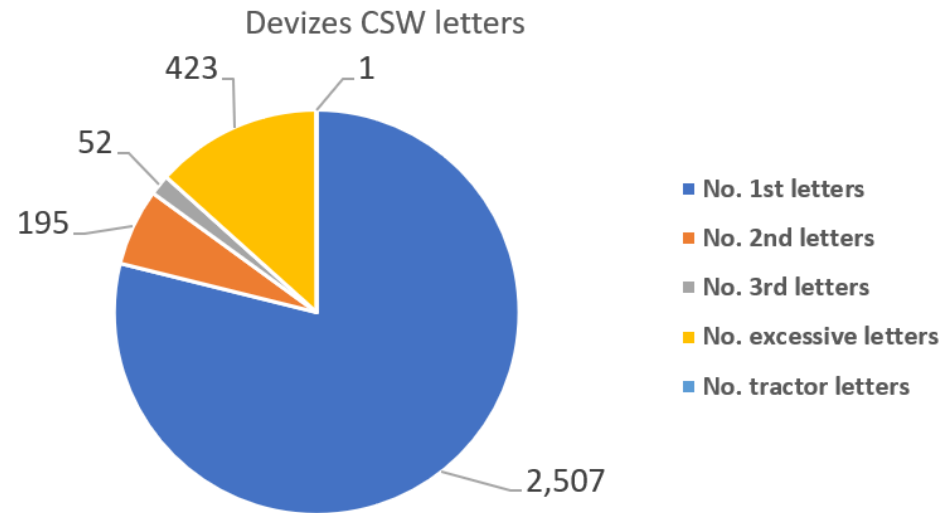
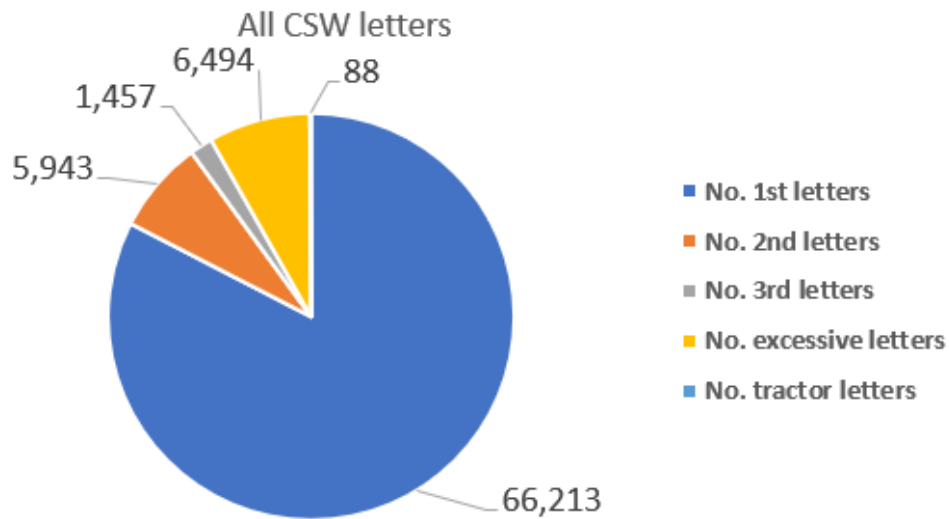
Sum of Vehicles passing

52.71K

Sum of No. 1st letter

• CSW Devizes area - Data since July 2020 to 05/06/2023

Team	No. 1st letters	No. 2nd letters	No. 3rd letters	No. excessive letters	No. tractor letters	Total letters	No. of watches	Average speeders %
Great Cheverell	659	78	34	372	1	1,144	105	10.46%
Littleton Panell - West Lavington	38	2	0	0	0	40	5	6.81%
Rowde	343	16	3	11	0	373	47	5.21%
Woodborough	157	25	6	2	0	190	75	5.65%
Worton	1,310	74	9	38	0	1,431	338	1.49%
Grand Total	2,507	195	52	423	1	3,178	570	4.04%



• Traffic surveys – Devizes since October 2020

Wiltshire Council

Title	Result	Survey start date	Date TS received	Speed limit	85th percentile
Bromham - New Road	No further action	21/11/2022	17/01/2022	30	30.4
Bromham - New Road	No further action	21/11/2021	17/02/2022	30	30.4
Coate - Echilhampton Road	No further action	21/11/2021	14/01/2022	30	33.8
Devizes - Brickley Lane	Speed enforcement	21/11/2021	14/01/2022	20	28.9
East Grafton	No further action	10/06/2022	15/08/2022	30	39.02
Easterton - B3098 High Street,	No further action	02/11/2020	09/12/2020	30	32.7
Easterton - B3098 High Street,	Speed enforcement	02/11/2020	09/12/2020	30	36.8
Easterton - Kings Road	No further action	11/09/2021	05/10/2021	20	16.2
Erlestoke - East	No further action	21/11/2021	13/01/2022	30	29
Erlestoke - West	No further action	21/11/2021	13/01/2022	30	31
Etchilhampton Hill	No further action	21/11/2021	14/01/2022	60	37
Great Bedwyn - Browns Lane	No further action	21/11/2021	18/01/2022	20	16.1
Market Lavington - B3098 Church Street,	No further action	10/12/2020	15/01/2021	20	23.7
Rollestone - Chalk Hill	No further action	14/10/2020	10/11/2020	30	23.7
Rowde - Devizes Road	Speed enforcement	23/01/2022	03/05/2022	30	37.41
Rowde 18 Springfield Road	No further action	11/09/2021	04/10/2021	30	15.1
Urchfont - Wedhampton High Street	No further action	12/10/2021	05/11/2021	30	22.8
Worton - High Street,	No further action	10/12/2020	18/01/2021	30	34.1
Worton - High Street,	No further action	10/12/2020	18/01/2021	30	31.9
Worton - Seend Road,	Speed enforcement	10/12/2020	18/01/2021	40	46.5

Community Road Safety Officers

CRSO's

Your officer is Lotty Sartin
charlotte.sartin@wiltshire.police.uk

• CRSO's

Recent events

#Project EDWARD

Every Day Without A Road Death



CHILD SEAT SAFETY

• THE CAR SEAT EXPERTS •

iosh Accredited in car seat training

- 25/04 - Melksham
- 26/04 – Salisbury
- 27/04 - Swindon



Tier 1
National Roads Partnership Calendar 2022-2023

20 minimum safe passing distance **1 metre**
30 minimum safe passing distance **1.5 metres**
30+ minimum safe passing distance **2 metres**

Campaign results

Project Zero 12/04/2023	Op Close Pass – Cycles	Project Zero 19/04/2023
6 No MOT	18 educational stops	3 Dangerous condition
3 No Insurance	1 FPN	2 Seat belts
3 Mobile phone use	1 TOR	2 No Insurance
1 Dangerous condition	1 VDRS	1 Not in control
1 No. plate non conform		1 Mobile phone
1 Speed		1 Without proper view
1 Red light		1 Defective Tyre/s
1 Tints		1 Drive o/w in accordance
1 Defective Tyre/s		1 Red light
1 WOA		1 Tints
		49 speed!



Tier 1
National Roads Partnership Calendar 2022-2023

2 May
Global Road Safety Week
TBC
Save Lives

Wider work recently – Op Tramline

Highways England National HGV Cab Project

Police Force	WILTSHIRE
Date of Collection for Vehicle	FRIDAY 14TH APRIL 2023
Date of Return for Vehicle	FRIDAY 21ST APRIL 2023
Number of days vehicle was utilised	3
Routes patrolled	M4, between Junctions 14-18 on A & B carriageway

Offences		Interventions	
Mobile Phone	27	Words of Advice	2
Not in Proper Control	7	Traffic Offence Report	53
Seat Belt	28	Fixed Penalty Notice	35
Speed	6	Graduated Fixed Penalty Notice	3
Prohibited Vehicle O/S Lane	2	GFPN Amount	£750
Use of M/Way Verge		Summons	3
No Insurance	2	Section 165 Seizure	2
Stopping on H/S		VDRS	1
Driving on H/S	1	HORT/1	1
Construction & Use	6	PG9	2
Driver's Hours		Letter / Warning	
Due Care	6	Arrest	
Insecure Load	3	Referral to Traffic Commissioner	
Red Light/ X Offence		NFA	
Drink/Drug Drive		Other	
Crime			
Other	13		
Total	101	Total	102

HGV	41
LGV	24
PSV	1
Private Vehicles	29
Other	1
Total	96

Top three offences detected through Operation Tramline are:



Mobile phone use



Seat belt offences



Driver not in proper control



Wilts Specialist Ops @WiltsSpecOps · 21 Apr

#RPU ran #OpTramline for 3 days this week, over 100 offences were identified just from this operation including 27 drivers using a mobile phone at the wheel, the most surprising was a HGV driver watching a film on a laptop! #Fatal5



8

15

222

6,963



Community Speed Enforcement Officers

CSEO's



• CSEO – Dashboard (05/06/2023)

CSEO Activity Dashboard

Outcomes are dependent on previous convictions and history

3,757.00

Sum of Speed awareness ...

478.00

Sum of Fine & Points

57.00

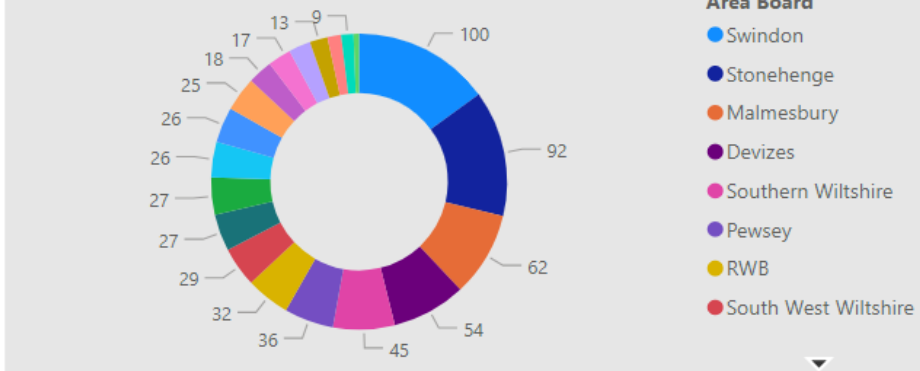
Sum of Court

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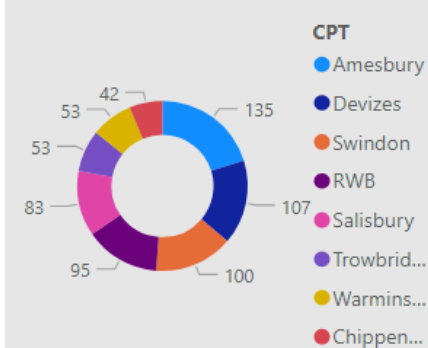
Count of Location

