

# AGENDA

**Meeting:** Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board  
**Place:** Purton Village Hall, Station Road, Purton, SN5 4AJ  
**Date:** Wednesday 17 January 2024  
**Time:** 6.30 pm

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

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**Networking opportunity from 6:00pm.**

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## Wiltshire Councillors

CLlr Allison Bucknell, Lyneham (Chairman)  
CLlr David Bowler, Royal Wootton Bassett South & West  
CLlr Steve Bucknell, Royal Wootton Bassett East  
CLlr Mary Champion, Royal Wootton Bassett North  
CLlr Jacqui Lay, Purton

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Items to be considered	Time
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Networking</u></b></p> <p>A chance to meet your local Wiltshire Councillors from <b>6:00pm</b>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Cllr Bob Jones MBE</u></b></p> <p>The Area Board will hold a minute's silence and pay tribute to its Vice-Chairman, Cllr Bob Jones MBE.</p>	
<p>1     <b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p> <p>2     <b>Minutes</b> (<i>Pages 1 - 18</i>)</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2023 as a true and correct record.</p> <p>3     <b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p> <p>4     <b>Chairman's Updates</b></p> <p>The Chairman will give an update on outcomes and actions arising from previous meetings of the Area Board.</p>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<p>5     <b>The Swindon &amp; Cricklade Railway and General Steam Navigation Restoration Project</b> (<i>Pages 19 - 20</i>)</p> <p>David Tucker will deliver a presentation about a project to restore the Merchant Navy Class locomotive General Steam Navigation and build a new engine shed at Blunsdon with a fully accessible learning centre.</p>	<b>6:40pm</b>
<p>6     <b>Police and Crime Commissioner Update</b></p> <p>To receive an update from Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Philip Wilkinson OBE, MPhil.</p> <p>If you have any queries you would like to submit in advance please contact <a href="mailto:areboards@wiltshire.gov.uk">areboards@wiltshire.gov.uk</a> and put <i>Royal Wootton Bassett &amp; Cricklade - Ask the PCC</i> in the subject line.</p> <p>The PCC's Annual Report 2022/23 is available <a href="#">online</a>.</p>	<b>6:55pm</b>
<p>7     <b>Information Items</b> (<i>Pages 21 - 60</i>)</p>	<b>7:25pm</b>

- The Neighbourhood Police Team has a [Community Messaging](#) service.
- Wiltshire Council's [Consultation Portal](#) allows you to have your say on any relevant consultations currently being undertaken by Wiltshire Council.
- Wiltshire Council Information Items:
  - North Meadows Mitigation Strategy
  - Climate Update
  - Independent Visitor Scheme
  - Archaeology Service Newsletter 2023 (featuring Studley Grange Farm in Lydiard Tregoze)
  - Cost of Living Update
  - FACT Family Help Programme
  - [Wiltshire Together](#)
  - Area Board Communications Update

8 **Spotlight on Parishes and Partners** (Pages 61 - 96)

7:30pm

To receive updates from our key partners, including:

Verbal Updates

To receive any verbal updates from representatives, including:

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

Written Updates

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

- a. Wiltshire Police
- b. Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service - [online](#)
- c. Community First
- d. Age UK
- e. Healthwatch Wiltshire
- f. BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire Together (Integrated Care Board)
- g. Purton Parish Council
- h. Cricklade Town Council

9 **Our Community Matters**

7:50pm

Updates from Area Board members on the Community Area Action Plan.

9a **Update from the SEPM and Area Board Delivery Officer**

To receive an update from Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager (SEPM) and Area Board Delivery Officer about their local community work.

9b	<p><b>Youth Forum</b> (<i>Pages 97 - 104</i>)</p> <p>Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Youth Forum update from Cllr Allison Bucknell.</p>	
9c	<p><b>RWB and Cricklade Environmental Forum</b></p> <p>Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Environmental Forum update from Cllr Steve Bucknell.</p>	
9d	<p><b>Community Care Group</b> (<i>Pages 105 - 108</i>)</p> <p>To find out the details from the last meeting of the Community Care Group on 25 October 2023.</p> <p>An update from Cllr Mary Champion and Cllr David Bowler.</p>	
9e	<p><b>Economy</b> (<i>Pages 109 - 110</i>)</p> <p>High Street Economy</p> <p>Household Economy – Cllr Jacqui Lay</p>	
10	<p><b>Community Safety Forum</b> (<i>Pages 111 - 112</i>)</p> <p>To receive updates from the recent meetings of the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Safety Forum.</p>	8:05pm
11	<p><b>Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)</b> (<i>Pages 113 - 130</i>)</p> <p>To note the minutes and consider any recommendations arising from the LHFIG meeting held on 11 October 2023, as set out in the attached report.</p>	8:10pm
Recommendations:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 11-22-08 <b>Cricklade North Wall</b> to be removed from tracker following localised maintenance work. Allocation of £10,000 to be returned to overall funding pot.</li> <li>- 11-23-08 <b>Common Platt Lydiard Millicent</b>. Progress outline scheme for Common Platt and allocate funding of £10,000. 25% contribution from Lydiard Millicent Parish Council (TBC)</li> <li>- 11-22-3 <b>Swindon Rd. £2,632.84</b>. Extension of 30mph speed limit. Proceed to implementation and allocate funding of £2,700. Cricklade TC 25% contribution (£675)</li> <li>- 11-23-17 <b>Lydiard Millicent – Greatfield</b>. Move to Priority Scheme. No funding allocation at present.</li> </ul>		

- 11-23-14 **Review of disabled parking bays on High Street** (duplicate of 11-23-7) Proceed to Implementation and allocate funding of £400.00 (25% contribution from Cricklade TC)

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

12 **Funding Applications** (Pages 131 - 136)

8:15pm

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

**Area Board Initiatives:**

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
<a href="#">ABG1501</a>	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Youth Forum - Cricklade Youth Festival Showcase 2024	£500
<a href="#">ABG1514</a>	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Care Group – revised 2024 community area information booklet	£500
<a href="#">ABG1515</a>	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Care Group – health information session for residents of Royal Wootton Bassett	£500

**Community Area Grants:**

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
<a href="#">ABG1352</a>	Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall – solar panels	£5,000
<a href="#">ABG1354</a>	Tockenham Village Hall – tables and chairs	£745.80
<a href="#">ABG1445</a>	Purton Litter Picking Group	£493.95

**Young People Grants:**

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
<a href="#">ABG1449</a>	Cricklade Town Council – Cricklade Youth Festival	£500
<a href="#">ABG1485</a>	Army Welfare Service – Easter residential trip	£1,000
<a href="#">ABG1507</a>	Cricklade Town Council – Cricklade Youth Building	£3,000

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

13 **Get it Off Your Chest**

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

14 **Urgent items**

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

15 **Close and Future Meeting Dates**

**8:30pm**

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

- Wednesday 13 March 2024 – A special ‘Highway Matters’ event
- Wednesday 26 June 2024
- Wednesday 9 October 2024
- Wednesday 11 December 2024

For information on applying for a grant or grant application deadlines for these meetings, please contact the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager  
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# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board  
**Place:** Cricklade Town Hall, High Street, Cricklade, SN6 6AE  
**Date:** 27 September 2023  
**Start Time:** 6.30 pm  
**Finish Time:** 8.50 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Allison Bucknell (Chairman), Cllr Steve Bucknell and Cllr Jacqui Lay

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Sarah Valdus – Director for Environment (allocated to the Area Board)  
Terry Offen - Woodland Team Leader  
Andrew Jack – Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager  
Louisa Young – Area Board Delivery Officer  
Dominic Argar – Assistant Multimedia Officer  
Matthew Hitch – Democratic Services Officer

**Total in attendance: 35**

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<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
135	<p><u>Networking</u></p> <p>The Chairman noted that the start of the meeting would be recorded as the Democratic Services Officer was delayed in traffic.</p>
136	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Bob Jones, MBE</li> <li>• Cllr David Bowler</li> <li>• Cllr Mary Champion</li> <li>• Ron Glover – Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council</li> <li>• Mark Hopkins – Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council</li> <li>• Phil People – Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue</li> </ul>
137	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr Steve Bucknell, seconded by Cllr Jacqui Lay, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p><b>Decision</b>  <b>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2023 as a true and correct record.</b></p>
138	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>In relation to Item 14 and the vote to note a grant awarded via the delegated authority of the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager, Cllr Steve Bucknell declared an Other Registerable Interest (ORI) that he was a member of Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council. The Democratic Services Officer clarified that it would not be necessary for Cllr Bucknell to leave the room during the vote to note the awarding of the grant as the decision had already been made.</p>
139	<p><u>Chairman's Updates</u></p> <p>The following announcements were received through the Chairman:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congratulations were given to Tockenham for being given an award for being Wiltshire's best kept small village. Kevin Woolnough from Tockenham Parish Council explained that the village had had a celebratory event on 17 September attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire.</li> <li>• The public had the opportunity to comment on Wiltshire Council's draft Local Plan, a document setting out a vision and a framework for the</li> </ul>

future development of the county. It was noted that, once the document had been ratified, all planning applications would be judged against it until the 2030s. An [online session](#) was taking place on 10 October, as well as an in-person session on 11 October at 3pm in Royal Wootton Bassett Library. Residents in Broad Hinton would be able to attend an in-person event about their area at Marlborough Library between 3pm and 7pm on 9 October. It was also possible to comment [online](#).

- Details of all of the consultation events are listed below:

Town	Closest event for residents of...	Date	Time	Location
Amesbury	Amesbury, Bulford, Durrington, Great Wishford, Porton, Shrewton, Tilshead and The Winterbournes	Monday 2 October	3pm-7pm	Amesbury Library, Smithfield Street, Amesbury SP4 7AL
Bradford on Avon	Bradford on Avon, Holt, Westwood and Winsley	Monday 2 October	3pm-7pm	Bradford on Avon Library, Bridge Street, Bradford on Avon BA15 1BY
Chippenham	Chippenham, Christian Malford, Hullavington, Kington St Michael, Sutton Benger and Yatton Keynell	Tuesday 3 October	3pm-7pm	Olympiad Leisure Centre, Sadlers Mead, Chippenham SN15 3PA
Melksham	Melksham, Atworth, Bowerhill, Seend, Semington, Shaw and Whitley and Steeple Ashton	Wednesday 4 October	3pm-7pm	Melksham Community Campus, Market Place, Melksham SN12 6ES
Tisbury and Mere	Tisbury, Mere, Fovant, Hindon and Ludwell	Wednesday 4 October	3pm-7pm	The Nadder Centre, Weaveland Road, Tisbury SP3 6HJ
Devizes	Devizes, Bromham, Market Lavington, Potterne, Rowde, Urchfont, West Lavington, Littleton Pannell and Worton	Thursday 5 October	3pm-7pm	Devizes Library, Sheep Street, Devizes SN10 1DL
<b>Broad Hinton</b>	<b>Marlborough, Aldbourne, Baydon, Broad Hinton,</b>	<b>Monday 9 October</b>	<b>3pm-7pm</b>	<b>Marlborough Library, 91 High Street,</b>

	<b>Ramsbury, Pewsey, Burbage, Great Bedwyn, Shalbourne and Upavon</b>			<b>Marlborough SN8 1HD</b>
Malmesbury	Malmesbury, Ashton Keynes, Crudwell, Great Somerford, Oaksey and Sherston	Monday 9 October	3pm-7pm	Malmesbury Library, 24 Cross Hayes Lane, Malmesbury SN16 9BG
<b>General information webinar</b>	<b>Online webinar covering all of Wiltshire</b>	<b>Tuesday 10 October</b>	<b>6.30pm-8pm</b>	<b>Online</b>
Corsham	Corsham, Box, Colerne and Rudloe	Wednesday 11 October	3pm-7pm	Springfield Community Campus, Beechfield Road, Corsham SN13 9DN
<b>Royal Wootton Bassett</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett, Cricklade, Lyneham and Purton</b>	<b>Wednesday 11 October</b>	<b>3pm-7pm</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett library, 11 Borough Fields, Royal Wootton Bassett SN4 7AX</b>
Trowbridge	Trowbridge, Hilperton, North Bradley and Southwick	Thursday 12 October	3pm-7pm	Atrium, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8JN
Calne	Calne, Derry Hill and Studley	Monday 16 October	3pm-7pm	Calne Library, The Strand, Calne SN11 0JU
Westbury	Westbury, Dilton Marsh and Bratton	Monday 16 October	4.30pm-8.30pm	Leighton Recreation Centre, Wellhead Lane, Westbury BA13 3PT
Salisbury	Salisbury, Alderbury, Broad Chalke, Coombe Bissett, Dinton, Downton, Laverstock and Ford, Morgan's Vale, Woodfalls, Pitton, Whiteparish, Wilton and Winterslows	Tuesday 17 October	3pm-7pm	Salisbury Library, Market Walk, Salisbury SP1 1BL
Tidworth	Tidworth,	Wednesday	3pm-	Tidworth

and Ludgershall	Ludgershall, Collingbourne Ducis and Netheravon	18 October	7pm	Leisure Centre, Nadder Road, Tidworth SP9 7QN
Warminster	Warminster, Chapmanslade, Codford, Corsley, Heytesbury and Sutton Veny	Wednesday 18 October	3pm-7pm	Warminster Sports Centre, Woodcock Road, Warminster BA12 9DQ