Location	Year	Month	Speed awareness course	Fine & Points	Court	CPT	Area Board
Operation Wolf - Salisbury - 29/6/2022	2022	June	149.00	22.00	3.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
Tilshead	2022	December	93.00	7.00	1.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Cricklade - Spital Lane	2023	April	80.00	10.00	0.00	RWB	RWB
Wilton - The Avenue	2022	December	65.00	19.00	8.00	Salisbury	South West W
Collingbourne Kingston	2022	December	62.00	9.00	0.00	Amesbury	Tidworth
Ogbourne St Andrew	2023	April	60.00	4.00	0.00	Devizes	Marlborough
Tilshead	2022	November	58.00	6.00	1.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Shaw and Whitley (Shaw Hill)	2022	December	55.00	9.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Cholderton	2023	March	53.00	3.00	1.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Cholderton - Church Close	2023	April	51.00	1.00	0.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Harnham - Portland Avenue	2023	April	47.00	6.00	0.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
Harnham - Portland Avenue	2023	February	46.00	12.00	2.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
Oare - Outside Oare House	2023	March	46.00	10.00	0.00	Devizes	Pewsey
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	January	46.00	9.00	4.00	Salisbury	South West W
Collingbourne Kingston	2022	February	45.00	2.00	0.00	Amesbury	Tidworth
PROJECT ZERO - Salisbury - Downton Road	2023	February	42.00	1.00	0.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
Total			3,757.0	478.00	57.00		

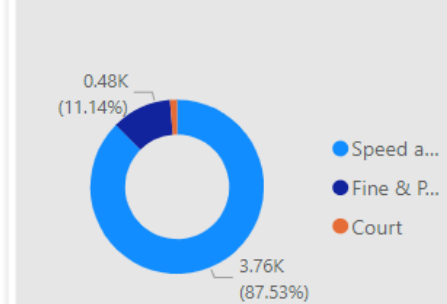
Activity by Area Board



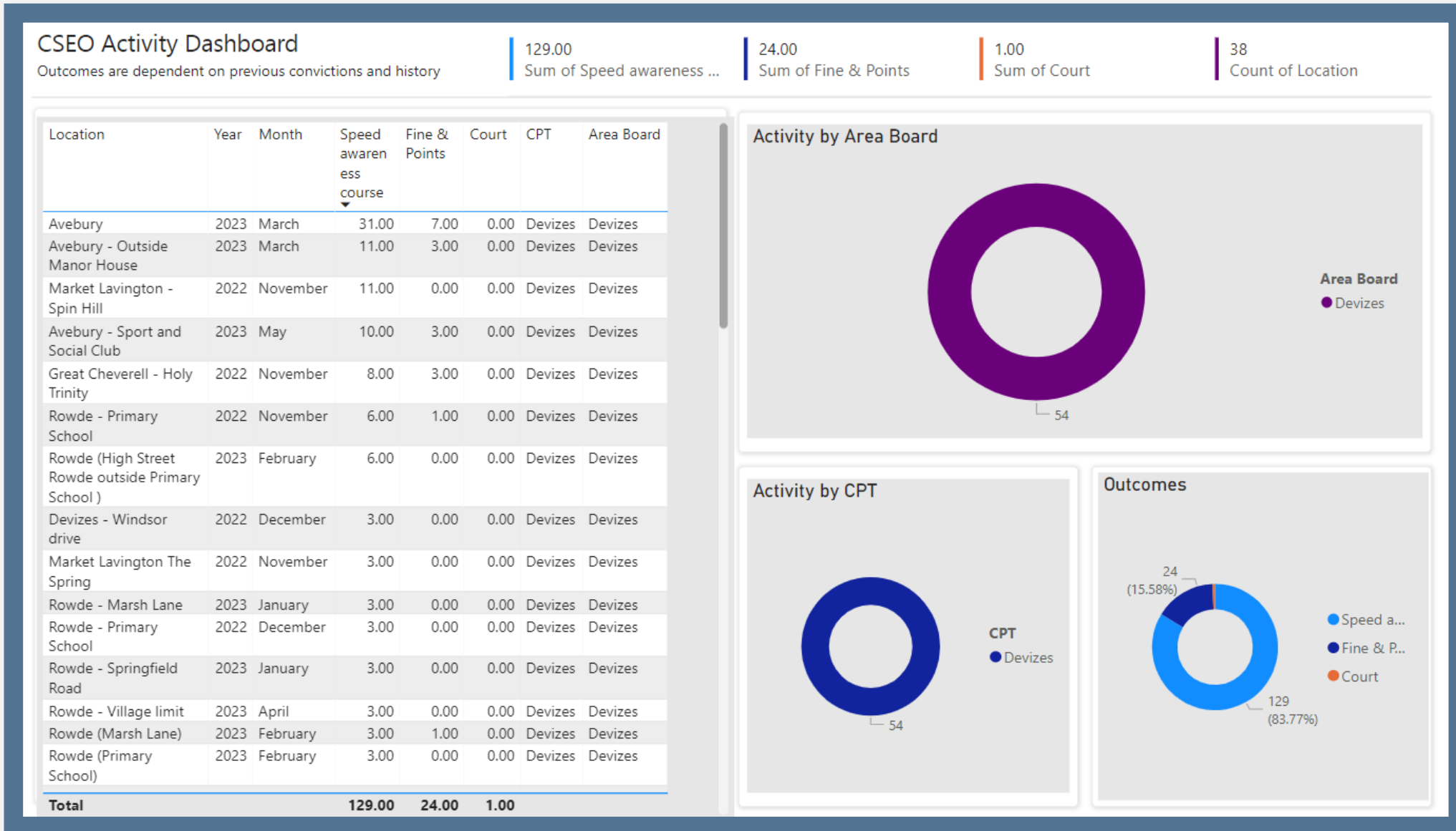
Activity by CPT



Outcomes



• CSEO – Devizes Area Board results

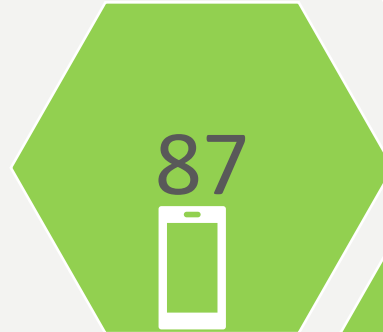
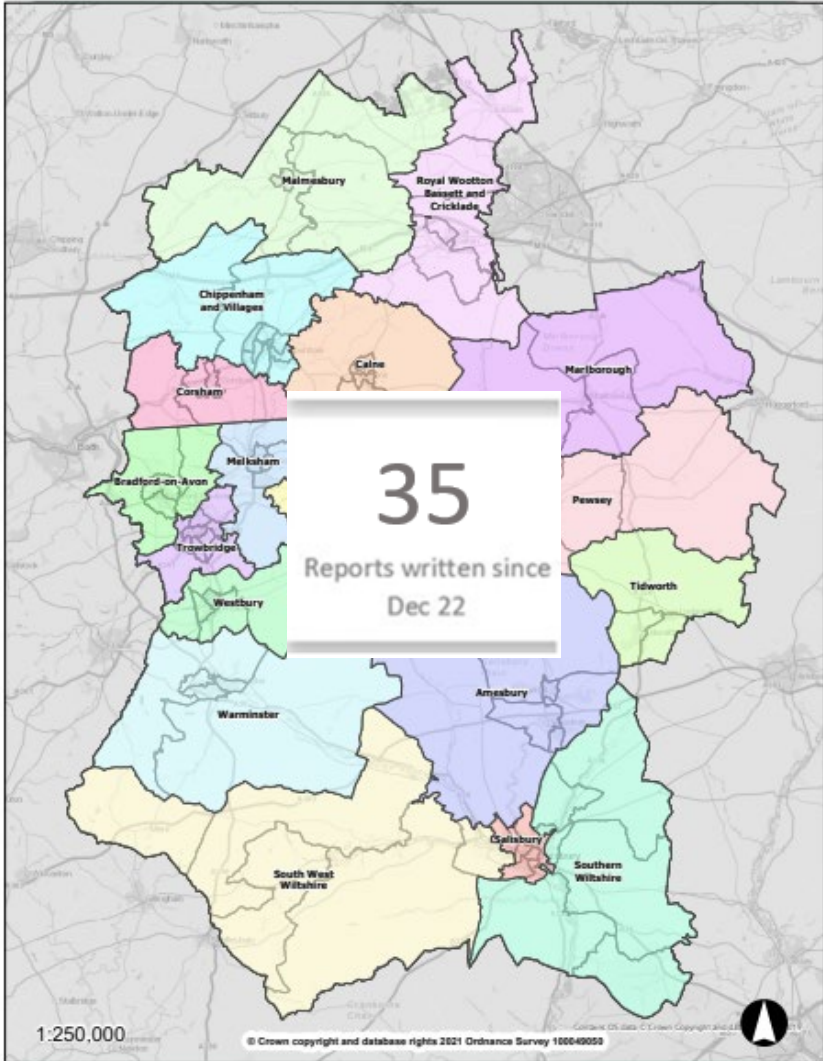


Making Wiltshire Safer : Road Safety

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Road Policing Unit
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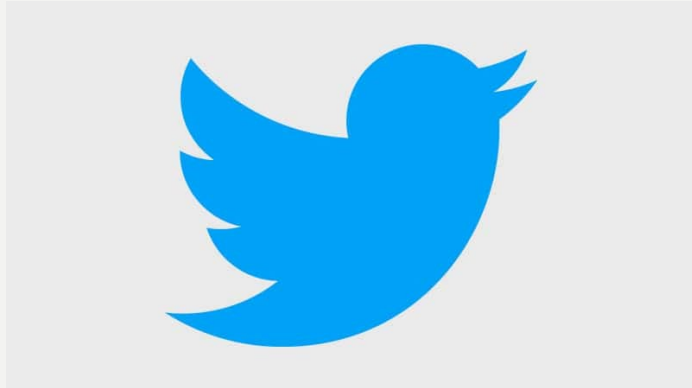
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Wiltshire Area Boards 2021



to list
just a few

• More information



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[Road Safety \(wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](http://wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk)





DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD REPORT

Community Safety Plan

DWFRS Community Safety Plan can be found on the DWFRS website;

<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

Prevention

We are committed to making a real difference to the lives of people in Dorset and Wiltshire. Our aim is to reduce the level of risk and harm to our communities from fire, targeting those most at risk. We do this primarily through our Safe and Well visits.

A Safe and Well visit is **FREE** and normally lasts about one hour covering topics such as:

- Using electricity safely
- Cooking safely
- Making an escape plan
- What to do if there is a fire
- Keeping children safe
- Good practice – night time routine and other points relevant to you
- Identifying and discussing any further support the occupier may need

Are you or anyone you know:-

- Over the age of 65?
- Need a smoke detector?
- Have a long-term health condition?
- Suffer from poor hearing or sight loss?
- Would you struggle to escape in the event of a fire?

If you can answer yes to more than one of these questions, then please call us on

0800 038 2323 or visit <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>



Protection

On-going interaction by Protection Team members with Local Authorities, Private landlords and tenants regarding fire safety-related matters: external cladding systems; fire detection and warning systems; fire resisting doors (& self-closers); combustibility/fire resistance of construction materials; commercial and residential sprinklers systems and water-mist suppression systems

General Enquiries

If you have a general fire safety enquiry regarding commercial property, please email fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk and the Fire Safety Team will respond in office hours.

Fire Safety Complaint

If you wish to tell us about fire safety risks in commercial premises, such as locked or blocked fire exits, you have three options:

- You can email the fire safety department at enforcement@dwfire.org.uk
- Call 01722 69 1717 during office hours (9am-5pm).
- Call our Service Control Centre on 0306 799 0019 out of office hours (5pm-9am)

On Call Recruitment

Have you always wondered if you could join the fire service, but haven't had the opportunity to find out more? Have you found yourself seeking your next challenge, keen to give back to the local community or wanting to learn new skills including leadership and teamwork? Then becoming an on-call firefighter is for you.

As a paid position, on-call firefighters commit anywhere between 60 to 120 hours per week, during which time they must be able to respond to the station immediately.

Many have 'normal' jobs during the day, then upon their return home make themselves available overnight or during the weekends. Some of our crew respond from their workplaces during the day, and we are very grateful to their employers for releasing them to perform their vital duties.

Anyone over 18 years old can apply (although you can also apply once you are 17½) you must be able to respond and attend the fire station within 5-8 minutes, you have a good standard of physical fitness (i.e. you are generally active), and you must have the right to work in the UK.

Further information on becoming an On Call Firefighter can be found at www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/ or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.



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What is an on-call firefighter?

On-call firefighters go about their everyday life (for example, at work, at home, during the day or the middle of the night) until the alerter sounds and they respond to the fire station.

All firefighters are trained to the same level of competence, attending the same incidents, receiving the same hourly rate of pay and pension opportunities, and all working together with a #oneteam approach.

As an on-call firefighter, you will attend incidents such as fires, road accidents, floods, chemical spills and animal rescues. You will also support community events, school visits and prevention work.

How being on-call works

On-call firefighters need to live or work near to their local fire station and ideally provide a minimum of 40 hours each week when they are available to respond. When the alerter sounds, you need to respond promptly and safely to the station, usually on foot, bike or by car (obeying the Highway Code – we have no exemptions!).





Recent News & Events

Communities are well protected as Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is graded as one the highest performing fire and rescue services in England, inspection confirms

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) continues to serve its communities well whilst managing and monitoring its efficiency in a highly effective manner, His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary & Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) confirmed today (20 January).

To read the full article please visit <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/news/communities-are-well-protected/>

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Fire Calls for Devizes Fire Station (3-month comparison 2022/2023)

	Deliberate Fires					
	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23
BOA	0	1	0	0	1	0
Devizes	1	2	0	0	1	0
Melksham	0	2	0	1	1	0
Trowbridge	0	0	2	3	3	3
Total	8			13		



Accidental Dwelling Fires						
	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23
BOA	1	1	1	0	2	0
Devizes	1	2	3	0	2	0
Melksham	0	1	1	0	0	0
Trowbridge	0	1	2	1	0	2
Total	14			7		

AFA's Domestic						
	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23
BOA	0	3	1	4	3	3
Devizes	3	4	5	1	2	6
Melksham	5	5	7	4	8	3
Trowbridge	5	6	6	9	11	8
Total	50			62		

AFA's Non Domestic						
	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23
BOA	0	2	0	2	0	3
Devizes	0	3	1	1	3	5
Melksham	3	2	2	1	4	0
Trowbridge	2	3	4	6	3	5
Total	22			33		

RTC's						
	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23
BOA	2	0	1	1	0	0
Devizes	2	0	1	1	2	1
Melksham	0	2	0	0	0	0
Trowbridge	2	0	0	2	1	1
Total	10			9		



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
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**Robbie MacPherson
Station Manager**

**Email: Robbie.macpherson@dwfire.org.uk
Mobile: 07770 813988**

Autistic people asked for their views on mental health services

Healthwatch Wiltshire would like to find out what autistic people, and their families and carers, think about mental health services in the county.

Working in partnership with Wiltshire Service Users' Network (WSUN), which runs the National Lottery funded Wiltshire Autism Hub, we want to learn more about the experiences of autistic people, aged 14 and over, who have accessed mental health support in Wiltshire in the last three years, and what they think could be better.

We would also like to find out the experiences of carers and relatives in helping the autistic person they care for to get this support.

We have launched two surveys which can be completed online, by phone, or on paper.

[Survey for autistic people](#)

[Survey for carers/relatives of autistic people](#)

You can save and return to the online surveys at any time.

If you would like support to complete the survey, or would like a paper copy to be sent to you, please contact Healthwatch Wiltshire on 01225 434218 or info@healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk or WSUN on 01380 871800 or info@wsun.co.uk and we will arrange this for you.

Catharine Symington, Interim Manager of Healthwatch Wiltshire, said: "We want to hear from autistic people, and their friends, relatives and carers, about their personal experiences of mental health services.

"Everything you share with us will be used to tell those who run services what could be improved or developed in the future. All



feedback is confidential and anonymous."

Louise Rendle, CEO of Wiltshire Service Users' Network, said: "We would love to hear about how mental health services in Wiltshire are working for you, what's going well and where you think things could be better.

"If you need any support completing our survey, please get in touch so we can help."

The surveys will close on **Wednesday 14 June**.

Find out more

Visit our website to take a look at our previous work [hearing the experiences of people with autism spectrum conditions](#) when they attend health and care appointments.



Youth Action Wiltshire – Service Update

The Youth Action Wiltshire team has delivered some amazing work over the last 12 months, working with young carers, young people facing challenges in their lives, young victims of crime and young people who are Not In Employment, Education or Training (NEET) or at risk of becoming NEET. We have prepared a detailed summary of outcomes from each of our Youth Action Wiltshire services between 2022-2023.

This also includes an update on delivery at our Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre and Linkenholt Countryside Adventure Centre. Community First currently owns and operates Oxenwood and manages Linkenholt in partnership with The Blagrove Trust. These centres are key delivery locations for many of our Youth Action Wiltshire adventure and respite activities.

Wiltshire Young Carers Service

2023 is a special year for our Wiltshire Young Carers Service, as it marks the 25th year of our support for young carers in Wiltshire. We have had an unexpected reduction in funding for 2023/2024 and plan to work with between 120-150 young carers over the next 12 months. We have consulted with young carers to produce a 2023 to 2024 delivery plan that includes the support measures young carers deem most effective and we will be offering this to the counties most vulnerable young carers, those most adversely affected by their caring roles.

We are currently reaching out to new and existing supporters, donors and funders who would like to be involved in supporting this work. We have also prepared an infographic summary of our work with young carers in 2022-2023 which can be viewed here:

<https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Young-Carers-Support-Infographic.pdf> - a copy of the infographic is also included with this briefing.

To view the service update, including a summary of our service offer for young carers in 2023-2024, please visit our website: <https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/news/youth-action-wiltshire-service-update/>

Oliver's Fundraiser for Youth Action Wiltshire

A young carer from Aldbourne, Marlborough has smashed his original fundraising target of £50 to raise an amazing £350 for Youth Action Wiltshire. 11-year-old Oliver and his sister Katie are currently supported by our Wiltshire Young Carers Service.

In 2022, Oliver received a Young Carers Achievement Award and wanted to give something back to the service which supports him and his family. With the help of his Mum Hannah, Oliver set up a Just Giving fundraising page in April 2023, with the original aim of raising £50 in support of Youth Action Wiltshire. Just two weeks later, Oliver had already smashed his original fundraising target and raised an amazing £350 by mowing lawns and helping with gardening tasks in his local community.

Find out more about Oliver's amazing fundraising achievement on our website:

<https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/news/young-carer-oliver-smashes-fundraising-target-in-support-of-youth-action-wiltshire/>

Oliver's fundraising donation page can be found here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/hannah-buckland-1681939260135>

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Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) County Conference

The Wiltshire Association of Local Councils conference will take place on 9th June at West Lavington Village Hall (10am-4pm). Attendance at the conference is free to WALC member councils and £40.00 for non-members. The conference will focus on Planning, including the National Planning Policy Framework, CIL & s106 monies, commenting as a consultee on planning matters and preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. Speakers so far confirmed are Dr James Derounian and Dr Carlton Brand. Subject to timing, the conference may also include Public Rights of Way and climate change as it relates to Planning. For more information please visit: www.wiltshire-alc.org.uk

New Fitness and Friendship Club (Salisbury)

A new Fitness and Friendship Club for older people has opened in Salisbury. The new club is being delivered through the Get Out Get Active (GOGA) programme in partnership with Age UK Wiltshire and Wiltshire and Swindon Sport. Fitness and Friendship Clubs are social clubs for older people with an emphasis on keeping active. Club sessions include gentle exercise, games, quizzes and Tai Chi with plenty of time for a chat over refreshments.

The new Fitness and Friendship Club is open on alternate Thursdays (2.00pm-4.00pm) at Salisbury United Reformed Church, 30 Fisherton Street, Salisbury, SP2 7RG.

Club Dates:

- June 8th and 20th
- July 6th and 20th
- August 3rd, 17th and 31st
- September 14th and 28th
- October 12th and 26th
- November 9th and 23rd
- December 7th

The Fitness and Friendship Club costs £5 per session and new members are always welcome. Please contact Gaby (07752 799853) or email: fitnessandfriendship@ageukwiltshire.org.uk for more information.

Youth Clubs Affiliation

Community First offers support for local youth clubs and youth leaders. Whilst this support has previously been delivered through Youth Action Wiltshire, the service will now be led by our Community Development team. The team has a successful track-record in delivering youth engagement services and will be bringing this knowledge and experience into the development and support of youth clubs.

Clubs who would like to join our network and become UK Youth Affiliated can register using the clubs affiliation form on our website.

A copy of the form is also included with this briefing document.

<https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Youth-Action-Wiltshire-Youth-Clubs-Affiliation-Form-2324.pdf>

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Community Insurance

Community Insurance is a specialist insurance agent service from Community First. We offer comprehensive insurance for local councils, village halls, community building and playing field associations, with support from our friendly and professional team.

Our policies are underwritten by Zurich. Income generated from Community Insurance is reinvested back into communities including support for village halls, community buildings, local councils and other services provided by Community First.

For more information about Community Insurance, please visit: www.communityfirst.org.uk/insurance

Copies of our Community Insurance leaflet for local councils and village halls and community buildings are included with this briefing document.

For a free, no obligation quote:

Email: communityinsurance@communityfirst.org.uk or telephone 01380 732809.

Briefing prepared by:

Ellie Ewing, Marketing and Communications Manager (Community First)

15th May 2023

Update for Wiltshire Area Boards

May 2023

Discharge Project

The project aims to support people (and those who care for them) being discharged from hospital with support to feel better informed and engaged in the discharge process. This will help to improve their experience of being discharged and supporting front line staff to have better conversations about discharge planning.

The project is progressing well and following an extensive engagement and development process, the information has been shared with a media production agency to develop videos and supporting resources. We are currently in the development stage and are working to identify a group of people with experience of hospital discharge who can provide feedback on the products being developed to ensure they will meet the needs of the people we are aiming to support in the best possible way.