140	<p><u>Information Items</u></p> <p>The Area Board noted the following information items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire Council had a new look <a href="#">website</a>.</li> <li>• Community Messaging included local reports of crime in the Community Police Team's area. The Chairman noted that it was free to <a href="#">sign up</a> for their newsletters.</li> <li>• Wiltshire Council's <a href="#">Consultation Portal</a> allowed the public to have their say on any live consultations. A consultation on polling stations was due to be added to the site.</li> <li>• A <a href="#">video</a> about the progress that Wiltshire Council had made towards tackling the Climate Emergency was available online.</li> <li>• Nominations for the <a href="#">Wiltshire Life Awards</a> were open until 13 October 2023.</li> </ul>
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141	<p><u>Tree Planting</u></p> <p>Terry Offen, Wiltshire Council's Woodland Team Leader, gave an overview of tree planting targets in the United Kingdom before speaking about the role of his team and the grants available to support tree planting. Points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To meet government targets Wiltshire needed to plant 435 hectares of woodland, an area the size of Devizes, each year for the next 30 years.</li> <li>• It was highlighted that 40 percent of Wiltshire was in national parks, areas of outstanding natural beauty (AONBs) or historic sites, areas where it was often harder to undertake tree planting at scale.</li> <li>• There were a large amount of Wiltshire Council owned farms, so the Woodland Team were working with tenants on tree planting schemes.</li> <li>• Grants for tree planting were open to all and there were a wide number of different types available.</li> <li>• The Great Western Community Forest group offered to fund up to 100 percent of project costs for periods of up to 15 years. Support was available for schemes with as few as 25 trees.</li> <li>• Forestry England would also cover up to 75 percent of costs for up to a period of 10 years.</li> <li>• The Woodland Team were able to provide advice on planting the right</li> </ul>
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	<p>sort of tree in appropriate locations, as well on how to care for trees. They also played an important role in networking, to ensure that groups communicated effectively to deliver projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A recruitment campaign was underway to recruit Tree Wardens, for The Tree Council. Wiltshire Council had recently resumed work on coordinating the scheme. Tree Wardens surveyed trees and helped to identify new places to plant trees. Full training would be provided online.</li> <li>• Wiltshire Council was creating a log of all the trees being planted in the county.</li> </ul> <p>During the discussion, points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jason Cook from Royal Wootton Bassett Environment Trust asked what percentage of Wiltshire would be covered by trees if the targets were met. The Woodland Team Leader noted that tree coverage in Wiltshire in 2023 was between 12 and 14 percent and that target was to achieve 17 percent coverage by 2050.</li> <li>• Wiltshire Council’s Director for Environment contextualised that 333-hectares, the amount aimed to be delivered through the woodland accelerator grant funding, was equivalent to 466 football pitches.</li> <li>• Wiltshire had a relatively low tree cover for a rural county as much of it was taken up by Salisbury Plain.</li> <li>• In response to a query about the challenges in planting trees in AONBs, the Director for Environment noted that protected landscape characteristics restricted tree planting in some areas. The Woodland Team Leader noted that conversations were being held with AONB boards about the issue. It was also clarified that specific landscapes in AONBs might be unsuitable due to the presence of certain animal species, or as they may not have originally been wooded.</li> <li>• Captain David Thomas from 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Mechanical Electrical Engineers queried whether the Defence Infrastructure Organisation had been approached about the possibility of planting trees on parts of Salisbury Plain or at Lyneham.</li> <li>• Tree Warden was a voluntary role.</li> <li>• Clarity was sought about how the number of trees was identified and when a sapling became classified as a tree. It was noted that newly planted trees could be reported to the Grant Application and Planting Support Team so they could be registered.</li> <li>• Cllr Lay noted that she would welcome further tree planting in Bradon Forest.</li> </ul> <p>Further information was available between pages 27 and 37 of the agenda pack, <a href="#">online</a>, or by emailing the Grant Application and Planting Support Team on <a href="mailto:GAPS@wiltshire.gov.uk">GAPS@wiltshire.gov.uk</a>.</p>
142	<p><u>Police and Crime Commissioner</u></p> <p>Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Philip Wilkinson, OBE, MPhil, explained</p>

that he had spent most of the last 20 years chasing terrorists on behalf of the British Government. He reported that he had now been in post as PCC for just over two years and was working alongside an excellent team in his office and Wiltshire's dynamic new Chief Constable, Cathrine Roper, to improve Wiltshire Police. He highlighted that improvements were necessary as, shortly after he assumed the role, Wiltshire Police received a critical inspection and were subsequently put into ENGAGE, a special measure process.

The PCC underlined that his team were working hard to support and challenge Wiltshire Police to get out of ENGAGE and, more importantly, to deliver an effective and comprehensive service to the public. He noted that he in turn was challenged and supported by Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel, which was chaired by Cllr Steve Bucknell, to deliver the goals of his [Crime Plan](#). The PCC then outlined the four key priorities in his Crime Plan and the progress that he was making towards those goals.

During the update, points included:

- The PCC reported that Wiltshire Police's response to 999 calls was within national target criteria, but the response time for 101 calls was too slow and he was taking steps to improve efficiency in their call centre.
- The PCC expressed frustration at the national online crime reporting system and said that he had spoken to the Home Office about reducing the number of questions on the form.
- Two brand new mobile police stations had been purchased and two CCTV vans refurbished to improve community engagement.
- When the PCC started his role, Wiltshire Police was the worst performing force in the country in terms of rape and sexual offences with a successful outcome rate of two percent. The PCC was pleased to report that this had increased to 11 percent, putting Wiltshire in the top quarter of forces in the country, but emphasised that there was still far greater progress to be made.
- Collaborative work had been going on with other forces in South West England, through Operation Scorpion, to tackle the issue of County Lines drug smuggling. As a result, all five forces in the region were in the top 10 performing nationally, per head of population, in terms of County Lines disruptions. Wiltshire was the best performing force in the country.
- The PCC raised concerns about knife crime, particularly in Swindon, Trowbridge, and Devizes. However, he reported that he had a comprehensive plan to tackle the issue and would be holding a summit on knife crime with the leader of Swindon Borough Council in October.
- Huge progress had been made towards enforcing speeding. In the PCC's first year in office 192 speed enforcement sanctions were issued, but there had been over 11,000 so far in 2023. There were now 115 Community Speed Watch teams in the county with a total of 1,000 volunteers. These teams were now enforced with specialist enforcement officers.
- There were over 90 Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) in Wiltshire allowing

far better monitoring of speeding. Data could be downloaded, enabling Wiltshire Police to identify hotspots. They had collected over five million sets of data from cars.

- The PCC had met earlier in the day with Highways England, and they had agreed additional investment into the existing speed enforcement measures in the county.
- The Rural Crime Team had been equipped with night vision goggles and drones. Efforts were also underway to improve co-ordination of intelligence about rural crime with other forces in the region.
- Inspector Gareth Edwards was the operational lead for the Rural Crime Team in addition to leading the local Community Police Team.

Inspector Gareth Edwards then gave an update on behalf of the Rural Crime and Community Police teams. Key points included:

#### Rural Crime Team

- Plans were in place to expand the Rural Crime Team with two new positions being advertised.
- There had been a number of serious incidents of rural crime in the local area targeting expensive farm equipment. The sanctions imposed on Russia over the invasion of Ukraine had led to a rise in demand for farm equipment on the black market, which was being targeted by organised crime.
- A large part of the Rural Crime Team's role was enforcing the Animal Welfare Act.
- A Detective Sergeant had recently joined the Rural Crime Team to ensure that organised crime investigations were carried out effectively and to co-ordinate information with other teams in the region.

The Democratic Services Officer arrived at 7:15pm.

#### Community Police Team

- The Community Police Team had recruited a new officer, Police Constable Beth Butwell and that she would be supporting Cricklade and Purton.
- Action had been taken to tackle drug related crime in Royal Wootton Bassett, leading to a number of arrests. A closure order had been issued on a premises in the town where a vulnerable resident was suspected of being 'cuckooed', a process by which criminals forcibly take over their property and use it as a base from which to deal drugs.
- It was hoped that successful action to disrupt drug dealing would have a positive impact on reducing anti-social behaviour.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operation Zero was underway to tackle motoring offences such as speeding, the use of mobile 'phones and not wearing a seatbelt whilst driving.</li> <li>• The road closure at Lyneham Banks was being enforced.</li> <li>• The Community Police Team had been carrying out youth engagement events in Malmesbury alongside the Rural Crime Team to promote safety around horses and crime prevention.</li> <li>• Arrests had been made for the possession of knives in Royal Wootton Bassett.</li> </ul> <p>The Area Board thanked the PCC and Inspector for their updates and encouraged the public to report crime. Inspector Edwards and the PCC endorsed this message. It was noted that crime could be reported by calling 101, reporting <a href="#">online</a>, anonymously through <a href="#">Crime Stoppers</a>, or contacting the Community Police Team directly. Further information about Wiltshire Police was available online through <a href="#">Community Messaging</a> and the PCC's <a href="#">website</a>.</p> <p>The Chairman highlighted that the PCC and Chief Constable would be attending the Area Board's next meeting on 17 January 2024.</p>
143	<p><u>Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett</u></p> <p>Adam Gilmore, a Broad Hinton Parish Councillor and member of the Winterbourne Bassett and Uffcott Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, gave an overview of the steps that they had taken towards developing a neighbourhood plan for their area. He identified the key issues facing the three settlements, including a declining population and the closure of the village shop. He noted that the population of the local school had dropped significantly in recent years, so there was a requirement to attract young and working aged people.</p> <p>He reported that the steering group for the project was established in 2022 and that they had held a series of community meetings and run a questionnaire. An independent consultant undertook a housing needs assessment in January 2023 and analysed potential sites for development. The Steering Group Clerk also highlighted that their draft neighbourhood plan was being drawn up against an evolving backdrop, including Wiltshire's <a href="#">draft Local Plan</a> reducing the housing requirement in parish from 25 new houses to none. However, he emphasised that the focus had been on local needs and the evidence base they had gathered.</p> <p>He outlined some of the challenges faced, such as a fall in the number of volunteers, Wiltshire Council not having a dedicated officer available to support the project and the withdrawal of locality grant funding. Despite the challenges, he explained that lots of hard work had gone towards the project and the group had made significant progress. In summing up, he emphasised the importance of transparency, simplicity and good communication in developing a plan.</p>

	<p>During the discussion, the Area Board members praised Broad Hinton, Winterbourne Bassett and Uffcott Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for the time and effort that they had invested in the project. They noted that drawing up a plan could often be a lengthy process, so commended the logical and energetic approach they had adopted.</p>
144	<p><u>Spotlight on Parishes and Partners</u></p> <p>Written updates were available in the agenda pack from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire Police, pg. 39 - 45</li> <li>• Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, pg.47 – 52</li> <li>• Cricklade Town Council, pg. 53 - 54</li> <li>• Healthwatch Wiltshire, pg. 55</li> <li>• BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire – Integrated Care Board, pg. 57</li> <li>• Wiltshire Age UK, pg. 59 – 63</li> <li>• Centre for Sustainable Energy, pg. 65</li> <li>• Wiltshire Police Road Safety, Agenda Supplement 1</li> </ul> <p>The following partners also provided verbal updates:</p> <p><u>Cricklade Town Council</u></p> <p>Chairman of Cricklade Town Council, Mark Clarke, reported that they had set up a Community Land Trust (CLT). The CLT had bought the town’s former police station and were in the process of converting it into two flats, with a commercial unit on the ground floor.</p> <p><u>Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers</u></p> <p>Captain Dave Evans explained that their battalions had engaged with communities around Wiltshire. He said that he looked forward to further engagement around Lyneham.</p>
145	<p><u>Our Community Matters</u></p> <p>Updates were provided by Lead Members.</p>
146	<p><u>Area Board Priorities Overview</u></p> <p>The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manger, noted the priority goals in the Area Board’s Community Area Action Plan.</p>
147	<p><u>Youth Forum</u></p>

	<p>The Chairman noted that the Area Board had funded youth activities in Royal Wootton Bassett during the summer holidays and reported that there were proposals to hold a Youth Fair in the town in 2024.</p> <p>She also took the opportunity to remind the Area Board that Youth Grant funding was still available for the current financial year. Youth funding was available for projects primarily benefitting 13–19-year-olds, or people up to 25 with special educational needs or disabilities. She encouraged groups to speak to the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager, Area Board Delivery Officer or their local councillor.</p>
148	<p><u>RWB and Cricklade Environmental Forum</u></p> <p>Cllr Steve Bucknell reported that progress had been made towards the Royal Wootton Bassett to Swindon Cyle Way, as agreements had been made with landowners to allow surveying along the route. The design for the project was almost complete and it was anticipated that a planning application would be submitted before the end of the year.</p> <p>Cllr Bucknell also stated that there was an aspiration for the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Environment Forum to hold another site visit, possibly to Great Wood, an area owned by Wiltshire Wildlife.</p>
148a	<p><u>Community Care Group</u></p> <p>The Chairman referred the Area Board to the report on pages 67-69 of the agenda pack. She also highlighted concerns about reports that Carer Support Wiltshire may be withdrawing support in the local area.</p> <p>The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager reported that the Community Care Group had held a successful meeting on 26 July. He reminded the Area Board that a community booklet of useful contact numbers had been produced last year and that they hoped to update the document to ensure that it still contained the relevant information. The issue of access to healthcare was also discussed and it was decided that it would be best to hold an engagement event alongside an existing meeting. It was agreed that information from the group could be sent via Celebrating Age, as they already had a strong local network. The Community Care Group had also discussed the Older and Vulnerable People’s Grant applications, including from Bradenstoke Self Help Group.</p>
149	<p><u>Economy</u></p> <p>Cllr Jacqui Lay referred the Area Board to the update on page 71 of the agenda pack about the proposed Royal Wootton Bassett Banking Hub. She explained that progress was being made on finalising the planning application.</p> <p>In addition, Cllr Lay reported that the Chairman had held talks with an organisation about the possibility of establishing a temporary service allowing</p>

	<p>people to access their cash in Royal Wootton Bassett Library. Cllr Lay had also recently attended a webinar on the High Street economy and as well as a roadshow by Green Square Accord at one of their developments in Purton. Furthermore, she had been speaking to local schools and spoke about the need to support children on pupil premium and to identify needs in the community.</p> <p>Angela Jensen, Vice-Chairman of Cricklade Town Council, highlighted that their local post office had had to close for three weeks due to staffing challenges at Tesco, leaving local residents unable to access cash. She reported that the post office was now open again between Mondays and Thursdays and she had contacted Tesco for further information.</p>
150	<p><u>Community Safety Forum</u></p> <p>The Chairman provided an update from the latest Community Safety Forum, held on 8 September, and referred the Area Board to the report on page 73 of the agenda pack. She reported that representatives from Wiltshire Police's Cyber Crime Team would be attending their next meeting on 13 October. She stated that cyber-crime was a particular problem in the run up to Christmas given the increase in online shopping.</p> <p>It was noted that the Community Safety Forum was held on the second Friday of each month. Cllr Jaqui Lay reiterated that they were really interesting meetings and it worthwhile to attend.</p>
151	<p><u>Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p>The Area Board then considered the recommendations arising from the LHFIG meeting of 19 July 2023.</p> <p>During the discussion, it was noted that the LHFIG was being supported by a new Highways Officer, Martin Rose, who had hit the ground running. The Chairman noted that the group aimed to agree the work schedule for the current financial year to ensure that the full budget was allocated.</p> <p>A member of the public raised concerns about a number of serious accidents at Chelworth Crossroads, including to two members of their own family. They noted that two police officers had been injured in April at the junction and a motorcyclist had been hit just a fortnight ago. Given that they saw Chelworth Crossroads as an urgent road safety issue, they expressed frustration that it was taking so long to resolve and queried why the LHFIG was proposing to allocate £30,000 towards dropped kerbs when this urgent matter had not been resolved.</p> <p>Johnathan Hill from Cricklade Town Council reported that an improvement plan had been produced, by Wiltshire Council and the Wiltshire Police's Traffic Accident Unit, for Chelworth Crossroads and that it had now been passed to the contractor. He also commented that he would have preferred to have seen a more substantial scheme in place.</p>

	<p>The Chairman confirmed that the LHFIG had agreed to add Chelworth Crossroads to its Category A priority list. Cllr Steve Bucknell noted that the funding of the dropped kerbs was in addition to, not instead of, the schemes on the Category A priority list. He reassured the gentleman that money for road safety at crossroads was not being spent elsewhere and it was not an either or in terms of supporting Chelworth Crossing safety works and the dropped kerbs. He also added that he shared the gentleman's frustration at the pace of some projects. It was highlighted that the schedule was often dictated by the availability of officer time rather than funding.</p> <p>The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager understood that there was a separate budget within Wilshire Council's Highways Team specifically to deal with accident hotspots and he would make further enquiries with the local engineer.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr Steve Bucknell, seconded by Cllr Jacqui Lay, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>To note the notes of the meeting held on 19 July 2023.</b></li> <li>2. <b>To approve a budget allocation of up to £30,000 for dropped kerbs.</b></li> <li>3. <b>To approve a budget allocation of up to £10,000 for the following issues:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>11-22-08 - Cricklade North Wall – repairs</b></li> <li>• <b>11-23-08 – Lydiard Millicent Common Platt – safety measures</b></li> <li>• <b>11-23-12 – Purton Stoke – speed reduction measures</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>4. <b>To close the following issue:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>11-21-2 – Bradenstoke – dropped kerbs</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>5. <b>To move the following issue to the Priority B list:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>11-22-10 – Clyffe Pypard and Bushton - signs and road markings</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>6. <b>To move the following issue to the Priority A list:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>11-20-06 – C114 Water Eaton – gates, signs and road markings</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>7. <b>For the Chairman of LHFIG to write to Highways asking them to revise a 40mph recommendation, by Atkins in relation to 11-21-8, to 30mph.</b></li> </ol>
152	<p><u>Funding Applications</u></p> <p>The Area Board noted the budgets remaining for allocation at the meeting and</p>

heard from representatives in attendance who gave a brief overview of their project followed by any questions by the Area Board.