There will be a full programme to launch, embed and share the information which will include raising awareness prior to admission.

Health Inequalities

A successful workshop held in March has supported the development of the WHIG work plan for the coming year. Priority actions and objectives have been aligned and key relationships for developing work across the system have been identified. The full work programme will be shared widely in July once it is completed and agreed.

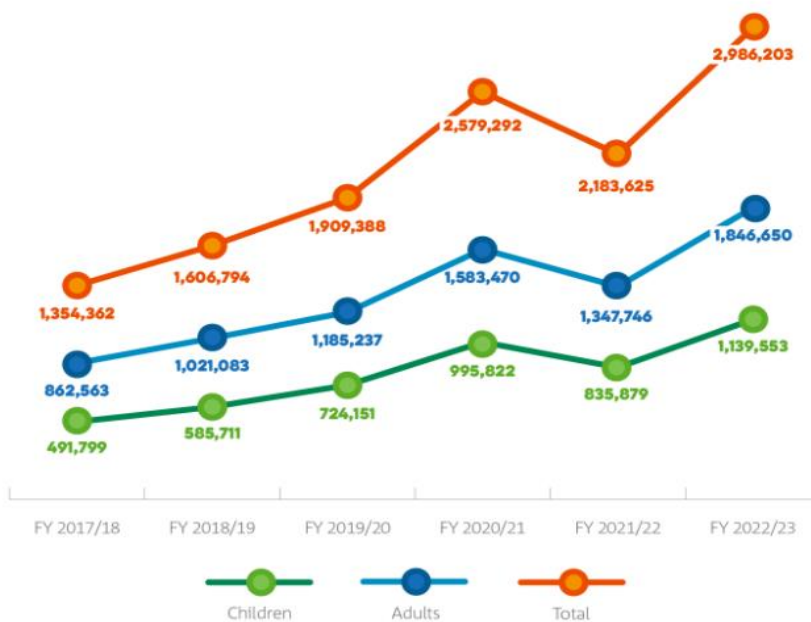
Update for Devizes Area Board meeting Monday 19th June 2023

Community Organiser and Campaigns Manager, Devizes and District Foodbank

Alex Montegriffo; alex@devizesanddistrict.foodbank.org.uk

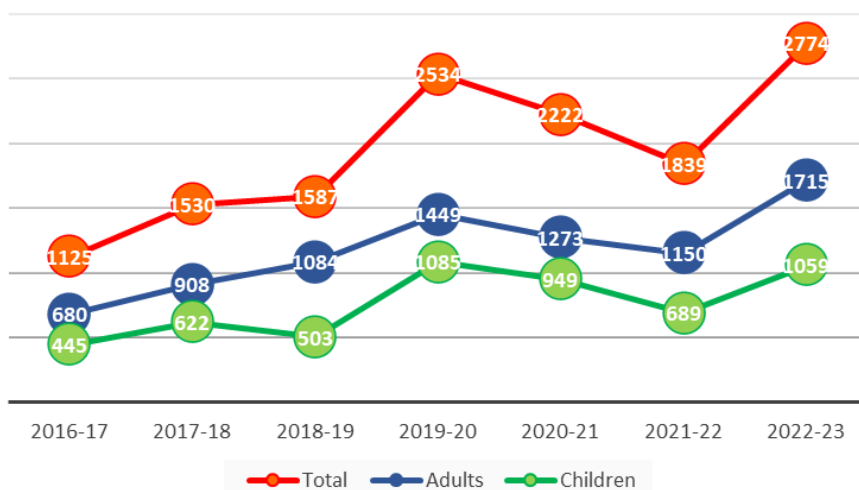
- The Trussell Trust released their end of year statistics for 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, showing that more emergency food parcels had been given out than ever before, at close to 3 million (2,986,203), over a million of which were for children (1,139,553). In the same year, 760,000 people used a food bank for the first time.

Number of emergency food parcels given by food banks in the Trussell Trust network in the last years



This roughly matches the data released for Devizes and District Foodbank, where more people were supported than ever before in 2022-23, as demonstrated below.

Number of people supported at DDFB over time



- Devizes and District Foodbank recently began a Financial Inclusion project with Citizens Advice Wiltshire (CAW), where clients of the food bank with a voucher can pick up boxes from the St James' Centre in Devizes, and speak to a CAW worker. This aims to help clients work through the issues that are causing them to need a food bank, such as debt or not having all the benefits they are eligible for, and provides much-needed in person support. CAW workers started at the St James' Centre on 1st June.
- Other ongoing projects for the Community Organising side of Devizes and District Foodbank are the Wiltshire Food Collaborative, which had its second meeting in May, with 18 organisations or departments represented across Wiltshire (the mailing list has over 50 organisations).

It was decided to adopt the following as an introduction to the group:

The Wiltshire Food Collaborative is a group of food providers and distributors, charitable organisations, community groups, and public sector representatives across Wiltshire, coming together to work holistically and collaboratively to ensure secure access to food in the county through:

1. Emergency food provision,
2. Projects to increase incomes, and
3. The removal of other barriers to nutrition.

The collaborative was formed in response to the rising need for emergency food support in 2022/23. It functions to provide practical support for food-based organisations, to allow for networking so that service-users are fully supported, and to utilise collaborative work to increase food security through various routes.

The Collaborative especially aims to provide a network for small, rural and/or independent food-based organisations. Member organisations can decide their goals and level of involvement in the group, e.g. information gathering, attending meetings and networking, using the Collaborative to implement local projects, or working across the county on food and financial security projects, for example. The full Terms of Reference are [here](#).

Any organisation wishing to get involved can email Alex on alex@devizesanddistrict.foodbank.org.uk.

- The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) ran a campaign day on Tuesday 31st May called 'Claim Your Energy Voucher Day', targeted at households on prepayment meters who have not yet claimed their Energy Bills Support Scheme (EBSS) vouchers. £160 million of these paper, email or text vouchers, at £400 per household, have not been claimed at a registered store. There are [resources](#) available to raise awareness of this campaign, before **vouchers expire on 30th June**.
- The Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding (EBSS AF) portal closed on 31st May, meaning households not connected to mains electricity who did not automatically receive the EBSS, can no longer apply for this fund. This is despite the fact that many people living on houseboats have been unable to receive the £400, while fuel, license fees and mooring fees have all risen. Houseboats with a continuous cruising license were explicitly excluded, but houseboats with a permanent non-residential mooring, such as a marina, should have either been included or guidance should have been clearer about their eligibility for the fund.

If the fund was only available for people living off-grid but paying Council Tax, e.g. houseboats with a permanent residential mooring, then this should have been made clear from the start, rather than cause stress and upset to Boaters moored at marinas or other non-residential locations.

Boaters at Caen Hill Marina, for example, have reported significant price rises since 2022, with petrol and diesel prices rising by 50%, Liquid Petroleum Gas by 40%, and solid fuels also rising in price (e.g. a bag of coal from £9 to £16, and a bag of wood from £5 to up to £30). License fees have risen by a total of 17% from April 2022, and electricity at the marina has gone from 19p to 43p per kWh. Some Boaters have calculated spending £100 a week during the winter to heat and live on their boats. The impacts on mental and physical health cannot be stressed enough, with many Boaters struggling not just with a lack of income to afford the essentials, but also the uncertainty around if they could receive funds, and feelings of being excluded despite paying significant amounts to organisations such as marinas and the Canal and River Trust.

Danny Kruger is meeting with Boaters at the marina on Friday 16th June to hear their concerns, and Boaters, or any interested individuals, are being invited to write to their local newspapers on the topic with [this](#) template letter. Local newspapers have also been invited to write articles, and research will form the basis for a report, which MPs can pass onto the DESNZ, who distributed the EBSS AF. Because of a lack of support, some Boaters are having to use a food bank, with a subsequent loss of dignity.

- A poll of 18 families in Devizes suggests that the average annual cost of school uniform is £200-300, including shoes, bags and coats, which is a huge amount for a family on a low income, or even a family on a higher income. This cost is one part of the reason people are having to use a food bank in Devizes, with CAW advisors reporting families going into debt or worse debt, or cutting back on other bills to be able to afford uniform. A [report](#) from the Children's Society outlines the impacts of the high cost of uniform, including the above and also children wearing ill-fitting or unclean uniform, and impacts on school choice.

The UK Government have released two lots of guidance on the cost of uniform in light of the Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms Act in 2021, one [statutory](#) and one [non-statutory](#). Schools should have responded to this act by September 2022, including adopting guidance such as:

- Schools should keep the use of branded items to a minimum.
- A school's uniform policy should be published on the school's website, be available for all parents, including parents of prospective pupils, and be easily understood.
- Schools should ensure that their uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money (including the quality and durability of the garment).
- Single supplier contracts should be avoided unless regular tendering competitions are run where more than one supplier can compete for the contract and where the best value for money is secured. This contract should be retendered at least every 5 years.

- Schools should ensure that second-hand uniforms are available for parents to acquire. Information on second-hand uniforms should be clear for parents of current and prospective pupils and published on the school's website.
- Schools should engage with parents and pupils when they are developing their school uniform policy.

An ongoing campaign involves sharing this guidance with local schools and educational trusts, and asking families or people with links to schools to start a conversation about the cost of school uniform, including with this [template letter](#). There have also been discussions with Wiltshire Council about adopting a school uniform affordability pledge, which schools can sign once they have made uniform more affordable. Anyone wishing to get involved should contact Alex with the details above.

- The fourth tranche of the Household Support Fund (£5.5 million to be given out by Wiltshire Council from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024) has been passed over to the Public Health department to distribute, from the Revenues and Benefits department. A question for this board is how to make sure this fund directly benefits people in need in Wiltshire in a way that is dignified, and allows for choice and flexibility in the face of a wide range of costs and pressures, such as food, fuel, communications, transport, clothes and school uniform, unexpected costs like white goods, and Council Tax and other bills. The Public Health department are using an evidence-based method to distribute the fund, but direct payments to people in need are no longer being made. These payments caused a significant workload for the council, but the fund still needs to have a direct impact on the people it is designed to support, including helping them not to need emergency food provision by increasing their income or giving wrap-around support and advice.
- The Trussell Trust are continuing to engage with the UK Government and local decision-makers on their [Essentials Guarantee](#) campaign, ensuring that the social security system has embedded in it the guarantee that it will be enough for everyone to afford the essentials. Research by Trussell Trust and Joseph Rowntree Foundation found that the average single person over 25 needs £120 a week for the bare essentials, however the basic rate of UC is just £85 a week for this age group, before any deductions or sanctions. Anyone who is interested in this national campaign can use the above link to find out more and take action to address one of the main causes of rising food bank use, low income because of failings in the social security system.



Devizes Area Board

End of Year Report

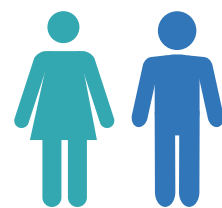
May 2021 - March 2023

Devizes Area Board

Devizes Community Area covers 18 parishes of mainly rural countryside in the middle of Wiltshire. The major settlement is the market town of Devizes, although some of the villages are large enough to have their own secondary school and shops, most of the area is rural, made up of small villages and farms.

The Area Board is Devizes's local cabinet for Wiltshire Council, bringing local decision making into the heart of the community area. The Area Board is made up of 7 unitary councillors, 2 of whom are also members of Devizes Town Council. The Councillors are the voting members of the board, and all those who engage in the board's work are equal members, able to influence decisions, shape and deliver on local priorities.

The community area has a rich range of physical and human resources, including vibrant and active community, cultural and sporting hubs, a range of voluntary and community sector support organisations and a collaborative town council.

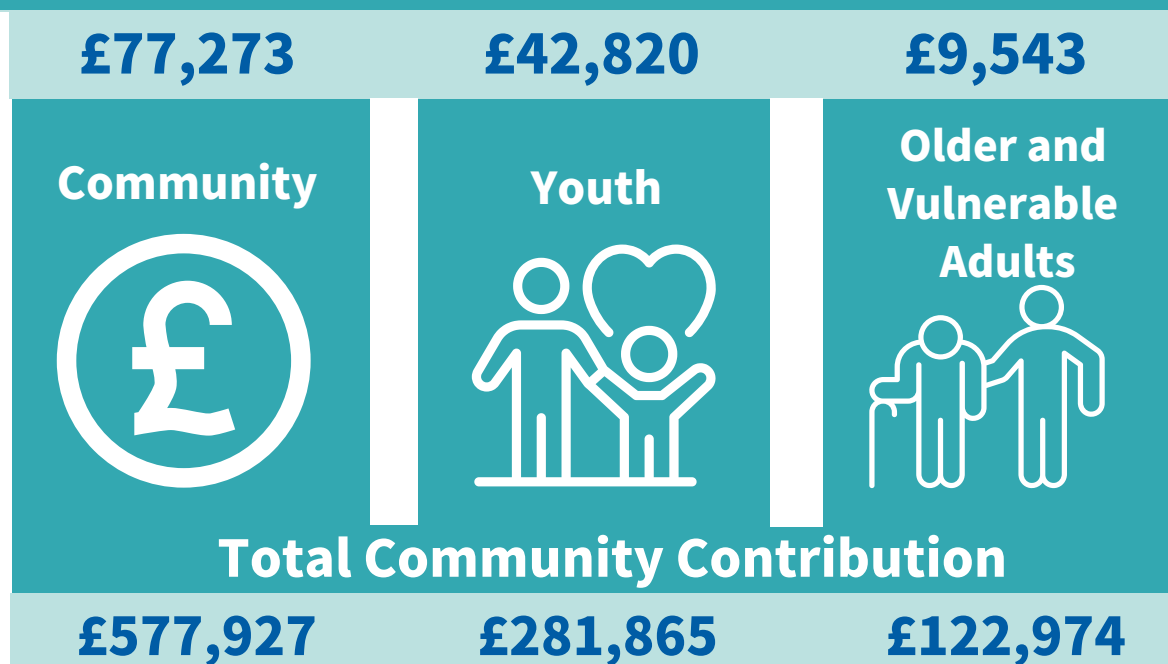


**Total
Population
32,975**

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



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

Local Priorities

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

Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities



In conjunction with local Parish Councils, Area Board funding has contributed to youth worker wages for the West Lavington Youth club. The club offers structured activities to enrich and enhance the lives of those who attend. Lots of the activities encourage new skills. Many of the young people benefit from the informal mental health support and use the youth workers as sounding boards for difficult conversations. These youth workers also model pro-social behaviour.

Addressing climate change

The Pavilion at Seend Lye recreational ground is 50 years old, designed in an era when energy conservation and energy cost were of small consideration. The Carbon Challenge 2023 project is making the building more energy efficient and less polluting. An Area Board grant has contributed to putting in double glazing, insulated doors, insulated ceilings and LED lighting with movement detectors which will reduce energy consumption, improve building efficiency and reduce carbon emissions.



Supporting the local economy



An Area Board grant supported Devizes Assize Court Trust and Wiltshire Museum to draw up detailed architectural plans required to develop and revitalise the much-loved but now derelict Devizes Assize Court into a vibrant cultural and community hub at the heart of Wiltshire, and transformational new home for the Wiltshire Museum. This will support the local economy by bringing people into this world class destination within the Stonehenge and Avebury landscape.

Reducing isolation and loneliness

An Area Board grant has enabled Singalong to visit several clubs who aim to tackle social isolation and people living with disability and dementia. Sessions range from 12 to 40 attendees, the power of these sessions, especially for those who are non-verbal and find it hard to sit and enjoy any other activity, are joining in for an hour's entertainment - singing and dancing to the amazement of carers. Feedback notes that participants gain increased confidence, and relaxation, less worry or anxiety, increased energy and an increased sense of motivation.



Community safety



The Area board worked together with the Town Council and Devizes Development Partnership to fund new camera equipment for the towns CCTV. The community of Devizes benefits from the CCTV system which has a proven track record of success, currently running at 100% conviction record of cases that get to Court.



The Devizes Area Board has developed a strong, well established and highly functioning network of local partners, organisations and residents in the area. The Board recognises the talents, expertise and knowledge of the local community and empowers and facilitates community led action to co-deliver local services.

A shining example of the type of support and change that Area Boards can drive forward through community-led action is the Devizes Air Quality and Sustainable Transport group which brings together a variety of community groups like Sustainable Devizes , Cycle Friendly Devizes, Devizes passenger group as well as town and parish councillors and Wiltshire Council officers to work together to shape the methods of transport and improve air quality for the community

This is being done through a consultation on town centre bus service, frequent monitoring of the air quality , school transport plans and the direct response transport service and an EV charging strategy

Four key missions of Wiltshire Council's Business Plan is to help Wiltshire be a place where ' . We have vibrant well-connected communities' 'We take responsibility for the environment' 'We are on the path to carbon neutral (net zero)' and 'We stay active' all of which the Devizes Air Quality and Sustainable Transport group work together to accomplish.

Engagements

The Devizes Area Board works alongside other organisations to make things happen in the local community. These groups include the city council, 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

277

**Area Board
working groups**

23



Attendances

245

**Engagements/
events/ activities**

39



Attendances

385

**Area Board
surveys**

2



Responses

204

The Local Highways and Footpath Infrastructure group (LHFIG) is a sub group of the Pewsey 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.



£47,952
Investment

LHFIG Projects

A few examples of LHFIG projects:

- Lydeaway Request for speed limit reduction
- Worton SID Posts and Sockets
- Devizes Roundway Park - Street Lighting
- Devizes Eastleigh Request for Bus Stop

LHFIG meetings 



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
- **Needs Analysis for Wiltshire and Swindon** Wiltshire community foundation Annual Review 2021-22

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:

- **Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities**
- **Addressing climate change and reversing biodiversity loss**
- **Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing and reducing social isolation**
- **Supporting under represented groups**
- **Improving transport and access**

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.

Wiltshire Council

Devizes Area Board - LHFIG Project 18th April 2023

Financial Position

Budget Available	£ 4,375.10
Allocation for 2022/23	£31,968.00

**Order values are subject to change*

Total number of "Live" projects	35
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Number of "High Priority" projects	14
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Number of projects "Awaiting Slot"	1
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Number of projects "Awaiting Update"	3
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Number of projects recently "Completed"	7
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**Not including merged projects*

Live projects by Town/Parish

**Not including merged or completed*

Devizes	12
Seend	3
Market Lavington	2
Bulkington	3
Wedhampton	2
Bishops Cannings	2
Bromham	2
Marston	1
West Lavington	1
Easterton	1
Urchfont	1
Poulshot	2
Worton	1
Rowde	0
Great Cheverell	1
Little Cheverell	0
Stert	0

Project Key

High Priority	The project has been approved by the group, budget contributions agreed and is being actioned
Awaiting Slot	The project has been approved by the group and budget contributions agreed by the town or parish council. The project is awaiting a slot before it can be actioned
Awaiting Update	The project has NOT been approved and the group requires additional information before progressing
Complete	The project has been delivered and is to be removed from the agenda. These tasks will move to the "Completed Projects" tab
Remove	The group has decided that the project cannot be progressed and it is to be removed from the agenda. It may be resurrected in future

Previous Status	Project ID	Town / Parish	Project Title	Project Proposal	Most Recent Actions & Recommendations	New Status
High Priority	06-21-09	Bishops Cannings	Bishops Cannings Horton Road Speed Limit Reduction (Priority No. 07)	<p>The current speed limit between the Cannings Hill roundabout and a point just beyond Marlborough Close, is 50mph. Given the built-up nature of the road at this point, the parish council believes that the road should be restricted to 30mph.</p> <p>The 50-mph restriction in question is approximately 737 metres in length. Along this there are 24 streetlamps more or less evenly spaced, so there is an average of approximately 31 metres between them. s.82 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 defines a restricted road as one where "there is provided on it a system of street lighting furnished by means of lamps placed not more than 200 metres apart" and s.81 of the Act states "it shall not be lawful for a person to drive a motor vehicle on a restricted road at speeds exceeding 30-mph."</p> <p>The default position on this stretch of road would therefore be 30-mph, except that Highways have chosen to impose a higher limit.</p> <p>Consultants recommendations have been published with a 40mph recommendation.</p>	<p>PW confirmed that BCPC have approved the budget contribution.</p> <p>Scheme has been added to the 23/24 Programme</p>	High Priority
High Priority	6675	Bromham	Bromham A342 Speed Restriction (Priority No.03)	<p>Bromham Parish Council would like to put in motion a speed restriction on the A342 from South of the Calne A3102 50/40mph speed restriction to the St Edith's Marsh 30 MPH restriction.</p> <p>This length of the A342 is now a 60MPH road with frequent occurring accidents which can be backed up by local police and a freedom of information request for the crash map information for accidents. This stretch of road starting at the Calne junction has the following: Farm shop, Residential properties, Chittoe junction - poor visibility. The Audi Garage, Residential properties, The A3102 Melksham junction with Collins Veg. Shop - minor accidents happen here on a regular basis not always police recorded- V P Collins Vegetables at 81 Devizes Road can support this. ACCIDENT SPOT; Double bends. ACCIDENT SPOT; New Farm and Digester entrance to A J Butlers Farm -between the double bends. Cross road junction to Highfield village centre and Roughmoor. Roughmoor 9 residential properties plus A J Butlers main Farm access and Open Reach telecom building. ACCIDENT SPOT; Cross road junction to Yard lane and The Pound village centre. ACCIDENT SPOT; Hawkstreet junction. A speed restriction has been requested on two previous occasions but without response. Bromham Parish Council ask that this request is seriously considered by that appropriate team.</p>	<p>RH confirmed budget contributions have now been agreed by the PCs.</p> <p>The group promoted this task to "In Progress".</p> <p>GR suggested that this would be implemented in the next 12 months.</p> <p>Scheme has been added to programme for 22/23</p>	High Priority
High Priority	06-21-12	Bromham	Bromham New Road - Request for 30mph Repeater signs	<p>There is no 30MPH signage at the school end of New Road in Bromham. Some drivers get confused and mistake the road for a national speed limit.</p> <p>Several school children live along the road and walk to school unfortunately there is no pavement present, so they must walk on the road. One of the children that commute to school is also in a wheelchair and there have been multiple issues with cars travelling too fast.</p>	<p>Scheme has been added to the programme and awaiting engineer to be allocated.</p> <p>GR hopes end of March 2023 for completion.</p> <p>Task order for new Contractor in preperation (expected by end of May)</p>	High Priority