The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager confirmed that it was not possible to include the web links to grant applications in the minutes as they contained confidential information.

### **Area Board Initiative:**

#### Bradenstoke Self Help Group

The sum of £250 was requested for refreshments.

Stevie Palmer from the Self Help Group explained that they would hold informal get togethers to signpost carers to the relevant health care and professional support.

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

#### Decision

**To award Bradenstoke Self Help Group £250 towards refreshments.**

**Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2023/24.**

### **Community Area Grants:**

#### Swindon and Cricklade Vintage Train Project

The sum of £5,000 was requested towards a new shed.

On the proposal of Cllr Jacqui Lay, seconded by the Chairman, it was resolved to make the:

#### Decision

**To award Swindon and Cricklade Vintage Train Project £5,000 towards a new shed.**

**Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2023/24.**

#### Lyneham Military Wives Choir

The sum of £159.99 was requested for a new tablet.

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

#### Decision

**To award Lyneham Military Wives Choir £159.99 for a new tablet.**

**Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2023/24.**

Lyneham Church Hall

The sum of £5,000 was requested towards door and window replacement.

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

**Decision**

**To award Lyneham Church Hall £5,000 towards door and window replacement.**

**Reason: *The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2023/24.***

**Older and Vulnerable People's Grants:**

Wiltshire Music Centre

The sum of £1,500 was requested for Celebrating Age Wiltshire.

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

**Decision**

**The Area Board awarded the sum of £1,500 to Celebrating Age Wiltshire.**

**Reason: *The application met the Older and Vulnerable People's Criteria 2023/24.***

Cricklade Open Door

The sum of £4,000 was requested.

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

**Decision**

**To award Cricklade Open Door £4,000.**

**Reason: *The application met the Older and Vulnerable People's Grant Criteria 2023/24.***

**Young People's Grants:**

The Stay Safe Initiative Community Interest Company

The sum of £725 towards the 2024 Digital Empowerment Programme.

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

**Decision**

**To award The Stay Safe Initiative Community Interest Company £725 towards the 2024 Digital Empowerment Programme.**

**Reason: *The application met the Young People's Grant Criteria 2023/24.***

	<p><b>Delegated Funding:</b></p> <p>On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Lay, the Area Board voted to note the decision to award the following grant, which had been made between meetings under the SEPM Delegated Funding Process, due to a matter of urgency:</p> <p>Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council were awarded £441 towards Summer Pop Up Sports from the Young People’s Grant Budget.</p> <p>Information links: <a href="#">Area Board Grants</a> and <a href="#">Grants Criteria</a></p>
153	<p><u>Get it Off Your Chest</u></p> <p>Johnathan Hill from Cricklade Town Council, noted that donations to the local food bank were going down at a time of rising need, so encouraged the public to donate if they were able. He also reported that they had received help from Citizens Advice.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager had been in touch with Malmesbury &amp; District Food Bank and that funding was be available from the Household Support Fund for advice sessions.</p> <p>Cllr Jacqui Lay highlighted that Purton Community Fridge was working well and often helped people from Swindon, as well as those referred through Christians Against Poverty. She also stressed the importance of signposting and identifying hidden need.</p>
154	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
155	<p><u>Close and Future Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>Future Meeting dates were confirmed as 6:30pm – 8:30pm with networking from 6:00pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17 January 2024</li> <li>• 13 March 2024</li> <li>• 26 June 2024</li> <li>• 9 October 2024</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that the meeting on 13 March would be an ‘All Things Roads’ event.</p> <p>The Chairman also reminded the Area Board that the Police and Crime</p>



	<p>Commissioner and Chief Constable would be attending their next meeting on 17 January.</p>
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	<p>Meeting details, agendas and minutes can be viewed <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
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## The Swindon & Cricklade Railway and General Steam Navigation Restoration Project

Two charities, The Swindon & Cricklade Railway and General Steam Navigation Restoration are working on a project that aims to restore the Merchant Navy Class loco General Steam Navigation and get it back on to the mainline. We have passed the 'Expression of Interest' and will be submitting a major funding bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund in late May 2024.

The project will generate opportunities for the people of Wiltshire and Swindon. It will see the building of a new engine shed at Blunsdon (right on the local authority border) and will include a fully accessible learning centre, a wide range of activities and events and will seek to increase learning and volunteering experiences. We are building partnerships with a range of local primary and special schools in Cricklade and Swindon as well as with the town's proud engineering heritage through New College and UTC, Swindon. We understand the wider needs of the area, and will look to work with older people to help combat social isolation. We've also met with Justin Tomlinson MP and our local SBC councillor and are building links with Cricklade Town Council and St Andrews and Haydon Wick Parish Councils. It is our intention to be able to support local apprenticeships and support specialist engineering across the west country. Currently, we have an architect working on our plans and will shortly be carrying out a geological survey and recruiting a quantity surveyor.



**North Meadows Mitigation  
Strategy  
Briefing Note No. 23-29**

**Service :** *Environment*  
**Further Enquiries to:** Rachel Jones, Ecology Manager  
**Date Prepared:** 9 October 2023  
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**Introduction and Overview**

1. North Meadow Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and National Nature Reserve (NNR) is notified as an exceptional example of lowland meadow and is subject to strict legal protection. Natural England has advised that in view of existing visitor levels, any additional residential dwelling, or overnight accommodation within a zone of influence is likely to lead to a loss of site integrity. Mitigation is needed to allow development to proceed, and this is most effective, and cost efficient, when delivered by a strategic approach.
2. The North Meadow NNR/SSSI is in the northern part of Wiltshire, however its integrity as a nature conservation site is also affected by development in neighbouring authorities. An Interim Strategy has been jointly prepared and agreed by Cotswold District Council, Swindon Borough Council and Wiltshire Council in partnership with Natural England (NE).

**Interim Strategy**

3. Recreational mitigation strategies have been used successfully at several internationally important sites across the UK to enable new developments to come forward without increasing recreational impacts.
4. Because the exact level and type of adverse recreational impacts on North Meadow NNR has not been determined, it has been concluded, following the precautionary approach, that an interim 5 year Mitigation Strategy is the appropriate way forward. Data collected, as part of the monitoring elements of the Interim Mitigation Strategy will enable the approach to be reviewed after 5 years.
5. The mitigation set out in the strategy has been approved by Natural England as appropriate and sufficient in the interim period.

**Zones of Influence**

6. A visitor survey was commissioned by the Local Authorities (lead Authority – Swindon Borough Council) and undertaken by the consultancy, Ecological Planning and Research

(EPR) in 2022, and completed in March 2023.

7. The visitor surveys identified two main user groups of the North Meadow NNR/SSSI: local, year-round users and those that come specifically to see the display of fritillaries during their flowering period. These data have been used to define two revised Zones of Influence (Zoi), based on visitor type and hence timing of visit during the year, with different levels of mitigation being appropriate to each.
8. The two zones are:
  - Inner Zone (local users arriving on foot and by car all year round) is set at 0 - 4.2km from the boundary of the SAC.
  - Outer Zone (fritillary visitors) is set at 4.2 - 9.4km from the boundary of the SAC.

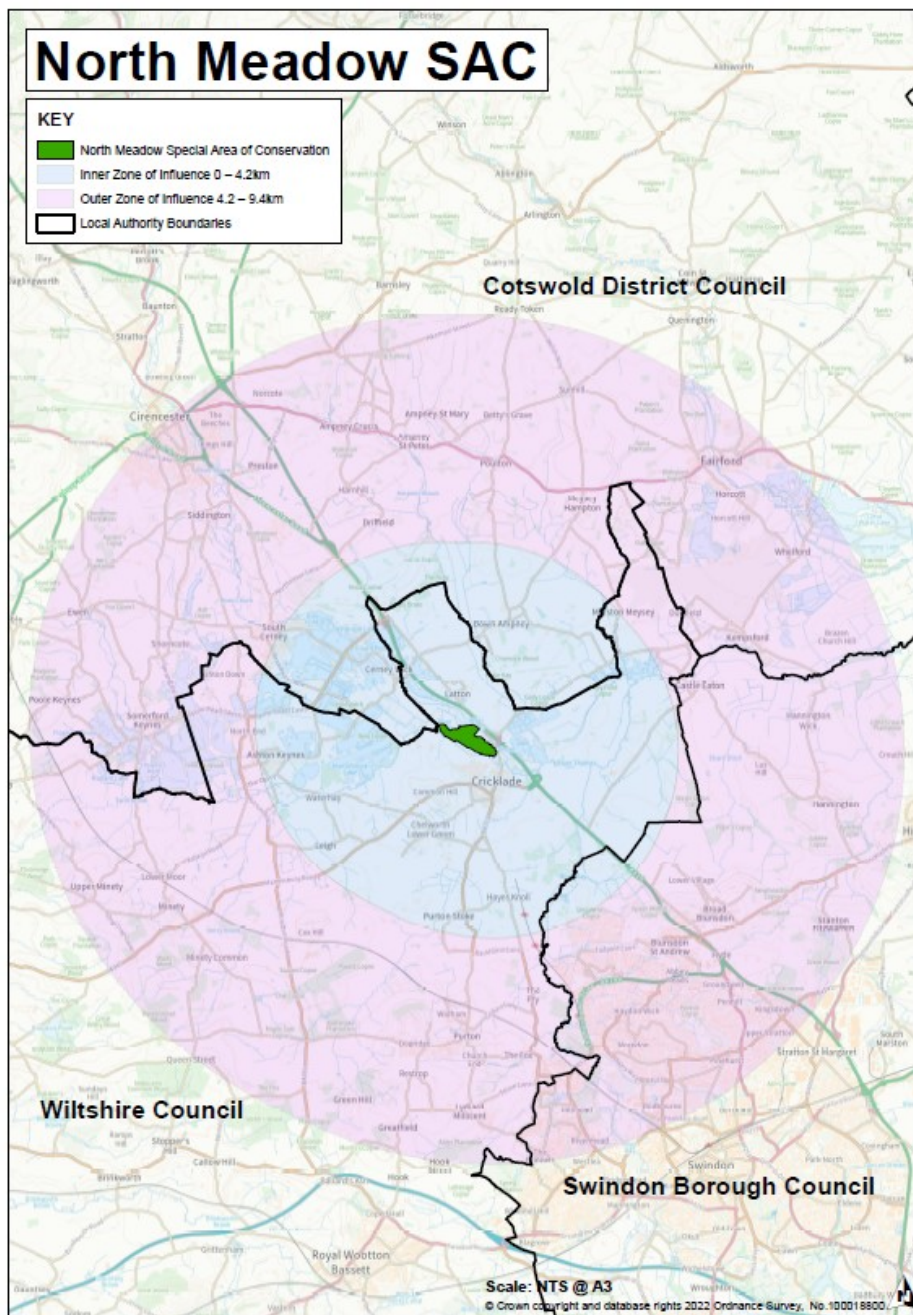


Figure 1 Map to show the two Zols and the administrative boundaries

**Type of development**

9. The main types of development affected include:

- All residential units (i.e. C3 Use Class)
- Residential/holiday/guest annexes
- Houses in Multiple Occupation (sui generis)
- Residential institutions within the C2 Use Class where the residents are not severely restricted by illness or mobility
- Student accommodation
- Sites for Gypsy, Roma, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople
- Tourist accommodation, including hotels, self-catering, caravan and touring holiday accommodation.

**Developer contributions**

10. The mitigation strategy will be funded by developer contributions. The costs per development unit is based on a package of mitigation measures that include –

- On-site measures such as increased wardening/rangers; monitoring; signage etc. (often termed SAMMs – Strategic Access Management and Monitoring)
- Off-site measures such as new greenspaces (often called SANGs – Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspaces), enhancement of public rights of way etc (known as “infrastructure mitigation projects” (IMPs).

11. The charge equates to £803 per unit\* in inner zone (0 to 4.2km) and £323 per unit\* in outer zone (4.2 km to 9.4km). The strategy is based on estimated planned growth within the Zone of Influence; however, it is scale-able should other development come forward.

Zone	SAMM contribution per unit**	Infrastructure Mitigation Projects/SANG contribution per unit*	Total financial contribution to delivery of the Strategy/ per unit*
Inner zone (0 – 4.2km) Relevant developments under 50 units	£323	£480	£803
Inner zone (0 – 4.2km) Relevant developments over 50 units*	£323	Normally provided within the development site ie SANG	£323
Outer zone (4.2 – 9.4 km) All relevant developments	£323	N/A (except for larger developments (eg those that trigger the EIA Regulations), which will be considered on a site by site basis)	£323

**Figure 2 Mitigation Financial Contributions Table**

*\* A unit is as described in Section 11 of the Mitigation Strategy*

12. Each Local Planning Authority (LPA) will be responsible for securing developer contributions. A Steering Group will be set up with Local Planning Authorities and Natural England.
13. Contributions will be secured by section 106 agreements or unilateral undertakings with planning applications. Alternatively, applicants can submit a section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 Agreement form agreeing to make the relevant payment on receipt of the appropriate invoice, prior to determination.
14. Further information on the strategy will be provided on Wiltshire Council's website in due course.

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# Wiltshire Council Climate Emergency update

October 2023

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# Wiltshire Council Mission

“ We are on the path to carbon neutral (net zero)...

*The council has acknowledged a climate emergency and committed to becoming carbon neutral as an organisation by 2030. Through its leadership, it must now seek to make the whole of Wiltshire carbon neutral too.*

- Become a Carbon neutral organisation by 2030.
- Assist the county to have a smaller carbon footprint
- Support decarbonisation of existing transport and increased use of public transport options as well as walking and cycling.
- Prepare the county for the impact of climate change.
- Invest in assets to support our lowering carbon output ...”

**Wiltshire Council Business Plan 2022-2032**

# October 2023 climate update to Cabinet and Full Council

- The [report](#) provided an update to council on climate action since the last update in May 2023. [Listen](#) to Cllr Nick Holder at the cabinet meeting [from 30:16 to 38:45]
- Council is on track to be carbon neutral by 2030
- Council and county-wide indicators were presented on a [scorecard](#) as a basis for Wiltshire organisations and individuals to work in partnership towards net zero.
- A report on the [Solar Together scheme](#) was included.
- Council resolved to adopt the proposed [Environmental Policy](#). The policy says how the council mitigates the environmental impacts from its operations.
- The annual [Greenhouse Gas Report](#) was also published in September.
- [Press release](#) - provides a summary of recent climate action. Some highlights are shown on the following infographics. See also [Latest Updates and News Releases](#)

# Supporting Wiltshire to become carbon neutral

Updated: October 2023

 **243**

energy efficient measures installed in council houses, including insulation and solar panels

**£978k**



of funding received to create new cycling and walking routes in the county.