High Priority	06-22-32	Bulkington	Bulkington Chestnut Drive - Request for Dropped Kerbs	<p>There are slightly dropped kerbs at the end of the road . However these are sometimes obstructed by parked cars. The shaped curbs that do exist are unsuitable for manual wheelchair users.</p> <p>This is the only ramped access to the church (when cars are parked on the road for a service).</p> <p>The slightly dropped kerb to the right of the entrance is facing directly into the street sign – “Chestnut Drive” which makes it very difficult for motorised wheelchair users to negotiate onto the pavement as there is insufficient “turning access”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Dropped kerbs at road height to be fitted at the end of Chestnut Drive. •These dropped kerbs should be indicated as ramp access so that cars are aware that they are disabled access routes. <p>Parking restriction should be in place where there is ramp access</p>	<p>PC to confirm budget contribution and proposed location.</p> <p>This fits the LHFIG and wider Council criteria and objectives on accessibility. Scheme has been added to 23/24 Programme (Indicative Autumn 23)</p>	High Priority
High Priority	06-20-21	Devizes	Devizes Request for 20mph Limit – Area 3 (Priority No.04)	<p>Access through this residential area is often used as a rat run, as it bypasses traffic congestion in New Park Street leading to rat run mentality. Commercial Road from the junction at the Sainsbury Mini Roundabout to Rotherstone, the whole of Couch Lane, the whole of New Park Road and the whole of Victoria Road all have high concentrations of pedestrian and frequent parking manoeuvres, therefore a 20mph speed limit would be more appropriate for this area. We would call this Zone Three, 20mph speed limit. See attached plan.</p> <p>Further zones will be handled at the same time to save money (See rows below)</p>	<p>Draft Traffic Orders are being prepared ahead of formal consultation.</p> <p>Initial survey drafting has been completed. To be reviewed shortly before passing to TRO for progression with consultation. TRO Schedules drafted, Plans for formal consultation in preparation.</p>	High Priority
Awaiting Update	06-22-30	Devizes	Devizes Bath Road - Dropped Kerb Request	<p>At a recent meeting of the Town Council’s Planning committee, it considered are request for a dropped kerb in Bath Road by the Murco Petrol filling station, following the submission of a Highway Improvement Request Form from a resident of Mayenne Place.</p> <p>Within the request, the applicant states the pavement outside the petrol station on the A361 had no dropped kerb, so this is a serious problem for wheelchair users, especially because at this location there is no safe option to cross the road. The picture below shows the pavement in question.</p> <p>After considering the request, it was agreed there is an issues in the location that needs to be addressed and therefore the Town Council supports it.</p>	<p>DTC to confirm budget contribution and proposed location.</p> <p>This fits the LHFIG and wider Council criteria and objectives. Scheme has been added to 23/24 Programme (Indicative Autumn 23)</p>	High Priority
Awaiting Update	06-22-34	Devizes	Devizes Downlands Rd Request for Dropped Kerbs	<p>Dropped kerbs (pedestrian access). Due to my recent lack of mobility I am in need of dropped kerbs to be able to cross the road and its become apparent that there are none in Downlands road. I believe the council have a responsibility to provide safe access for all residents regardless of physical ability.</p> <p>Dropped kerbs installed at intervals around Downlands Road to enable freedom of movement.</p>	<p>DTC to confirm budget contribution and proposed location.</p> <p>DM suggested that this task be combined with 06-22-30 above. Scheme has been added to 23/24 Programme (Indicative Autumn 23)</p>	High Priority

New Project	06-23-02	Devizes	Hopton Road Hopton Ind Est Request for Waiting Restrictions	<p>Traffic parks on and around the entrances to both sites (Cross Manufacturing) to both sites all day. When staff enter or leave the site they struggle to see to enter or exit the site safely in their cars. Traffic also parks opposite the junction making it difficult when we have lorries delivering and leaving the site.</p> <p>The entrance also gets blocked when waiting for the HRC to open and have been known to queue both sides of the road making it difficult for traffic to flow, also when there are container change overs as the site is shut when this happens.</p> <p>We have an employee crossing the road daily and they must step out between cars to check if it's clear to cross the road.</p> <p>Vehicles park on the bends of vehicle access. DTC support the request</p>	This can be built into the bulk waiting restrictions task above. KN to ensure this is on the DTC list.	In Progress
Awaiting Update	06-22-24	Easterton	Easterton B3098 - Bus Stop Improvements	<p>The bus stop outside Halstead Farmhouse is located on a raised and rounded grassed stream bank. The height of the bank proves difficult for anyone with special access requirements to negotiate safely, especially in wet weather.</p> <p>A] construction of a dedicated alighting platform with an associated drop kerb Or B] Move the bus stop to the other side of the junction with Kings Rd where the existing footway is eminently suitable and has been unofficially used by sympathetic bus drivers considerate for their passengers ability.</p>	<p>PC has confirmed location but needs to confirm budget contribution.</p> <p>Scheme has been added to 23/24 Programme</p> <p>PC contribution confirmed</p>	High Priority
New Project	06-22-39	Market Lavington	Market Lavington High St / Church St - Request for Pedestrian Improvements	<p>Market Lavington has grown over the years in a linear fashion placing more and more houses "outside" the village centre with a need for pedestrians to walk along the pavements to access amenities. In the past, these narrow pavements were less used because the bulk of residents lived "inside" the High Street/Church Street area, now the opposite is true. The pavements are extremely narrow at the edges of the village, which places pedestrians in danger of coming into contact with vehicles. Pedestrian flow is also significant going out of the village in each direction and importantly, the majority of this foot traffic is to either the primary or secondary school. This places even more vulnerable pedestrians close to passing traffic. For parents with pushchairs, the pavements east and west in and out of the centre of the village are impassable, meaning pedestrians are often forced into the road. Likewise, wheelchair or mobility scooter users must leave the pavement and move onto the road to share it with cars, vans, HGV's, buses, and large lorries in order to access shops, the schools or their home.</p>	<p>The group acknowledged the issue which impacts hundreds of residents. The lack of accessibility for wheelchair / mobility scooter users is a focus for WC.</p> <p>The cost of a substantive bid preparation project is likely to be £10,000-£15,000 which is 30-50% of the group's budget.</p>	In Progress

High Priority	06-22-07	Seend	Seend A361 - Request speed limit reduction	<p>Speeding traffic both east and westbound, coupled with safety issues as drivers slow to turn into Seend Cleeve junction and the risk of being rear ended by vehicles behind not slowing down enough. There is also a safety issue for pedestrians crossing to get to the bus stop on the other side of the road. There is a school bus pick up and drop off each day, with children needing to cross this busy road. A metro count was taken in November 2021, the results of which have shown that there is a proven issue of speeding both east and west bound. A copy is attached to this application. There is short section of the road, after you leave Seend High Street and past the Bell crossroads, where it increases from 30mph to 60mph for a couple hundred metres before it reduces to 50mph close to the Seend Cleeve junction and continues at 50mph through the Baldham Bends to just past Littleton (before the Semington roundabout). We believe the reduction to 50mph was introduced by a TRO in 2013. The 30mph was extended further down the A361 by a TRO in Nov 2018 as part of road safety improvements at the Bell crossroads. So it goes from 30 to 60 to 50mph in a fairly short length of road.</p> <p>We would like a speed reduction from 50mph to 30mph to extend past the Baldham bends, which is already a re-known accident black spot. We believe that drivers are more likely to slow down earlier if there is a more significant drop in speed limit from 60mph to 30mph. We would also like to see double white lines, which would restrict overtaking whilst a car is turning into the Seend Cleeve junction.</p>	Scheme has been added to programme and will be progressed in due course.	High Priority
Approved - Awaiting High Priority Slot	06-22-08	Seend	Seend A361 / Bollands Hill - Request for small signing alterations	<p>Despite the road safety improvements carried out in 2018 at the Bell Crossroads under the 'Local Road Safety Scheme' by Wiltshire Highways and the additional signage put in place in Bell Hill in Autumn of 2020, the Parish Council is still concerned with the high number of accidents occurring at the Bell crossroads, as some drivers are not stopping at the top of Bollands Hill and Bell Hill.</p> <p>We would like to ask for the support of CATG to look at what else can be done at these crossroads to improve driver awareness of the need to give way at these junctions. Following a useful meeting with Highways, it was suggested that some small scale measures may be possible to improve signage and visibility making drivers more aware of the cross roads and the need to give way. Whilst, we have been told, the cross-roads do not meet the DfT criteria for a Stop sign, we would ask if there is any discretion on this, as many people feel a stop sign and continuous white line would help reduce the number of accidents.</p>	<p>PC confirmed Bollands Hill as a second priority.</p> <p>LHFIG budget now likely to be exhausted on tasks ahead in the queue and group is aware.</p>	High Priority
Awaiting Update	06-22-19	Urchfont	Urchfont The Croft - Dropped Kerb	<p>The Croft has a population of largely elderly residents who have difficulty taking wheelbarrows to the Allotments because of their having to mount a kerb. Access is likewise especially hard for those with mobility scooters and others with prams or buggies.</p> <p>We request that a 'drop kerb' is put in place opposite to the path leading in to the allotments.</p>	<p>The PC has approved a budget contribution.</p> <p>Scheme has been added to 23/24 Programme</p>	High Priority

<p>High Priority</p>	<p>06-21-16</p>	<p>Wedhampton</p>	<p>Wedhampton Highstreet - Change to road layout</p>	<p>Very poor visibility when exiting the High Street, Wedhampton from the south east junction with the A342, has resulted in a number of accidents both recently and over the longer term. Traffic travels along the A342 at high speeds, and the bend just north west of the junction obscures any view of oncoming traffic, which makes it an exceptionally dangerous junction, and it is only a matter of time before there is a fatality.</p> <p>I walk from Urchfont across to Wedhampton regularly, and have witnessed the aftermath of two accidents in the last two months.</p> <p>It has been suggested by Wiltshire Councillor Philip Whitehead, that the aforementioned junction should be entrance only into Wedhampton. This can be achieved with One Way signs at the entrance, and corresponding No Entry signs a short way before the current exit from the High Street.</p>	<p>Scheme has been added to programme – Anticipated that formal consultation will take place early in the next financial year.</p> <p>Initial site visit completed, draft proposal in preparation. Will be forward to PC for consideration / local discussion.</p>	<p>High Priority</p>
<p>High Priority</p>	<p>06-22-14</p>	<p>Wedhampton</p>	<p>Wedhampton Request for 20mph Limit</p>	<p>Residents have long complained about speeding through the village, and they request that the current speed limit is reduced from 30mph to 20mph. A recent Metro Count showed that 1.1% exceeded the speed limit on average. The average speed was 17.3mph and the 85th Percentile was 22.8mph.</p>	<p>PW confirmed that BCPC have approved budget contribution.</p> <p>Scheme added to 23/24 Programme</p>	<p>High Priority</p>
<p>In Progress</p>	<p>06-21-02</p>	<p>West Lavington</p>	<p>West Lavington Duck Street - Parking restrictions</p>	<p>There have been ongoing parking issues in Duck Street and in particular around Dauntsey’s Care Home for a period of time but has become more challenging over the last 6 months. The current inconsiderate parking extends to the end of Duck Street where it meets the main road and therefore at times visibility at the junction is compromised.</p> <p>Relationships between the home and residents has broken down in terms of communication and the impact being that there is inappropriate parking occurring regularly. The parish council receives complaints from residents and also local farmers who are unable to pass through the road to get to their fields. During April a nurse who came to visit the home had her car damaged whilst it was parked in Duck Street.</p>	<p>Scheme has been added to the 22/23 programme for progression.</p> <p>PC have provided details on the location and extent of the waiting restrictions. Site meeting / assessment taken place.</p> <p>Draft proposal prepared and shared with Parish Council.</p> <p>PC confirmed they are happy and have written to Jamie Mundy to confirm.</p>	<p>High Priority</p>

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In Progress	6120	Lydeway	Lydeway Request for speed limit reduction (Priority No.01)	The speed limit or rather the lack of on the A342 road between Lydeway and Stert village entrance. When exiting the entrance of The Clock Inn Park the visibility is poor in both directions. Seeing that a lot of money has been spent on the work carried out in recent months on the renovation of the pathway between The Clock Inn Park and the entrance to Stert village which means more of the people from The Clock Inn Park are using the pathway some of which have mobility scooters are finding it very difficult in crossing the road because of the speed of traffic which in some cases is in excess of the 60 miles per hour limit. In the last year there has been one accident of a car exiting The Clock Inn Park which in this case no one was hurt the police were not informed but both cars were written off. There are slow signs on the road and also illuminated 'slow down' signs before the 's' bends and the entrance to Stert village these do not seem to be effective.	This task has been completed and will be removed. It will not feature in the agenda for the next meeting.	Complete	Stert PC have confirmed a contribution of £500 to the request. Atkins have completed the Speed Limit Assessment has concluded that a 50mph restriction can be considered. Indicative cost £6,000 WH stated that the contribution which Stert PC agreed to make is £500 not £1,000 as listed within the budget. DM wanted to push through this project and was happy to accept this level of contribution from Stert PC. GR was happy to go ahead with this level.		3
In Progress	06-21-08	Worton	Worton SID Posts and Sockets	There is a large volume of traffic exceeding the speed limit driving through Worton. This is confirmed by the Community Speed Watch figures. In just 11 hours monitoring during April – May, they reported 67 motorists to the police for driving 36 mph and over; a further 228 were found to be driving at less than 36 mph but still breaking the speed limit. During May – June in just 12 hours, 79 motorists were reported to the police for driving 36 mph and over; a further 306 were found to be breaking the speed limit. Worton Parish Council would like permission to install at least two Speed Indicator Devices at locations to be confirmed	All work is complete and PC to be invoiced. Close and remove issue from next agenda.	Complete	GR referred to SID policy about frequently moving to new locations. CATG can put in sockets for moveable posts at approx. £500 per site. RS thought there were 4-5 sites in Worton and asked about what contribution is expected if the PC already buys the SID. DM felt this should be 25%. RS will confirm this funding with Worton PC. In progress. Site visit took place in June. Liaison on final site is still ongoing. Awaiting confirmation from PC. Once agreed, order to be issued to contractor.	27/07/21	10
In Progress	06-22-02	Devizes	Devizes Roundway Park - Request for Street Lighting	The streetlights in Roundway Park are decades old and mounted on quite low columns resulting in the light that is being emitted illuminating very small areas, leaving long tracts of the pavement completely in darkness. Many of the homes in the residential area of Roundway Park and Gardens are occupied by has a significant number of older single people or older couples. Councillor Oliver has received requests from residents of 24 households seeking improvements to the level of street lighting in the area. Additional concern is that the pavement in the area is in relatively poor repair, and coupled with poor lighting, the chances of trips and falls is greatly increased. Increasingly, residents will not leave their houses during the hours of darkness as the fear coming home on foot from bus stops or walks may result in a fall.	All works are complete and an invoice is to be raised. Close and remove issue from next agenda.	Complete	Wiltshire Council's Traffic Engineer and the Streetlighting team indicates a total cost in the region of £5k to install two higher posts with better lights.	01/02/22	14
In Progress	06-22-04	Devizes	Devizes Opendoors / Southbroom Centre - Request for direction signs	Devizes Opendoors has moved to Southbroom Centre, Victoria Road and, despite clear information on their website and on leaflets, many visitors find the premises difficult to find. Staff from agencies coming from other towns as well as the homeless and vulnerable people we serve, have commented on how difficult it is to find us. Pedestrians need informing that access is not via Southbroom House driveway but via the path that leads from London Road to the end of Victoria. Drivers need reassuring that Southbroom Centre is at the far end of Victoria Road because many think there is nothing beyond the circle of grass surrounded by flats.	All works are complete and an invoice is to be raised. Close and remove issue from next agenda.	Complete	Supported by Town Council. Response has been previously given outlining a solution is possible. Costs expected to be £2,000. DTC's contribution to the scheme was confirmed. GR was happy to accept this project. Scheme has been added to programme for 22/23. Works order has been placed with contractor and awaiting actioning.	12/04/22	15
In Progress	06-21-13	Devizes	Devizes Eastleigh - Request for Bus Stop Clearway	The bus stop outside of 49 Eastleigh Road is often blocked by parked cars, particularly at peak times when the chip shop is open. Buses must pull up in alternate locations which causes issues for people with reduced mobility as the door does not then align with the paved surface designed for wheelchair users. There are no road markings to discourage drivers from parking here. The matter is further exasperated given that the lamp standard supporting the bus stop signage has recently been replaced following a collision, and whilst the timetable notice has been replaced, the Bus Stop sign is missing therefore there is nothing at all to indicate to drivers that this is a bus stop. It has been an issue for some time; however, the Town Council is now being lobbied by wheelchair users who find accessing public transport at this location a significant challenge, thus adding additional difficulties to their mobility.	Work has been ordered and is with contractor. Awaiting amenable weather conditions. COMPLETE	COMPLETE	All works are complete. Invoice to be raised. Close and remove issue. The Town Council fully support this request as it believes it is incumbent on all local authorities to manage their facilities and services in a way that make them accessible to all sectors of our community. It would appear that there is a relatively simple solution to problem at the bus stop outside of 49 Eastleigh Road, which will help relieve the considerable problems wheelchair users are having in the Eastleigh Road area accessing public transport. Devizes Town Council is prepared to make a contribution to the cost of this highway improvement. KN described the situation at this bus stop. There is no longer anything to show to drivers this is a bus stop and to not park there. Parking makes it far harder for disabled passengers to use the bus. GR gave an approx. cost of £2,000 for marking the bay. He described that autumn / winter is not good weather for lining work and this will need to wait until Spring for any progress Consultation has now been undertaken. One response was received, and the Town Council has resolved to pursue. Works order to be prepared. Due to the additional work promoted corporately to undertake road marking renewals across the county, progress on this issued has been delayed due to staff be deployed on the centreline renewal project.	09/11/21	12
In Progress	06-22-03	Devizes	Devizes Byron Lane / Green Lane - Request for Give Way Signs	Increased traffic from the football academy and inadequate road signage on this junction is causing numerous near misses with cars driving straight out of the Green Lane academy and ignoring junction markings on the road. Give way signs need to be installed to reinforce the junction markings on the road	Scheme has been ordered – Awaiting contractor to implement. COMPLETE	COMPLETE	Site has been looked at by an Engineer and comments as follows; I can see why some are confused by this arrangement. I would suggest we provide markings as per the sketch below. KN confirmed DTC has been discussing this project and will contribute towards it. He asked about changing the priority so that Green Lane traffic goes straight ahead. There was discussion about this versus access for Byron Way. GR advised making Green Lane right of way may bring about issues with speeding. There was discussion about new signage at the junction and refreshing the current worn markings. GR confirmed both can be done by LHF. GR recommended installing both together with give way coming from Green Lane and the group agreed.	01/02/22	16
In Progress	06-21-11	Rowde	Rowde A342 - SID Infrastructure	The Parish Council would like to purchase a Speed Indicator Device (SID) for use on the A342. The Parish Council is looking for assistance from CATG with the infrastructure to support a Speed Indicator Device: posts and sockets.	Works have been ordered with contractor and will be implemented by March 23. COMPLETE	COMPLETE	GR confirmed that the CSW group would have been set up following a Metrocount but if there were other locations in mind for the SID that did not have any data, then a Metrocount would be needed. DM asked if a new Metrocount is needed here? RJ replied that the Community Speedwatch (CSW) group has data for 3 locations but that a 4th location has had a new Metrocount requested. The PC is awaiting the data from that check. The required Metrocount data is in. RJ confirmed the PC's contribution. GR gave estimate of £500 per location or £2,000 overall. This would include a socket for each location and 1 pole that would move between locations. (Jul 22)	09/11/21	18