Working with schools and pupils to create toolkit to raise awareness of climate change, air quality and impact of transport



**Recycling: Let's Sort It** campaign launched – supporting the county to recycle as much as possible

**5** new Wiltshire Connect bus services launched

 **Wiltshire Connect**



**£480k**

funding awarded to catalyse delivery of local electric vehicle charging points



Tree warden scheme launched following successful bid for almost **£300k**



**700+**

residents expressed interest in purchasing solar panels for their homes via Solar Together



Consultation on the council's Air Quality Action Plan completed

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**Wiltshire Council**

# Our progress to becoming a carbon neutral organisation

Updated: October 2023



Council greenhouse gas emissions have reduced by 85% since 2014- on track to be carbon neutral by 2030

⚡⚡⚡⚡⚡ **1,745,060 kWh**

The amount of renewable energy produced from council buildings has trebled in the last year - from 550,000 kWh to 1,745,060 kWh



Highways contractor using Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil for their fleet - **reducing emissions by 90%**



**100+**

members of staff complete carbon literacy training to help them become more energy efficient in their work and lives



Installing **12 electric vehicle charging points** at a leisure centre powered from solar panels



**284kw**

Have installed solar canopies at a leisure centre car park - generating 284kw of power and reducing costs by more than 10%

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Wiltshire Council

# What else is the council doing?

- To see what the council is doing on climate change going forward
  - [Climate Strategy](#);
  - [Climate Strategy Delivery Plan](#);
  - [Carbon Neutral Council Plan](#)



# Upcoming highlights

- Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) and EV Strategy - team being recruited.
- Draft Local Plan includes policy on net zero development and renewable energy. Following consultation in November 2023, any necessary changes will be made and the plan submitted for examination by planning inspector.
- Tree wardens scheme and council GAPS team will be ramping up tree planting.
- Adaptation and Resilience to climate change impacts – plan being reviewed.
- Carbon Literacy – for council officers, councillors, community
- Council chosen for SSEN's Local Energy Net Zero Accelerator. Using a map-based tool to help understand and plan energy demand & supply, and grid capacity

# Retrofit Highlights

- HUG Home Upgrade Grant Scheme – government fund for low-income households. Communications and marketing to start in January and installations to start in early Q1 2024.
- Retrofit Energy Advice for able to pay households – Local Energy Advice Demonstrator (led by Centre for Sustainable Energy)
- Solar Together. Scheme 1 success (700 households participated); Scheme 2 up and running and 124 installations completed so far.



# How to keep up to date on the council's climate action

- Council has decided to move to annual reporting instead of six-monthly. This will help the council to spend more time on delivery rather than compiling a report.
- Next full report on the council's response to the climate emergency due October 2024.

In the meantime –

- [Sign up](#) for council e-news (newsletters for residents, businesses, schools, town and parish councils)
- View the council website for [updates](#) on what the council is doing and for information for residents, businesses and schools on taking climate action and finding grants [Climate change - Wiltshire Council](#).
- Look out for press releases and social media posts.

Click on the Facebook or Twitter icons:



# Information for Area Boards and Parish Councils

- All Area Boards have environment and / or climate among their priorities. The council's climate and environment teams will connect with Area Board Environment Leads to support their action planning.
- Town and Parish Councils – please look out for updates via the e-newsletter to clerks and monthly online meetings.
- Following the successful action planning workshops earlier in 2023 the Climate Team will contact local councils to find out how the climate action is going, and how to support towns and parishes with making an impact and sharing their experiences.
- Please share: School [resource](#) for creating effective Active Travel plans. Watch the video here [Active travel toolkit for schools – YouTube](#)
- Tree planting – the council is looking for land and local volunteer Tree Wardens to help plant trees, orchards and woodlands.



## Contact

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Tree Planting

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**Wiltshire Council**

Area Board Briefing Note

<b>Service:</b>	<b>Voice and Participation</b>
<b>Date prepared:</b>	<b>16/10/2023</b>
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Independent visitors (IVs) are adult volunteers who provide independent, one-to-one befriending support to children in care. Their role is to "visit, advise and befriend" the young person with whom they are matched.

The 1989 Children Act made it a duty for Local Authorities to provide IVs for those young people living in care who have little or no contact from their parents or family. In 2008, the Children and Young Person's Act extended this duty so that any young person in care could be eligible to have an IV, if considered to be in their best interests.

Current Status:

As of the most recent update, we have successfully matched 72 young people with independent visitors.

In Progress:

Additionally, there are currently 17 matches in progress, all of which are proposed to become active before Christmas. This will bring our total matches to an impressive 89. This remarkable increase of 21 matched young people in this financial year marks the second consecutive year of the most significant growth in our numbers, with the previous year seeing an increase of 10 matches. It's worth noting that this achievement is even more impressive when considering the 8 matches that are scheduled to close soon.

National Context:

Nationally, our success is measured against similar schemes by the National IV Network. Specifically, we are assessed based on the percentage of young people in care who are matched with an IV across the county. With 89 matches, our matched population will stand at 17.3%. To put this in perspective, the national average, as reported in the last Freedom of Information (FOI) report by the National IV Network, was only 3.3%. The highest matching percentage in England and Wales was 16%.

Future Projections:

In the coming months, four of our young people will reach the age of 18, causing a slight decrease in our matched population to 16.4% by the end of the financial year. Nonetheless, this remains a significant achievement and showcases our dedication to making a difference in the lives of care-experienced individuals.

Impact on Waiting List:

An essential outcome of these matches is the reduction of our waiting list. As more young people are matched with independent visitors, our waiting list is projected to decrease to 22 individuals. This will mark the lowest number of individuals on the waiting list since we began keeping records.

Promotion of the IV Scheme:

We encourage the Area Boards to actively promote the IV Scheme by directing prospective volunteers to our website: [Independent visitor scheme - Wiltshire Council](#). This will help us continue our mission to provide meaningful support to young people in care and achieve our goals of positive social change.

Conclusion:

Our remarkable increase in matched young people, high matching percentage, and the decrease in our waiting list demonstrate our commitment to making a difference in the lives of care-experienced individuals. We look forward to your continued support and engagement in promoting the IV Scheme.

# ARCHAEOLOGY SERVICE

## WELCOME TO WILTSHIRE COUNCIL ARCHAEOLOGY SERVICE'S FIRST ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

The Archaeology Service identifies, records and protects the archaeology of all of Wiltshire, including Swindon [wshc.org.uk](http://wshc.org.uk). We provide archaeological advice mostly through the planning system, but also to landowners, universities, local groups and societies, and to the public. We also seek to inform on and promote the archaeology of the County. Our newsletter therefore aims to provide accessible and readable information about the work of the Service and some of the more notable archaeological and historical discoveries within the County in the last 18 months or so. There is also an annual Archaeology in Wiltshire conference in the spring. Keep an eye on the Wiltshire Museum's website for further details.

In this edition we have included recent archaeological projects in the County and within Swindon Borough Council that have resulted from our advice and guidance, as well as information about our Historic Environment Record, the Wiltshire Buildings Record, the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site Co-ordination Unit and the work of Wiltshire's Finds Liaison Officer.

Our team is based in the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre in Chippenham. This state-of-the-art, purpose-built, records office was opened in 2007 and cost £11 million, but it has brought together the archives service, local studies library, conservation and museums advisory service, archaeology and Wiltshire Buildings Record under one, modernist, roof.

The Archaeology Service holds thousands of archaeological reports, aerial photographs and other records, all of which may be accessed by prior appointment. Just email us in advance at [archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk)  
We hope you enjoy our newsletter.

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The Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre, Chippenham. Home of the Archaeology Service. © Wiltshire Council



LEFT  
Some of the Archaeology Service team at Stonehenge. © Wiltshire Council



BOTTOM  
The fine farmhouse at 41 Green Road, Swindon. © Wiltshire Buildings Record

**'SEEING THE MONUMENTS FOR THE TREES' – A PROJECT TO CLEAR VEGETATION FROM THREE OF WILTSHIRE'S ANCIENT MONUMENTS.**



TOP: Cam's Hill ringwork before clearance looking towards Malmesbury. © Aerial-Cam. Reproduced with kind permission.

BOTTOM: Cam's Hill ringwork after clearance. © Aerial-Cam. Reproduced with kind permission.

Wiltshire has some of England's most important and well-known ancient monuments. Many are designated as Scheduled Monuments, meaning they are legally protected due to their historical and archaeological importance. However, sometimes they can be harmed by natural processes such as tree and scrub growth, and burrowing animals, which can damage important buried archaeological remains and hide our history from view.

Last winter a community project, funded by Historic England, was organised by the Archaeology Service to remove the scrub over three of Wiltshire's ancient monuments. The first monument was an Early Bronze Age (1,800 – 1,500 BC) disc barrow, a rare monument type, on Burderop Down, near Chiseldon, Swindon. Large hawthorn bushes were removed from the monument so that it can now be seen in all its glory.

The second monument was a ringwork at Cam's Hill which is thought to be one of several siegeworks around the town of Malmesbury during the 'Anarchy' period, when Stephen and Matilda contested the succession to Henry I in the 12th-century. The monument has a 1.5m deep and 4m wide external ditch and a distinctive horseshoe shaped internal bank, 18m wide and around 1.8m high. It has never been excavated, although it bears close similarity to other monuments of this period in the south of England. Vegetation was cleared by volunteers in January and March 2023 and so the monument is now far more visible to those passing by on the adjacent public footpath. It is now hoped that livestock will graze the monument and deter re-growth.

The third monument was a group of four medieval lynchets at Southmill Hill, Amesbury, which survive remarkably well and are prominent features on the periphery of Amesbury. The lynchets are medieval in date and result from deliberate terracing of the steep hillslope for cultivation. The monument has been in steady decline for several decades due to unchecked scrub and tree growth, so over two days in February, volunteers, including the local scout group, cleared the scrub from one of the lynchets. It is hoped that the clearance work will recommence in autumn 2023.

The project was a great success and achieved what it set to do. As well as removing the risk of damage to these monuments from unruly scrub, all three monuments are now significantly more visible to those using public footpaths and other public rights of way. Thirty-eight volunteers participated in the project, and they all enjoyed the experience. The Archaeology Service therefore hopes to identify further monuments for clearance in the next few years...so if you would like to volunteer, we would love to hear from you!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Archaeology Service at [archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk)

BELOW: Volunteers at Southmill Hill, Amesbury. © Wiltshire Council.



**THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE MARKET TOWN OF CALNE IS REVEALED.**

Wiltshire is blessed with many historic towns and Calne is a particularly interesting example, lying on the A4, a major route to the west country before the M4 was built. The town was probably best known until the late 20th-century as the home of Harris' bacon factory which dominated the centre of the town until it was demolished in the mid-1980s. Documentary sources indicate that the town probably had Saxon origins and was a borough by the time of the Domesday Book in the 11th-century. It was an established town by the medieval period.

Archaeological evidence for the origins and historic development of the town has proved to be elusive, partly because there have been few opportunities for larger-scale archaeological investigations within the town. The demolition and redevelopment of Harris's bacon factory in the 1980s was not accompanied by any archaeological investigation, despite its location in the heart of the town.

The proposed redevelopment of a parcel of land to the rear of the Nos 8 – 13 High Street therefore provided just that opportunity. Exploratory archaeological investigation in 2016 demonstrated that medieval remains survived on the site and a detailed archaeological excavation was undertaken late in 2021 by Worcestershire Archaeology on behalf of Churchill Retirement Living.

The excavation identified a large Late Saxon (9th – 10th-century) boundary ditch, along with some lesser ditches. These are notable discoveries as it was presumed that the focus of the Saxon settlement lay around the Church of St Mary. Probably in the 11th-century, the boundaries within the site were re-aligned with the laying out of burgage plots for the medieval town, running back from the High Street. The site lay too far to the rear of the High Street to reveal the properties that the burgage plots served, but these back plots did reveal rubbish pits filled with medieval waste material. This included sherds of medieval pottery dating from the 11th- to the 15th-century and probably all locally made at kilns in Minety, Lacock and Crockerton. A notable find was a lead seal matrix, used for sealing important documents, probably reflecting the commercial use of the properties on the High Street. The remains of a lime kiln were also revealed and probably served in the construction of stone properties on the High Street.

The site was remodelled again in the 17th- and 18th-century as the fortunes of the town improved, largely based on the weaving industry, until the town became synonymous with pork and bacon with the opening of the Harris factories in the 19th- and 20th -centuries.



TOP RIGHT: Harris' bacon factory, Calne in 1924. © Historic England.

RIGHT: General view of the excavation at 8 – 13 High Street. © Worcestershire Archaeology, reproduced with kind permission.

ABOVE: The medieval lime kiln under excavation. © Worcestershire Archaeology, reproduced with kind permission.

With every historic building, the same question comes up at the end, how do you date it? When Wiltshire Buildings Record started in 1979 there was little to go on. The few books about vernacular architecture covered buildings in other parts of the country. We had help from the Salisbury office of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments but apart from emergencies they were recording only in the south-east of Wiltshire and buildings there had different characteristics from the north and west of the County. Since then, studies of vernacular architecture have increased enormously, especially, since 2009, with the assistance of tree-ring dating or dendrochronology.

The Wiltshire Dendrochronological Project started through funding provided by English Heritage (now Historic England) to train someone in the work. There were existing projects in Hampshire and Somerset which were well advanced, and Wiltshire was known to have similarly early buildings worth sampling. We already had a list of suitable medieval buildings and the project aimed to concentrate on base cruck, cruck and other early carpentry methods. This was Phase 1 of the project and we have now reached Phase 5 thanks to funding from various sources.

The results have been interesting. Overall, they have confirmed the dates we had assigned based on stylistic and documentary grounds. But they have often narrowed them down and highlighted the significance of small changes of carpentry method. There have been disappointments where the timber turned out to be elm rather than oak or came from fast-grown oak trees with a small number of wide rings which could not be matched with the master sequence.

## TREE-RING DATING - THE HIGHS AND THE LOWS



Two former farmhouses in the Swindon area, both cruck-built, illustrate the highs and lows of the outcomes. Studley Grange Farm, Lydiard Tregoze, was brought to our attention in 2021 in a derelict state. Three of our members had a look at it and reported finding a cruck truss despite its listing as late 18th-century. As a threatened building we gave it priority. Robert Howard and Alison Arnold from the Nottingham Lab gamely tackled it for us bringing a generator to power their drills. Sadly, the oak timbers of the crucks were quick grown though dates were provided for the addition of a dairy wing in 1606 and a re-used collar of 1559-84 looked likely to come from the initial ceiling of the open hall. There is documentary evidence that the farm was a grange of Stanley Abbey at Bremhill and it was first mentioned in 1460. Robert and Alison had managed to get into the roof on the far side of the cruck truss and their photo of the joint at the apex suggests construction in the 15th-century is likely.

No. 41 Green Road, Stratton St. Margaret, was a reserve building on the day that Studley Grange was sampled so for that reason it was high on the list for future sampling. This former farmhouse had been visited briefly by our Principal Buildings Historian, Dorothy Treasure. We were not very hopeful of a good result as crucks in the Swindon area have proved before to be of elm or quick-grown oak. To our (and the owner's) amazement the lower parts of two cruck trusses dated from 1271-1296. They had been used again in a wider building with new upper parts and purlins etc in 1339-1355. This is a star building, quite exceptional, and shows just how valuable tree-ring dating can be.

TOP RIGHT: The derelict Studley Grange farmhouse, Lydiard Tregoze. © Wiltshire Buildings Record.

TOP LEFT: Cruck visible on the landing of Studley Grange farmhouse. © Wiltshire Buildings Record.

LEFT: Joint where 14th-century upper timbers cap a 13th-century cruck, all smoke-blackened, at 41 Green Road, Swindon. © Wiltshire Buildings Record.



The Wiltshire and Swindon Historic Environment Record (HER) consists of a database with integrated digital mapping that holds information on all the currently known archaeological and historical monuments for the County – a fantastic resource. It contains records of over 50,000 monuments, including earthworks, finds spots, and historic buildings, and contains information about all types of archaeological investigations, as well as various sources such as aerial photographs.

To give a taste of what the HER holds, this article explores some of the notable records for the town of Corsham. Starting in the centre of the town at The Corsham School, aerial photographs of 1946 show the current School playing fields under allotments (HER record MWI74074), created as part of the 'Digging for Victory' campaign introduced in 1940. To the west of the School is Hatton Way, named after Sir Christopher Hatton, a favourite courtier of Elizabeth I. Sir Christopher, when expressing devotion for his queen, always signed his letters with a hat drawn over the word 'on'. Hatton spent about four years at Corsham House (MWI34260), now Corsham Court, a Grade I listed Elizabethan country house. Unfortunately, financial problems caused him to sell up!



TOP RIGHT: Corsham Court. Image reproduced by kind permission of the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre.

LEFT: The Grade II listed 'Pepper Pot', an 18th-century toll house. © Wiltshire Council.

RIGHT: A ventilation shaft serving the underground Pickwick Quarry. © Wiltshire Council.

## WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON'S HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD

Halfway down Hatton Way is the site of Purleigh Barn (MWI65896), a demolished 19th-century outfarm of regular courtyard plan. The farmstead and all its historic buildings have been lost. The Wiltshire and Swindon Farmsteads and Landscapes Project Report summarises the results of mapping the historic character and survival of more than 4,000 farmsteads and 2,700 outfarms and field barns in Wiltshire, all mapped onto the HER. Knowledge and protection of the surviving historic farmsteads is essential if they are to be retained as a distinctive part of the rural landscape of the County.

Another notable Corsham building is the 'Pepper Pot', a Grade II listed toll house (MWI34400) on the A4 Bath Road. This pretty building was also once a sweet shop and is now a summerhouse. To the north of the A4 Bath Road, exploratory archaeological investigation in 2016 found a Neolithic (4,000 – 2,000 BC) pit (MWI76326), containing fragments of pottery. The field also contains evidence of ponds but the most exciting feature here lies underground. This is the former stone quarrying tunnel which probably ran from Hartham Park Quarry, sometimes known as the Pickwick Quarry. Bath Stone, a warm, honey-coloured limestone, has been desirable since Roman times and Brunel's cutting of the Box Railway Tunnel, close to Corsham, revealed a rich seam of high-quality stone. The Corsham mines were extensively worked with miles of tunnels, chambers, and air shafts, and became the ideal underground storage location for the War Office during the Second World War and of further use during the Cold War (MWI31707). One of the ventilation shafts for the tunnels can still be seen above ground. So why not explore our HER for the area around where you live in Wiltshire. Visit our [website](#) or contact us at [archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk) for more information.

**AN IMPORTANT BRONZE AGE BURIAL GROUND AT NETHERHAMPTON ROAD, SALISBURY**



Aerial photography has shown that several ring ditches exist in a short stretch of the Nadder Valley between Harnham and Netherhampton. Some 35 ring ditches have been identified, and more are sure to exist, located both on the valley floor, as well as the valley slopes. Their mounds have long since been denuded, but what survives still retains valuable archaeological information about the practice of burial in the earlier Bronze Age (2,200 – 1,500 BC).

Proposed residential development immediately west of West Harnham has provided the opportunity to investigate archaeologically several of these barrows and Cotswold Archaeology and Museum of London Archaeology (MOLA) have been doing just that over the winter of 2022 and into early 2023.

MOLA excavated a double ring-ditch and a second adjoining ring-ditch. Interestingly these monuments were located on the floor of the Nadder Valley. In the heavy winter rain, the barrow got close to being flooded but it seemed to occupy, probably intentionally, a slight gravel rise so that it stayed just above the flood level. The excavations revealed large graves in the centre of each ring-ditch, both of which contained the skeleton of an individual. The graves were of considerable size, far larger than was needed to bury the one individual. Samples from the fill of the grave may tell us if there was a reason for that and if there was other material buried in the grave that has not survived to the present day, such as wood or organic material.



However, one of the burials was accompanied by a very fine pottery vessel, a highly decorated Beaker. These vessels are attributed to a migrant population that arrived in Britain around 4,500 years ago bringing with them new burial practices and these distinctive pottery vessels. It is hoped that this particularly fine example will go on display in Salisbury Museum.

Meanwhile on the opposite side of the Netherhampton Road, Cotswold Archaeology on behalf of their client, Vistry Group, has been excavating a group of five ring-ditches or barrows that form a barrow cemetery just at the base of the valley side. The barrows are marked by their different size, the width and depth of the ring-ditches, and the presence or absence of graves within or adjacent to the barrows. One grave within one of the barrows contained a fine and rare food vessel with a small handle, while one grave just outside of one barrow contained five individuals, an adult and four infants, all very tightly grouped. The implication is that they died in a single catastrophic event and analysis of the human remains will elucidate why they died and

their relationship to each other, as well as to other individuals buried in the other barrows.

Most unexpectedly, the excavation has also revealed an Early Saxon (5th – 7th-century AD) waterhole, as well as a smattering of Saxon pottery. It is not unusual for later Saxon burials to be inserted into or around the mounds of Bronze Age barrows, although at Netherhampton Road, it is not clear why this functional feature should have been placed here. That there were Saxons living nearby is attested by a very famous Saxon inhumation cemetery found in Harnham in the 19th-century. For the time being, the excavations at Netherhampton Road have been concluded. The long process of analysing the results is underway and will result in a publication that will reveal the details of this important excavation.

TOP LEFT: The Bronze Age barrows under excavation south of Netherhampton Road. © Cotswold Archaeology, reproduced with kind permission.

BOTTOM LEFT: The central grave and burial from one of the barrows north of Netherhampton Road. © MOLA, reproduced with kind permission.

ABOVE: A double-ditched barrow before excavation south of Netherhampton Road. © Cotswold Archaeology, reproduced with kind permission.

MIDDLE LEFT: Beaker vessel grave good from one of the burials north of Netherhampton Road. © MOLA, reproduced with kind permission.

BELOW: The Saxon waterhole with waterlogged timbers south of Netherhampton Road. © Cotswold Archaeology, reproduced with kind permission.

Bronze Age burial mounds or barrows are one of the most common monument types to be found in Wiltshire, which, along with Dorset, probably has some of the densest concentrations of such monuments in the country. Many people will be familiar with the prominent barrow cemeteries set out on the chalk ridges all around Stonehenge which only add to the atmosphere of this most prehistoric of landscapes. Those barrows, with upstanding mounds still surviving, represent only the most visible of this monument type. Many more survive only as ring-ditches, the quarries from which the mounds were constructed, but where the mounds have long since been denuded by ploughing over centuries. Aerial photography and fortuitous discoveries have shown that these barrows, in the form of surviving ring-ditches, were constructed on a wider range of geologies and topographies and not just on the chalk downland.







**A MYSTERY HOLE IN EAST KENNETT:  
A PREHISTORIC OR ROMAN OPENING INTO  
THE UNDERWORLD?**

The site was of sufficient interest that Professor Josh Pollard of the University of Southampton's Department of Archaeology organised an exploratory excavation of the site in late summer 2022. Much interest centred on discovering the purpose of the feature that had created the mystery hole two years earlier. The excavations stripped an area around the hole and revealed the sarsen stones surrounding the rim and slumped into the pit. At this stage, the only way to find out what lay below the sarsen stones was to carefully lift and remove them. By this stage, interest in the story was such that it attracted the attention of Professor Alice Roberts and the 'Digging for Britain' team, who filmed the lifting of the sarsen stones (Series 10, Episode 4).

Once removed and after some more careful excavation down to a depth of 2m, it became clear that this feature was not in fact a prehistoric burial chamber but a natural sink hole, the upper portions of which had been modified in the Roman period. A sink hole is formed from the natural dissolving of the soluble chalk bedrock, creating a deep fissure or hole in the bedrock. The Romans had erected the sarsens on the inner edge of this natural feature perhaps partly to form a barrier to stop livestock and children from falling into it, but perhaps also to emphasise it, as an opening into the underworld. The project emphasises the uncertainty of archaeology. As Professor Pollard so eloquently put it, it is 'what makes archaeology a vibrant and unpredictable subject'!

In summer 2020 a mysterious hole appeared in a field close to the village of East Kennett, within the Avebury World Heritage Site, and was reported to the Archaeology Service. Being archaeologists, we are always fascinated to explore any such phenomena and so members of our team quickly went to the site and undertook an initial exploration. This found that the hole comprised a substantial pit, roughly circular, around 1m in diameter, and lined by four large blocks of unworked sarsen stone. The feature appeared to have a deliberate void, and was capped by other sarsens, two of which remained in place, while a third appeared to have collapsed into the pit, so revealing the presence of the feature. A flint blade and a rim of Roman greyware were recovered from the collapsed fill but were assumed to be incidental. The initial interpretation was that this was a prehistoric cist or burial chamber. Similar examples of sarsen-capped burials are known from the wider region.

Consequently, Historic England undertook geophysical survey of the site of the 'hole' and its surroundings in 2021 and identified other possible chambered features, along with several ditches belonging to a field or enclosure system, and two possible rectilinear buildings. Along with the possible cist, the possible buildings were of interest as they bore some resemblance to the plans of Early Neolithic houses.



TOP: The mystery hole at East Kennett as it first appeared in 2020. © Wiltshire Council.

LEFT: The sarsen stones after initial excavation by the University of Southampton. © University of Southampton. Reproduced with kind permission.

RIGHT: The 'sink hole' after excavation. © University of Southampton. Reproduced with kind permission.



**SOME FINDS REPORTED TO  
WILTSHIRE'S FINDS LIAISON OFFICER**



A notable feature of the Covid-19 pandemic was the increase in the number of people who took up metal-detecting as they sought new interests that could be undertaken individually and outdoors. Everyone taking up the pastime is encouraged to follow the Code of Practice for Responsible Metal Detecting in England and Wales (2017), which sets out the legal requirements as well as more general guidance on accepted best practice [finds.org.uk](https://www.finds.org.uk). There is no doubt that the results of metal detecting have contributed significantly to our knowledge of the heritage of England and Wales. Much of this is due to the work of the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) which was established in the late 1990s. The PAS encourages the reporting of all finds of archaeological objects, whether through metal detecting or not and is not limited to items of precious metal. To date, the PAS has recorded over 1.6 million objects, which has provided an extraordinary insight into the study of archaeological objects and their distribution.

TOP: Late Bronze Age gold penannular ring. Reproduced by kind permission of the Portable Antiquities Scheme.  
TOP RIGHT: Blue glass bead dating from anytime between the Iron Age and Late Saxon period. Reproduced by kind permission of the Sussex Archaeological Society.  
RIGHT: 17th-century silver cufflink. Reproduced by permission of the Portable Antiquities Scheme.



Locally, the work of the PAS is overseen by Finds Liaison Officers (FLOs) who receive, identify and record archaeological objects, plus deal with Treasure finds from England and Wales. Wiltshire has its own FLO and Sophie Hawke is based at Salisbury Museum and would be very glad to hear from you if you have any objects that you would like identified and reported on ([pas@salisbury-museum.org.uk](mailto:pas@salisbury-museum.org.uk)).

These are some typical finds from Wiltshire that have been reported over the last 18 months or so and they show the variety in age, type and material of object that are recorded. This complete gold or gold-plated penannular ring is of Late Bronze Age date (1150-750 BC). The object is oval and about 1.5cm across. The ring is mostly gold in colour, except for a brown band that appears to wrap around it. It is likely that this is the core of the object that has been heavily coated in gold and then filed away to leave the band. The ring's function remains uncertain, although it is likely that they were personal adornments, possibly worn on the ears or nose, rather than being hair-ornaments or items of exchange.

Not all objects reported are of metal. This beautiful, complete, annular, blue glass bead, around 1cm in diameter, dating from the Iron Age to early Medieval period c. 100 BC to AD 750, was found near Alderbury. This last object, found near Wroughton, is a silver cufflink, one element of a pair that would have been linked together. The cufflink, which is around 1.5cm in diameter, has stamped decoration of a pair of hearts side by side with a crown above. Cufflinks were introduced in England in the latter half of the 17th-century and those with this design are considered to have originally been produced to commemorate the marriage of Charles II to Catherine of Braganza in 1662 but continued to be used as a general symbol of love or marriage.





**THE REMAINS OF OLD SARUM'S CATHEDRAL FOUND IN NEW SARUM'S CATHEDRAL CLOSE WALL**

The Grade I Cathedral Close Wall in Salisbury started to be constructed in the later 13th-century but was not completed until the 15th- or 16th-century. It was built both as a defensive structure but also as a symbol of the status of the clergy and their lordship of the Close. It is known that permission was given in the 14th-century for stone from the Cathedral at Old Sarum to be used in the construction of the Close Wall and carved stone from the Cathedral can be seen on the Exeter Street face of the Close Wall in the form of stylised flowerheads.

The repair in 2022 of a short, leaning section of the Close Wall within the grounds of Bishop Wordsworth School along Exeter Street therefore provided the opportunity to examine its masonry makeup and to identify other masonry that might have been purloined from the old Cathedral at Old Sarum. The repair work was undertaken by the stonemasons of the Salisbury Cathedral Works Department under the watchful eye of Graham Keevil, Salisbury's Cathedral Archaeologist.

The exercise proved to be worthwhile as several pieces of very fine carved masonry were identified, mostly hidden and not visible on the face of the Wall. It also seems likely that even plain ashlar blocks came from the old Cathedral at Old Sarum. It seems odd today that, despite all the effort put into constructing a fine cathedral at Old Sarum, within a hundred years or so it was used as little more than a quarry for the construction of the Close Wall. However, it does add to the historical and archaeological importance of the Close Wall, which is also a strong architectural and aesthetic feature of the Close and the city landscape.



TOP LEFT: Salisbury Cathedral Close Wall under repair. © Wiltshire Council

TOP RIGHT: Carved stone, formerly part of the Cathedral at Old Sarum, built into the Close Wall along Exeter Street. © Wiltshire Council

MIDDLE RIGHT: Carved stone, formerly part of the Cathedral at Old Sarum, built into the Close Wall along Exeter Street. © Wiltshire Council

BOTTOM RIGHT: Carved stonework from Old Sarum Cathedral built into the Close Wall. © Wiltshire Council

Stonehenge, Avebury & Associated Sites were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage Site (WHS) List in 1986 and was one of the UK's very first World Heritage Sites. Stonehenge is the most sophisticated prehistoric stone circle in the world, and Avebury is the largest. Both stone circles lie at the heart of prehistoric landscapes containing numerous impressive and amazingly well-preserved ceremonial monuments dating back over 5,000 years to the Neolithic and Bronze Age. Together they form a landscape without parallel.

To achieve World Heritage status, sites must define what makes them to be of Outstanding Universal Value, or internationally significant, and how they intend to protect and enhance this. This is achieved through the adoption of a WHS Management Plan. In December 2022 Claire Selman joined the Stonehenge & Avebury WHS Coordination Unit within the Wiltshire Council Archaeology team. The primary aim of the unit is to coordinate the delivery of the Stonehenge and Avebury WHS Management Plan. To do so, Claire works with over 25 partners, including national organisations such as the National Trust and English Heritage, and farmers and communities living within and surrounding the WHS.