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Awaiting Update	06-22-22	Little Cheverell	Little Cheverell B3098 - Speed Limit Assessment	We would like to request a speed limit review for the length of the B3098 which runs through the village of Little Cheverell. Approaching from the Westbury direction, the speed limit is 40mph. It decreases to 30 mph at the corner where School Lane joins the road from the left. It stays at 30 mph for the remainder of the road as far as the junction with the A360. Local residents believe that the traffic travels through the village on the B3098 at speeds in excess of the statutory limits for this road. We are requesting metro counts in to ascertain if this perception is correct. The request for a speed limit review has arisen because there are now young families who live in row of houses alongside the B3098 within the 40mph. The speeds of cars as people come out of their homes is making crossing the road hazardous. In addition, there are now children who need to cross the road in the mornings to catch the school bus and in the afternoons, when they are dropped off.	PC has agreed to await metrocount results and form a CSW group before applying for LHFIF support for speed related infrastructure. Task to be removed until results are known when it can be reinstated.	Remove	SI had technical issues and could not be heard. (Oct 22).	05/07/22	32
New Project	06-22-27	Devizes	Devizes Waiblingen Way - Parking and Speeding	For a number of years there have been parking issues in this road it has been exacerbated by the selling off garages and parking areas by Aster. We have been informed that cars speed down the main straight part of the street although we have not collected any evidence of this as yet. Cars park opposite one another causing a gap too small for larger vehicles to get through. We have identified areas that if the parking lay-bys were extended it would stop this in some areas. Note a Waiting Restriction Request Form has also been received A consideration of a reduction in the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph or less this would take away the impression of speeding. A no through road sign at the start of the road would stop large lorries going down the road by mistake. DTC feel that more double yellow lines will make other areas more congested.	DTC to discuss a leaflet or poster campaign to draw attention to the problem. The Group doesn't feel these issues can be resolved through LHFIF. DM recommended that this task be removed.	Remove	The Group felt that the parking situation causing a narrowing of the roadway would help combat speeding and alterations could lead to a worsening of speeding. DM also acknowledged that there was no evidence that speeding was prevalent and that the road was a cul-de-sac. It is likely therefore that the offenders live within the close and therefore a better approach would be to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding at this location and the need to park carefully and considerately.	17/01/23	36
New Project	06-22-29	Bromham	Bromham A3102 - Westbrook - Access Issues	I have just moved into our house and to drive out of our driveway onto Westbrook Road is very dangerous. Traffic coming from Melksham drive at such a high speed (particularly motorbikes) that it is impossible to see them as the view is not clear and by the time we have gone out into the road, traffic has suddenly appeared, and a crash is inevitable. I need to find a solution. There are four big houses where we are but the speed limit for Westbrook is 100 meters further on towards the Westbrook pub. Please can you help. I need the speed limit extended to cover these four houses which are in Westbrook, signs of warning that there may be traffic coming out of our driveway, a large mirror so we can see clearly. The Parish Council agree with these concerns and would like action to extend the speed limit, as this can take up to two years plus, the PC request some immediate action warning signs of an entrance, also 'slow' on the road warning and the	The density of housing does not support a reduction in the speed limit. DM explained that mirrors and signage could be installed on private land although the parish may feel it impacts the character of the village. DM recommended that this task be removed.	Remove	GR explained that there is specific DTF guidance on property density along a road and how this should impact the speed restrictions used. In this case the stretch does not have the required density to extend the speed limit and doing so would likely result in higher speeds throughout the built up area. DM also stated that in a bid to spread the LHFIF budget across the year, projects need to be critiqued more closely. In this case it is clear that the request has originated from a single resident who is looking for improvements for themselves. The Group should be looking to secure improvements for as many residents as possible within tasks. In this case the project does not meet the criteria the Group should be looking for.	17/01/23	37
New Project	06-22-37	Devizes	Devizes Avon Road - Request for Waiting Restrictions	Recently there has been much concern about the inappropriate parking at the corner of Salisbury Street and Beauclerc Street with Avon Road. Cars on all streets park far too close to the junction, making it very difficult to turn safely from one street to another. Salisbury Street, Beauclerc St and the canal side entry to Avon Road have many more cars than those belonging to residence. These are suspected to be commuters who wish to avoid parking charges, or Bath Road residence unable to park safely outside their houses without any off-street parking. In addition a resident recently had a fire in her house, the fire brigade had great difficulty in getting into Avon Road via Salisbury Street because of the parked cars. In the end I believe they entered in from the canal side entry to the road which was also made difficult. On a number of occasions there have been near collisions where cars are unable to exit these streets safely as parked cars remove the line of sight. As previously stated, often motorists have to emerge from either Salisbury Street or Beauclerc Street with no clear vision on what traffic is moving along Avon Road, greatly increasing the risk of collision.	DM raised the same concerns as with other tasks discussed - there is little that can be done in signage to stop inconsiderate or dangerous parking. DM suggested this should be addressed via a DTC awareness campaign. A suggestion was made to create flyers which could be periodically placed on the windscreen of offending vehicles.	Remove		17/01/23	45
New Project	06-22-41	Market Lavington	Market Lavington B3098 - Request for lit school warning sign	DTC seeks assistance in tackling this problem. St Barnabas Primary School on Drove Lane is located on the outskirts of the village, and there are concerns for the safety of parents, carers, and children as they walk to school. Whilst there is a 'School' triangular warning sign with 'flashing' warning lights on the approach to Drove Lane from the centre of the village, there is only a 'School' triangular warning sign on the approach from Easterton. With the speed limit for vehicles being 40mph at the location of this warning sign, it is vitally important that every effort is made to ensure that drivers are aware of the approaching school, and likelihood of increased numbers of parents, carers, and children on the pavements at certain times of the day. Could the Parish Council therefore please request support from the LHFIF committee to install some timed 'flashing' warning lights under the existing school sign on the Easterton approach to the village	DM reiterated the need for PCs to prioritise their own tasks so that they are never having to defend against no projects being in progress due to depletion of LHFIF budget. FD felt this was a third priority. GR explained that if the school has a School Travel Plan they might be able to access separate funding to achieve this. MLPC to discuss with the school and Ruth Durrant.	Remove		17/01/23	48

Devizes Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Devizes 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 2023/24	£ 25,869.00	£ 22,320.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 25,869.00	£ 22,320.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 13,019.00	£ 17,690.00	£ 7,700.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1115	Community Area Grant	Bulkington Recreation Ground	Bulkington Recreation Ground Regeneration	£6000.00	£3000.00

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<p>Project Summary: I am submitting this on behalf of Bulkington Recreation ground. We have discussed this previously with our Parish Council, Richard Rogers and Cllr Tamara Reay-who support the initiative. The Regeneration Project forms part of the wider redevelopment of the recreation ground for use by the whole community, across the generations. In the last year, our group was successful in acquiring £11, 000 from the Jubilee fund to increase accessibility to the park. Access to the park and the park pathways are not suitable for our elderly residents, anyone with mobility issues, the very young and those with pushchairs. Work for this will be starting in the next few months. The funds that we do have are committed to this project and what is left over can't cover the full cost of what we are applying for in this new area board application Around 23 years ago the land was donated by a local farmer for community use. To date, this has principally been used as a play park (the current equipment was funded by a lottery grant nearly 20 years ago) however much of the equipment is near it's end of life and has been deemed not up to standard in the recent ROSPA inspection. If successful, the funds will be put towards removing some existing playground equipment and replacing it. One of our team met with Richard Rogers at the ground and he confirmed our belief that the ground urgently needs funding for the space ensure it is a safe space for all to enjoy and that it remains a community asset.</p>					
ABG1172	Community Area Grant	Bishop Cannings Cricket Club	Replacement of a three lane coaching facility at Bishop Cannings Cricket Club	£47000.00	£4850.00
<p>Project Summary: The astro matting on the three lane facility is over thirteen years old and needs replacing. The present system is based on a concrete base. which we are planning to replace with a more realistic base, simulating a more natural turf pitch, as extolled by the English Cricket Board (ECB). This will play much better and be much safer for rigours of a hard concrete surface on the bowlers and batsmen.</p>					
ABG1183	Community Area Grant	Wharf Theatre	Wharf Theatre Technical Upgrades	£21700.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: As part of the ongoing improvements required to keep the theatre running, we are looking to upgrade our Lighting desk and Dimmer racks (power distribution). We are continuing to invest in a more sustainable future and would like to purchase more LED stage lighting.</p>					
ABG1128	Youth Grant	Youth Adventure Trust	Supporting vulnerable young people from Devizes through the cost of living crisis	£9100.00	£4100.00

Project Summary:

We would like your support to help fund the programme costs of the 11 young people from Devizes currently on Years 2 and 3 of the programme, but specifically helpful would be the Youth Support Worker salary costs associated with the support of these 11 young people and a contribution towards the young people's Forest Camp and Pathway Days. Our specially designed three-school-year Youth Adventure Programme includes three residential camps (Mountain, Coastal and Forest) , an Explore Day, 3 Activity Days and 4 Pathway Days, all supplemented with the ongoing support, mentoring and guidance of our skilled programme team, who are in constant contact with the young people throughout, offering them support in between camps and activity days. The main programme is followed by a Mentoring and Bursary Scheme to ensure all of the young people have the best chance of getting the maximum benefit from our long-term intervention. Families are currently under chronic financial pressure with the cost of living crisis. In October 2022 we sent a survey to our young people's families to gauge the impact the cost-of-living crisis is having. 97% said their family circumstances and wellbeing has been impacted. Their outgoings are rocketing and consequently their stress levels are climbing. The feedback from families demonstrates the challenges they are having to face: "We have had to stop all leisure activities just to be able to afford to put food in the fridge and keeping our house warm" "Due to the cost of everything we can't afford to send her places we used to. We've had to cut back on pocket money so that affects her going out with friends. Then she's feeling like she's different because she can't do the same things as others" "It has meant that some weeks I am having to sacrifice having a meal myself so that I have enough for the children" We are providing increasing amounts of support directly to families, alongside the increased one-to-one support we are offering our young people. Through more interaction and working with young people over a longer timeframe, we have built up a high level of trust; not letting them down continues to be a key value of the charity. This is all coming at a time of increased demand on our services as families struggle with having less money & its consequent impact. Many are working longer hours with less time for their children & are having to cut their already small budgets for trips & extracurricular activities. The charity is also experiencing increased stresses; we are experiencing never seen before cost increases across the board. Our 1:1 support, extra visits and mentoring comes at a financial cost with increased mileage for such visits & pressure on staff time as the demand from hard pressed families & young people increases exponentially. Our referral agencies have regularly told us they could easily fill more than double the programme places we offer them; that is true now more than ever. Your support will enable us to continue the work we do with some of the most vulnerable in society. The Youth Workers are the beating heart of our charity, who support the young people throughout the programme, helping them set objectives, supporting them on every camp and activity day and giving them continuous 1:1 support and mentoring. The Youth Workers ensure that each child gets the very most out of the programme. They go the extra mile with each and every one of them, focusing on their individual problems and working hard to overcome their issues and challenges, as well as being positive role models. They give of themselves personally and the children respect them and are emotionally connected to them as a result. They provided invaluable online mentoring sessions to our most vulnerable young people during the lockdowns, which involved having an hour-long video call with the young person each week and continuous support by phone and email. Forest Camp is a 6 day camp in August in the Forest of Dean in Year 2 of the programme, where the young people take part in an overnight canoe expedition, bush craft skills, high ropes, archery and team challenges. Being the third camp, Forest Camp is more physically challenging than the previous two camps. However, this works because there is a clear progression through the programme. It means that the young people continually build upon the skills that they have learnt during the previous camps and activity days. By attending Forest Camp, young people will increase their resilience, confidence, self-belief and social skills, thereby improving their well-being and aspirations. The young people then attend four Pathway Days in the final academic year of their programme. These Pathway Days are designed to help the young people reflect on and consolidate all that they have learnt during their time on the programme, as well as start to look beyond their time with us. It includes a 'Give Back' day where they volunteer with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust on conservation projects and a 'Looking Ahead' day where we introduce them to potential other sports, hobbies and youth organisations.

ABG1204	Youth Grant	Found Outdoors CIC	Be You Day Retreat	£2480.00	£530.00
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Project Summary:

A young person's mental health and wellbeing outdoor retreat day. The programme for the day will include: mental health and wellbeing workshops, a sensory area, mindfulness, relaxation and meditation practice, art therapy sessions, and physical activities. The event Facilitator is Debs Clark from Vibes and Minds, supported by specialist session leaders and hosted by Fiona and Richard from Found Outdoors in the beautiful natural woodland setting of Townsend Wood.

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 persons 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.