Priorities within the [Management Plan](#) cover what may at first seem a surprising span of topics extending beyond archaeology to subjects including woodland management, dark skies preservation and arts projects. Together, the Management Plan's actions work to preserve the site's buried archaeology, relationship with the landscape and accessibility for visitors. No two days within the Coordination Unit are the same from meeting with partners viewing activity on site, to engaging with visitors at local events and organising Partnership Panel and Steering Committee meetings.

Claire recently spent some time exploring the WHS through the range of services available at the Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre, which you can read about in a blog post [here](#). Her discoveries included viewing some of the 1,114 entries on the Historic Environment Record from Stonehenge and Avebury. Each record builds a picture of life across the ages on this site, from Neolithic flint tools to Bronze Age round barrows, Saxon pottery and more.

TOP: Stonehenge with a near Winter Solstice alignment, December 2022. © Wiltshire Council.

RIGHT: Attending Open Farm Sunday on the edge of Avebury WHS, June 2023. © Wiltshire Council.



The opportunity to support the management of these iconic sites has led Claire to discover even more about our County and its heritage, and there's a wealth of monuments to explore beyond the stone circles themselves. To help plan a visit to the World Heritage Site, Claire recommends the walking trails on National Trust's Avebury and Stonehenge Landscape pages and the historical information on English Heritage's Stonehenge pages.

There are currently 33 UK World Heritage Sites, and 1,157 in total globally. The UK's World Heritage Sites demonstrate the breadth of what World Heritage can be, from natural sites like the Lake District to industrial sites such as The Slate Landscape of Northwest Wales and even an entire city, Bath. Discover them all at: [UNESCO World Heritage Centre - World Heritage List](#) To find out more about the Stonehenge, Avebury & Associated Sites World Heritage Sites, visit our [website](#) and follow @StoneAveWHS on Twitter.



**PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES – AN IMPORTANT SITE OF SWINDON'S 20TH-CENTURY INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE REVEALS ITS ANCIENT PAST.**

In 1985 Honda started work on building their new car plant at South Marston, Swindon, providing a much-needed boost to the local economy and employment. The car plant itself replaced the site of an aircraft factory, first developed in the late 1930s as a 'shadow' aircraft factory, and then as an active manufacturing facility from 1940. South Marston Aerodrome was constructed at this time to serve in the Second World War. Phillips & Powis Aircraft Ltd, Short Brothers, and Vickers-Armstrong-Supermarine all produced aircraft at the site, including the iconic Supermarine Spitfire. Having been considered but been rejected as a possible municipal airport serving Swindon in the 1960s, the airfield came to end when Honda bought the site for their new venture. However, the runway still exists, running through the site, and was used by Honda as a test track. One of the attractions to Honda was the skilled engineer workforce of Swindon arising from its role in the railway industry. However, after 35 years, the Honda factory itself came to an end and the site is now being redeveloped again.

This redevelopment has provided the opportunity to explore the archaeology of the site preceding its 20th-century history. Remarkably, despite two significant phases of development to construct South Marston Airfield and then the Honda works, evidence for Late Iron Age (200 BC – AD 43) and Roman settlement, surrounded by extensive field systems, has come to light, some surviving under the airfield runway! Oxford Archaeology has been undertaking exploratory investigations and more detailed excavation at the site prior to development.

The evidence points to a small rural settlement that lies just off Ermine Street, the Roman road that links the local small town of Durocornovium (Wanborough) with the important regional centre of Corinium (Cirencester). The buildings might have been of slight construction and left little trace but finds of box tile, brick and tegula suggest a significant building lay nearby. A corn drier was found alongside some stone-lined pits, suggesting an area devoted to crop processing. Finds from the settlement include quern stones from grinding corn, whetstones for sharpening tools and two Roman shoes! The excavations are on-going and further discoveries are expected. The results will continue to add to the extraordinary history of this site on the edge of Swindon.



TOP: Newspaper cutting from 1965 about South Marston Airfield. © Swindon Echo, 8 January 1965. Reproduced by kind permission of the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre, document reference 2753FL.

LEFT: Aerial view of Iron Age and Roman deposits under the runway. © Oxford Archaeology. Reproduced with kind permission.

ABOVE: Excavating an Iron Age feature. © Oxford Archaeology. Reproduced with kind permission.



## Area Board Briefing Note

<b>Service:</b>	<b>Cost of Living</b>
<b>Date prepared:</b>	<b>15 November 2023</b>
<b>Further enquiries to:</b>	<b>Will Oulton</b>
<b>Direct contact:</b>	<a href="mailto:William.oulton@wiltshire.gov.uk">William.oulton@wiltshire.gov.uk</a>

### Cost of Living

With overall inflation stabilising, it is welcome news that some cost pressures for the community have reduced, but with other financial pressures remaining on household budgets, it is anticipated that there will be continuing demand for support and advice as the winter draws in.

The Council is continuing to work with partners to deliver interventions that provide advice and support to our communities, including:

- Wiltshire libraries are continuing as warm spaces and will also play a key role in distributing support (e.g. with Warm Packs or free Sim-cards) and advice (e.g. Providing energy advice or signposting to partners).
- We have contacted community providers to update our [interactive guide](#) to help people find key support to combat fuel and food poverty. In addition, we are creating a page on the directory that gives an interactive advent calendar view of provision/ opportunities over the Christmas period.
- Foodbanks and Community Food Providers are invited to apply for funding to support their work. Applications are welcome from 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024. Organisations can make one application in this funding round. Further information and the application form is appended to this update.
- We have further developed our approach to delivering Household Support Fund, working with a range of services and partners to financially support a range of programmes and initiatives.
- [Our website](#) and media channels offer a range of online support and sign-posting information on topics including council tax/benefits, energy advice and mental health support.
- A dedicated Wiltshire Wellbeing support line to provide advice and guidance, and officers are working with to improve processes to ensure people are directed to right support.
- We continue to engagement with our communities, through activity such as the Boaters Survey, which has had a terrific response so far, and Community Conversations, to understand need.

The DWP will be issuing the second Cost of Living Payment of £300 to those in receipt of Universal Credit, Jobseekers allowance, Employment support allowance, Income support and Pension Credit between 31st October and 19th November 2023.<sup>1</sup>

The Council is pleased to say that, following a successful summer programme that saw more than 1,220 young people take part, Wiltshire Council's Holiday Activity and Food programme (FUEL) will be back during the Christmas school holidays. It is funded by the Department for Education and provides children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals with free access to activity, food and nutritional education during school holidays. Eligible families will be able to sign up later in the year and details will be promoted through all schools in Wiltshire in due course. More information about FUEL can be found at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/fuel-programme](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/fuel-programme).

## **Warm and Safer Wiltshire**

Warm & Safe Wiltshire, provided by the council in partnership with Swindon Borough Council and the Centre for Sustainable Energy, is a service to help residents live in warmer, safer and healthier homes. It provides in-depth telephone, home visit and outreach support to people and communities covering a wide package of support: including energy bills, energy saving tips, energy saving vouchers, and funding for heating and insulation improvements in their homes. More information is available at [Warm and Safe Wiltshire advice service](#)

This year, in particular, we are offering grants for broken heating systems and have extensive voucher offer to help with heating and food vouchers. Attached to this briefing is poster for the public highlighting the scheme

Also attached is a leaflet for frontline workers which details training available to frontline workers, which can also be taken up by third sector.

To help different communities access support, we have two Warm and Safe Community case workers covering the North and South of the county providing support to the third sector, home visits and in depth case work. The focus here will be on the 20% most deprived across Wiltshire, Travelling and Boating Communities, and the Military.

## **Council Tax Reduction Scheme Consultation**

We are consulting on possible changes to its local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for working aged people, ensuring it continues to benefit those who need it, and that the scheme evolves in line with Government's developing plans on Universal Credit.

The consultation is now open until 27 November 2023. I'd like to encourage people to respond via the electronic survey online at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/benefits-council-tax-reduction> - paper copies are available in all of Wiltshire's libraries and main hubs. So far, more than two hundred responses have been received.

Potential changes to the scheme should result in it being more generous to people in hardship who are eligible to receive support, and that in turn should help to reduce the overall council tax debt written off each year due to those who are unable to pay.

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<sup>1</sup> [Cost of Living Payments 2023 to 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

## Wiltshire Food Banks and Community Food Providers Support Fund

### Grant Application

Wiltshire food banks and community food providers, are invited to apply for funding support for the following categories:

- The purchasing of food, or food vouchers (up to £5,000)
- Support costs that enable the food setting to bring in professional financial advice (no funding limit - each proposal will be assessed individually)
- The purchasing of capital items that enable residents to reduce their energy costs, which could be used at the food setting or in residents' own homes (no funding limit – each proposal will be assessed individually)

This funding cannot be used for ongoing operational costs. Eligible organisations will be from the voluntary and community sector and will provide food free of charge, or at a subsidised rate.

Applications are welcomed for this second funding round available from 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024. Organisations can make one application per funding round.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their application with their local Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager (SEPM). You can find the contact details for your local SEPM [here](#).

Applications will be assessed on multiple factors including the number of households they support, the evidence of need provided and the value of the service being offered to residents. It is anticipated that funding demand will be high, so please be aware that there may not be sufficient funding to fully support all requests.

To submit your application please complete this form and return to [areboards@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:areboards@wiltshire.gov.uk). Please note, it is essential that all successful applicants return a proforma regarding the use and impact of the funding. This will be provided to all successful applicants with the required deadlines for submission.

### 1) Food bank or food provider details

Food bank or food provider details	
Address	
Contact name	
Contact telephone number	
Contact email address	

**2) Detail regarding your application?**

Please provide a description of how the requested funding will be used? Please use a separate box for purchasing of food, advice costs or other.	Expected no. of households to benefit from the funding?	Amount being applied for?

**3) Please provide as much evidence and detail as possible as to why this funding is needed (if advice services are being proposed, please provide details of the relevant organisation who will deliver this).**

**4) How do residents access food from your organisation?**

- Referral system
- Open access
- Other - please advise here:

**5) Any other relevant information to support your application?**



**6) Declaration**

Supporting information; please confirm that the following documents will be available to inspect upon request (You do not need to send these documents to us):

- I have all the **necessary and relevant** policies and procedures such as Child Protection, Safeguarding Adults, Public Liability Insurance, Access audit, Health & Safety and Environmental assessments in place and will make them available on request.
- The information on this form is correct, that any award received will be spent as specified.

Signature	Name	Position	Date





## **FACT Family Help Programme**

**Update November 2023**

### **Background**

In early 2023, the Wiltshire Families and Children's Transformation (FACT) Partnership launched its Family Help project to enhance the local arrangements for the delivery of early intervention and prevention services for children, young people and families.

### **What do we mean by 'Family Help'?**

Wiltshire's multi-agency Family Help arrangements enable children, young people and families to access the right help at the right time through a co-ordinated approach to prevention and early intervention through:

- a co-ordinated approach at a whole population/universal level to prevent needs from arising and to build resilience across all residents
- a robust multi-agency approach to identifying any additional needs at the earliest point and providing effective joined-up support that prevents the needs from escalating further

We use the term 'Family Help' to stress that the focus is on working with families and to avoid historical confusion associated with the term 'Early Help'.

### **Autumn Update**

Autumn has been a busy time for the partners particularly with the launch of the All Together website and brand as well as progress with commissioning Family Hubs.

We hope you find the updates below helpful, please do contact [fact@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:fact@wiltshire.gov.uk) if you'd like to find out more or get involved.

### **Branding**

With input from local families, FACT partners have collaborated to create a cohesive brand for Family Help following feedback from families and professionals that the existing system was hard to navigate and appeared relatively confusing, fragmented, and disjointed. This new umbrella brand, called All Together, covers all services providing early intervention and prevention, communicating to families, schools, and other relevant organisations that these services and organisations are working in tandem to deliver a more collective and connected system across the County.



## **Online Platform**

Feedback from families and professionals also informed the partnership that finding information about and getting in touch with Early Help services was not easy.

The All Together platform hosted on Wessex Community Action's Wiltshire Together website has been launched alongside the wider branding activity and this will enable families and practitioners/organisations to easily find out about the Family Help Offer in Wiltshire.

The webpages can be accessed via [All Together - Wiltshire Together](https://wiltshiretogether.org.uk/AllTogether) or <https://wiltshiretogether.org.uk/AllTogether>

## **Family Hubs**

We are developing Family Hubs to respond to the Government 2019 manifesto pledge. Family Hubs are a place-based way of joining up locally in the planning and delivery of services for children and young people aged 0-19 and their parents/carers. This approach will provide families with a single point of access to early support services and will include online/digital presence as well as physical locations to access services.

This initiative is being led by the Council's Commissioning Team with services scheduled to go live across Wiltshire from April '24.

## **Locality Pilot**

A key element of the project is a specific pilot in the Warminster and Westbury area that is seeking to develop, implement and evaluate new ways of working in the context of early intervention and prevention for children, young people and families.

The two new Family Help Champions and Early Intervention Family Mental Health Champion posts are now fully embedded and working intensively with a number of local families to address specific issues with supervision from the Pilot Area Co-ordinator.

Other key developments in the pilot area include:

- Introduction of drop-ins for families at a number of schools, early years settings and other venues enabling them to easily access support and advice on a wide range of topics

- Delivery of 'Picnic on the Pitch' Summer holiday activities programme

- Development of responses to the agreed local priority issues:

  - Emotional well-being

  - Support for parents

  - Impact of the cost of living crisis



Development and delivery of group work activity focussed on specific issues including helping parents cope with challenging behaviour, working with children with autism and wider parenting support strategies

Piloting of Restorative Approaches in a number of schools

An interim evaluation will be produced by Oxford Brookes University during the early part of 2024 and shared in our next update.

### **Workforce Development**

The project is also developing a Family Help workforce development offer building on the existing SVPP-led training activity to ensure that we have a system-wide approach to training and development that will be accessible to those working in schools, settings, VCS groups and the wider group of partner agencies.

The framework will set out a series of aligned modules based around Relational Practice that will build on the existing Five to Thrive training that has been extensively rolled out across the system and led by Public Health. The offer is under development but will initially include training on:

- Trauma informed practice
- Understanding adolescence
- Making Every Contact Count (MECC)
- Motivational Interviewing
- Emotion Coaching

The workforce development offer will be available to all agencies that deliver Family Help in Wiltshire via the SVPP website.

### **Outcomes Framework**

FACT partners have contributed to and agreed a system-wide framework that will enable the partnership to monitor a range of short, medium and long term indicators to enable a shared understanding of needs and impact related to early intervention and prevention activity.

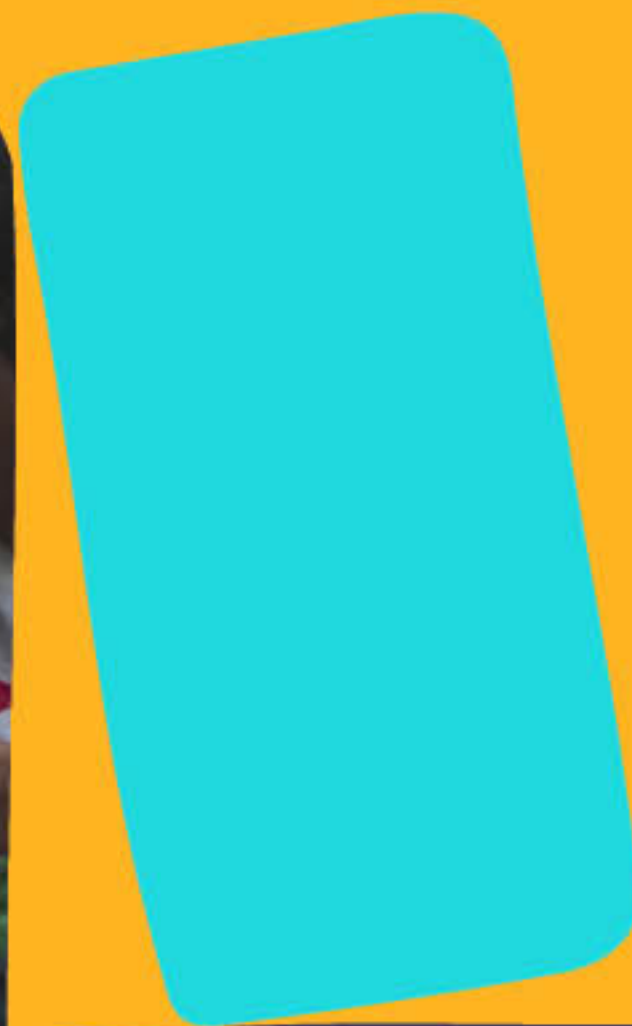
The indicators combine quantitative measures alongside qualitative measures and process indicators thus providing a balanced scorecard that aligns with the strategic vision for Family Help in Wiltshire and its three key strands:

- Health – child development, physical health, mental health and emotional well-being
- Wealth – education, employment, finance, home
- Wellbeing – safety, inclusive communities, positive relationships

Please contact [fact@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:fact@wiltshire.gov.uk) if you'd like to find out more or get involved.



# Supporting families and young people in Wiltshire







# We all need help sometimes.



**Are you a parent or carer needing support? Are you a young person needing some advice?**

For information on things to do, places to go, practical tips or who to talk to, All Together is a website with information and advice for you.



[wiltshiretogether.org.uk/AllTogether](http://wiltshiretogether.org.uk/AllTogether)



Area Boards are a way of working to bring local decision making into the heart of the community, working alongside town and parish councils, voluntary and community groups, youth organisations, sports clubs and local charities. Area boards wouldn't be able to achieve what they do without these partners working on the ground with them.

The Area Boards are developing their communications with residents and local organisations to help stay connected with local initiatives, meetings, community events and activities. A new Wiltshire Area Board Facebook page has been launched and we would encourage our partners and communities to follow it for useful information.

The Facebook page can be found here – <https://www.facebook.com/wiltsareaboard>

We have also amalgamated and streamlined our Area Board Twitter accounts so there is now one account for all community areas to access and seek key information - [Wiltshire Area Boards \(@WiltsAreaBoard\) / X \(twitter.com\)](#)

Unfortunately the 'Our Community Matters' newsletters will not be resuming circulation. However, if you wish to receive area board invites and other information about events going on in your local area, please stay registered with us.

All Wiltshire Council communications can be accessed via our webpage - [News and communications - Wiltshire Council](#)



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# Area Board Report

Royal Wootton Bassett Community Policing Team

January 2024

Keeping Wiltshire Safe



Agenda Item 8

# Your Neighbourhood Policing Team



**Inspector:** Gareth Edwards

**Neighbourhood Sergeant:** Katharine Smith

**Neighbourhood Officers:**

PC Lucy Wright (Royal Wootton Bassett and Lyneham)

PC Beth Butwell (Cricklade and Purton)

PC Joanne Phelps (Malmesbury and Ashton Keynes)

**PCSOs:**

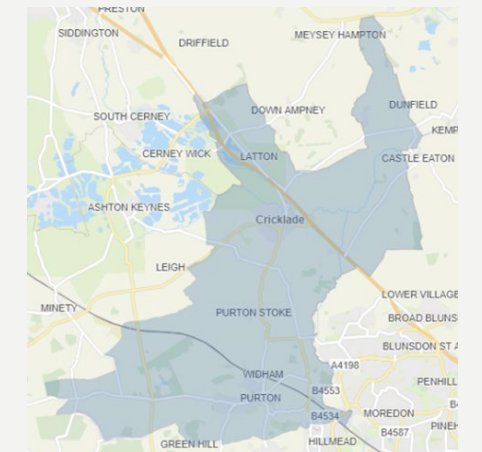
Kelly Hillier (Royal Wootton Bassett and Lyneham)

Monique Beasley (Cricklade and Purton)

Juliet Evans (Malmesbury Rural)



**Royal Wootton Bassett**



**Cricklade & Purton**

# Community Engagements

## Our Engagement Vision

### Community Engagement impacts on everything we do

- We use a range of techniques and channels to best connect with our communities to obtain their views on policing in the county
- We work collaboratively with a variety of partners to engage with communities
- We actively encourage and enable people to be part of our policing conversations to help shape our approach, response, policy, and delivery
- We ensure our diverse and under-represented communities have a voice and are represented in conversations
- We demonstrate where we have listened and where we have changed our service as a result of what our communities are telling us
- We evaluate the success of our engagement activity and learn lessons to improve future engagement



# Community Engagements January – December 2023

In 2023 the Neighbourhood Policing Team completed **707 community engagements** within the RWB, Malmesbury and Cricklade areas.

## Weeks and Days of Action Oct – Dec 2023

- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – RWB & Lyneham ASB Op**
- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Bradenstoke Traffic Op**
- **13<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> November Op Sceptre**

Officers completed knife safety sweeps in the local schools and educational sessions with students as part of a national initiative to raise awareness of knife crime and the Police action in detecting, reducing and preventing it.

- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Week of Action**

Officers carried out immigration and welfare checks at local businesses. They visited nail bars, car washes and building sites to identify any potential offences related to immigration, modern slavery and human trafficking.

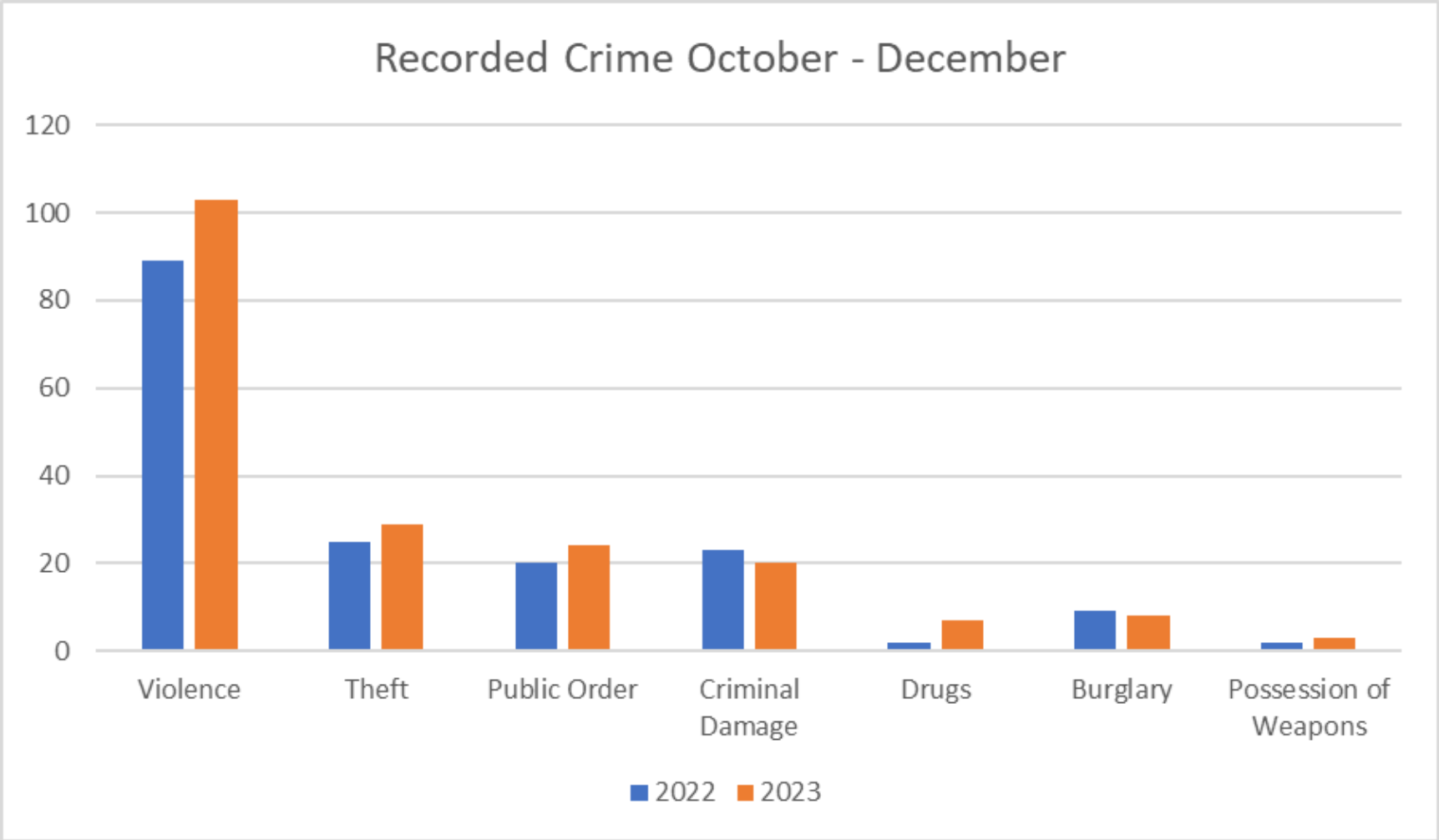
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Speed Checks / Drink Drive Op**
- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Waste Carrying Operation**

Working in partnership with the Wiltshire Council Enforcement Team officers targeted illegal waste carriers and fly tippers





# Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Crime Statistics



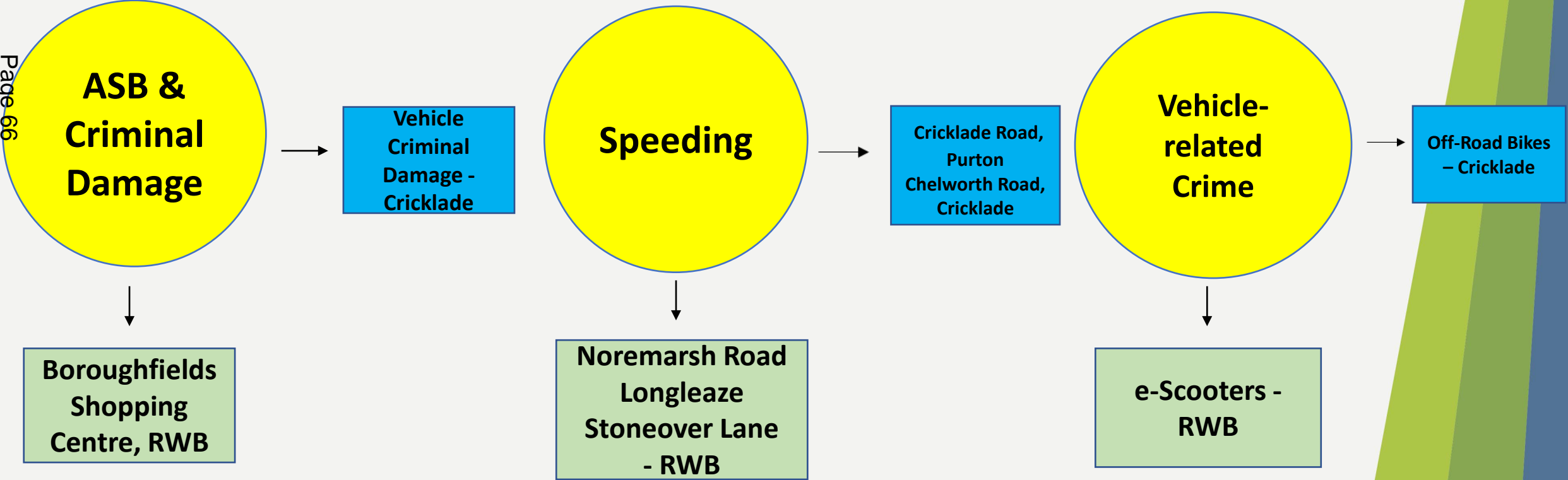
# Operational Priorities – January 2024

Safer Public Spaces

Violence  
Violence against person

Burglary

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**ASB & Criminal Damage**

Vehicle Criminal Damage - Cricklade

**Speeding**

Cricklade Road, Purton  
Chelworth Road, Cricklade

**Vehicle-related Crime**

Off-Road Bikes - Cricklade

Boroughfields Shopping Centre, RWB

Noremarsch Road Longleaze  
Stoneover Lane - RWB

e-Scooters - RWB

# Get Involved / Get to know



*Get to know*  
**Your Community Policing Team**

Wiltshire Police

**YOUR FORCE, YOUR AREA**

SCAN HERE

- Meet your local Community Policing Team (CPT) police officers and PCSOs
- Find out about crime stats in your area
- Learn about local policing meetings and events
- Read the CPT priorities
- Contact us

Chippenham CPT  
<http://bit.ly/46vT8kt>

We are inviting you to get to know your Community Policing Team even better. Over the past few months, the communications team and your local officers have been working hard to create new areas on the Force website entitled 'Your Area.'

If you've not discovered them yet, the Your Area pages will give you a considerable amount of information about the area in which you live including who your neighbourhood officers and PCSOs are, how to contact them, crime statistics for your area including the top reported crimes and a crime map showing hot spots.

If you are interested to know what the local police priorities are you will find them on the pages along with an up-to-date list of meetings and events the team will be attending. You can even find out if there will be speed checks in your area.

Keep up to date with the latest news and alerts in your area by signing up to our Community Messaging service via the QR Code.

Alternatively you can register online via [www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk](http://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk)



*Get to know*  
**Community Messaging**

Alerts from Wiltshire Police

**YOUR FORCE, YOUR AREA**

SCAN HERE

- Receive alerts from your local Community Policing team and partners
- Reply directly to alerts from officers
- Receive alerts by email, text or voicemail
- Over 15,000 subscribers in Wiltshire and Swindon
- It's FREE to subscribe

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# Road Safety update – RWB & Cricklade Area Board

Wednesday 17 January 2024



# • #FATAL5 education



In the UK, more than

## 200 people die

every year, in a drink-drive related crash

It's simple, if you're going to drive, don't drink and if you've had a drink, never drive. Any amount of alcohol impairs your driving.

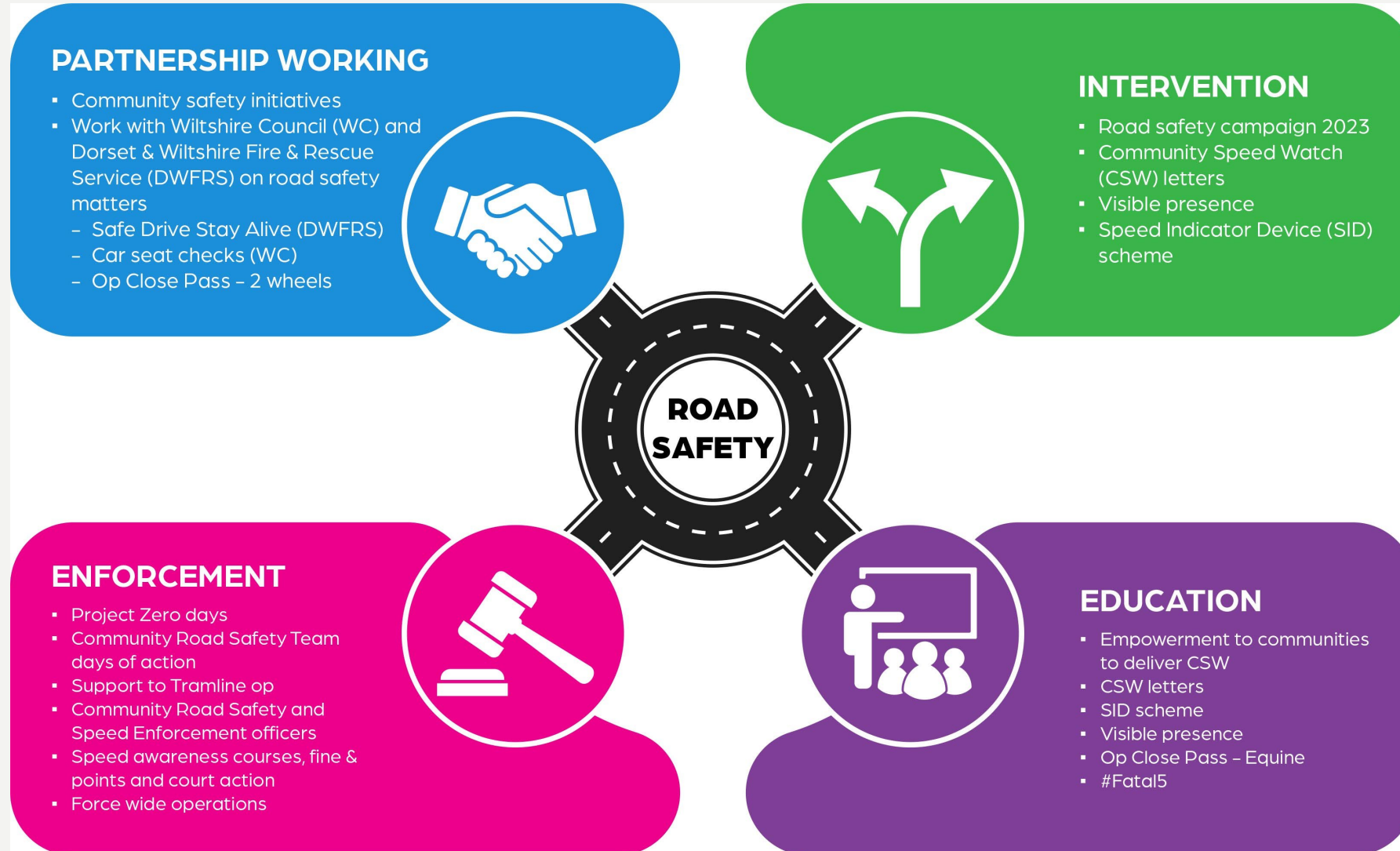


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**CrimeStoppers.**  
Speak up. Stay safe.

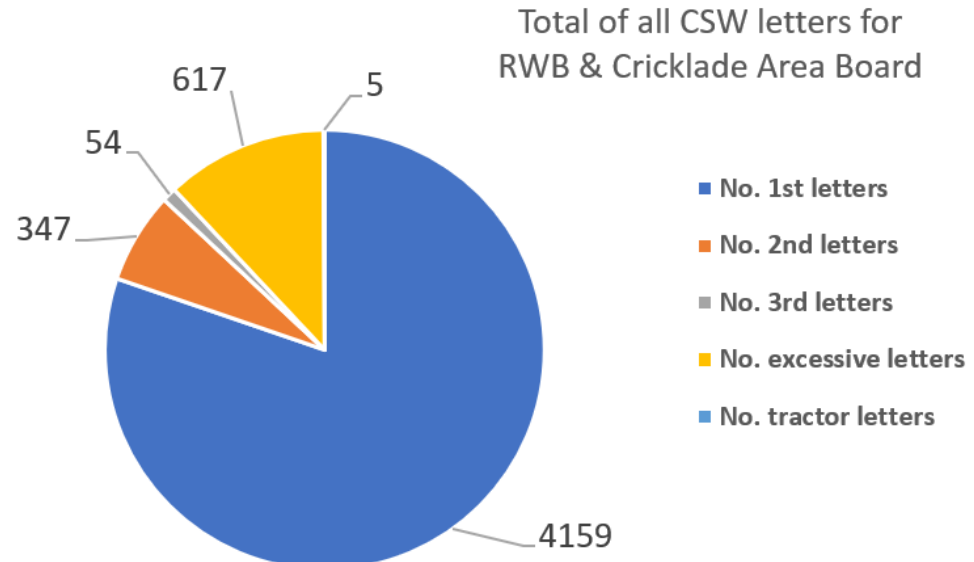
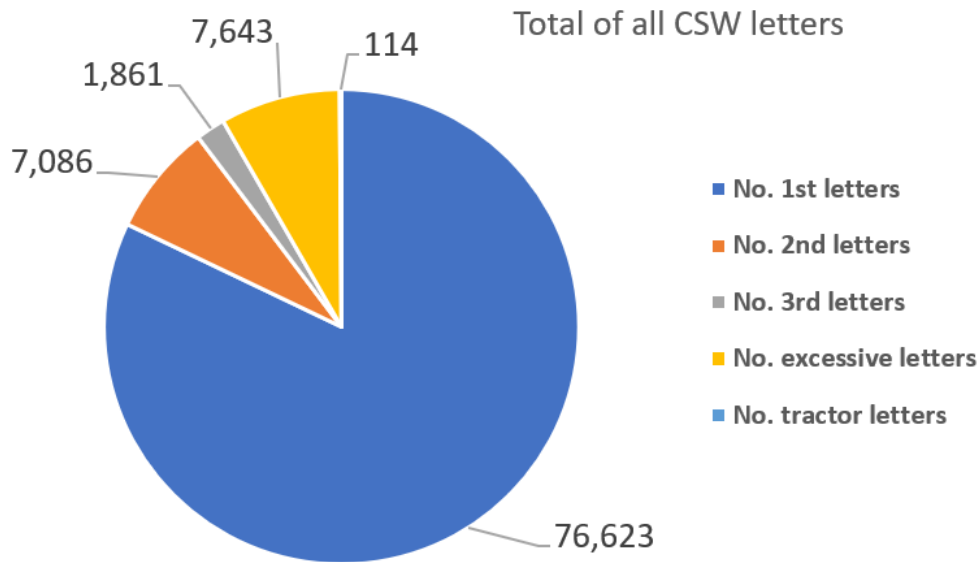
**0800 555 111**  
100% anonymous. Always.

# • Community Road Safety Team; what we do



# • CSW RWB & Cricklade area - Data since July 2020 to 5 January 2024

Team	No. 1st letters	No. 2nd letters	No. 3rd letters	No. excessive letters	No. tractor letters	Total letters	No. of watches	Average speeders %
Cricklade	2730	264	45	536	1	3576	194	10.9%
Lyneham	1276	73	6	78	4	1437	120	2.0%
Purton	62	6	2	3	0	73	7	1.5%
Royal Wootton Bassett	91	4	1	0	0	96	19	3.1%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4159</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5182</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>7.1%</b>





# • Traffic surveys – RWB & Cricklade since October 2020 to September 2023

## Wiltshire Council

Title	Result	Survey start date	Speed limit	85th percentile	CPT	Area Board
Bushton - Unnamed road	No further action	10/01/2022	40	38.45	RWB	RWB
Bushton - Withy Bed	No further action	10/01/2022	40	44.36	RWB	RWB
Bushton - Withy Bed (South)	No further action	10/01/2022	40	39.11	RWB	RWB
Cricklade - Chelworth Road	Police	21/11/2021	30	44	RWB	RWB
Cricklade - High Street South	Speed education	21/11/2021	20	30.6	RWB	RWB
Cricklade - Malmesbury Road	Speed education	21/11/2021	30	36.1	RWB	RWB
Cricklade - Purton Road	No further action	21/11/2021	30	32.6	RWB	RWB
Cricklade B4553 Purton Road 045-014	No further action	12/06/2023	30	32	RWB	RWB
Great Bedwyn - church Street	No further action	21/11/2021	30	29	RWB	RWB
Latton - Gosditch,	No further action	10/12/2020	30	24.8	RWB	RWB
Latton - Water Eaton	No further action	21/11/2021	60	49.7	RWB	RWB
Latton C419 The Street 043-013	Speed education	12/07/2023	30	38.6	RWB	RWB
Lyneham - A3102 The Green 042-026	No further action	15/05/2023	30	34.8	RWB	RWB
Purton - C34 Manor Hill 042-019	No further action	15/05/2023	60	42.7	RWB	RWB
Purton - C414 Cricklade Road	Speed education	04/02/2023	30	39.4	RWB	RWB
Purton - C414 Restrop Road 043-021	No further action	12/06/2023	30	32.7	RWB	RWB
Purton - UC Witts Lane 043-022	No further action	12/06/2023	30	21.2	RWB	RWB
Purton UC The Hyde 043-003	No further action	12/06/2023	30	17.2	RWB	RWB
Royal Wootton Bassett	No further action	04/02/2023	30	34.7	RWB	RWB
Royal Wootton Bassett A3102 Swindon Road (West)	No further action	04/02/2023	60	35.3	RWB	RWB
Royal Wootton Bassett - Bath Road	No further action	21/11/2021	30	34.1	RWB	RWB
Royal Wootton Bassett - Garraways	No further action	04/02/2023	30	21.5	RWB	RWB
Royal Wootton Bassett A3102 Swindon Road (East)	No further action	04/02/2023	50	49.2	RWB	RWB
Royal Wootton Bassett C374 Bincknoll Way	No further action	04/02/2023	60	44.5	RWB	RWB
RWB - Whitehill Lane	No further action	10/01/2022	30	30.91	RWB	RWB
RWB - Whitehill Lane	No further action	10/01/2022	30	30.91	RWB	RWB
Tockenham - Tockenham Road C120	No further action	04/02/2023	30	29.8	RWB	RWB

# Community Road Safety Officers

CRSO's

Your officer is Charlotte Sartin

# • CRSO's

## Recent activity

### Community Road Safety Day of Action

- **26 September - Swindon**
  - 5 Community Road Safety Officers & Staff
  - 11 Neighbourhood Officers
  - 6 RPU
  - 40+ different locations targeted
  - 2 CSW team supported
  - 150+ offences caught
- **17 October - Chippenham, RWB & Devizes**
  - 4 Community Road Safety Officers & Staff
  - 12 Neighbourhood Officers
  - 5 RPU
  - 40+ different locations targeted
  - 3 CSW team supported
  - 98 offences caught



### Child Car Seat Checks with:

## Wiltshire Council



### CHILD SEAT SAFETY

• THE CAR SEAT EXPERTS •

iOSH Accredited in car seat training

### RESULTS:



Tier 1

National Roads Partnership Calendar 2022-2023

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## September

**Vulnerable Road Users**  
12th Sep - 25th Sep Comms  
19th Sep - 25th Sep Enforcement

Project Edward  
19th - 23rd Sep

#ProjectEDWARD  
Every Day Without A Road Death



## Chat Café visit



Upcoming activity



Tier 1

National Roads Partnership Calendar 2022-2023

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## December

**Fatal Four**  
National Alcohol and Drugs  
Operation  
1st Dec - 1st Jan Comms  
1st Dec - 1st Jan Enforcement

# • Wider work recently

All offences below made national news.

Our Roads Policing Unit (RPU) in the last quarter, covering July to September, issued over **1800 tickets** to motorists, for numerous road related offences.



**Wilts Specialist Ops**  
@WiltsSpecOps

#RPU 'caught' this freshly stolen bus from Bristol on the M4 'hiding' in the services. Some help from the public and a swift foot patrol by RPU arrested the driver sus TWOC, drug drive plus other driving offences. You wait and wait for a bus and then....a stolen one arrives!



11:32 AM · Sep 27, 2023 · 196.5K Views

View post engagements

122 167 1,288 11

**Wilts Specialist Ops**  
@WiltsSpecOps

#RPU managed to get 5 McLarens stopped on the A303 after the pack were driving in excess of 100mph and close proximity driving to themselves and the public. This isn't a race track so take your 'driving experience' and sign the traffic offence report (push hard it's 3 copies)



2:04 PM · Sep 25, 2023 · 922.8K Views

View post engagements

243 269 2,381 41

**Wilts Specialist Ops**  
@WiltsSpecOps

#RPU caught the driver of this BMW travelling at 103mph along the M4 today. Driver also had no insurance and gave a positive roadside breath test blowing 54. Driver arrested and failed to provide in custody. Driver will be charged and disqualified #Fatal5 #Arrested #RoadSafety



7:40 PM · Sep 30, 2023 · 34.5K Views

View post engagements

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# Community Speed Enforcement Officers

CSEO's



# • CSEO – Dashboard overall – 1 January 2023 to date

## CSEO Activity Dashboard

Outcomes are dependent on previous convictions and history

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No. Speed awareness co...

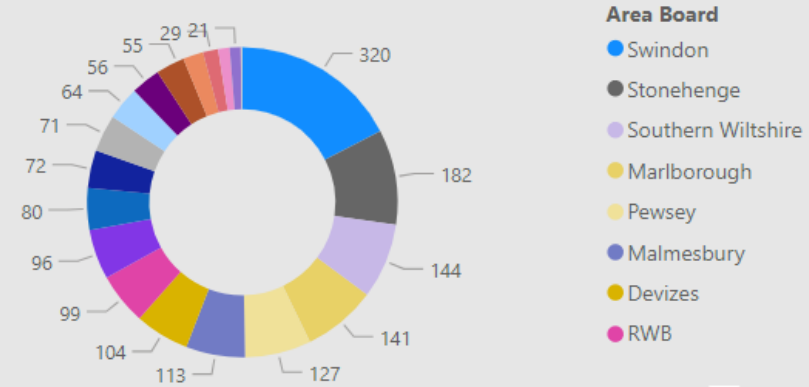
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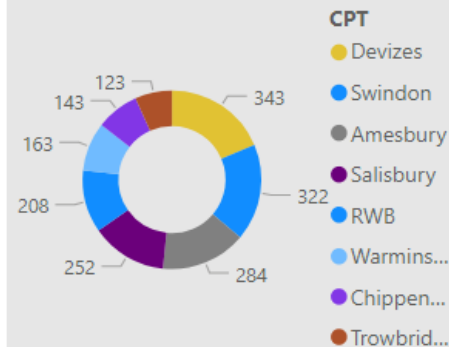
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No. of Locations

Location	Year	Month	Speed awareness course	Fine & Points	Court	CPT	Area Board
Swindon - Thamesdown Drive	2023	December	251.00	54.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Shaw and Whitley - A365 Folly Lane	2023	November	115.00	11.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	August	102.00	31.00	4.00	Salisbury	South West Wi
Harnham - Lime Kiln Way	2023	November	97.00	11.00	0.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	November	84.00	33.00	8.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Cricklade - Spital Lane	2023	April	80.00	10.00	0.00	RWB	RWB
Tilshead - Candown Road	2023	August	78.00	10.00	1.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	November	72.00	10.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	July	71.00	9.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Harnham - Lime Kiln Way	2023	October	71.00	7.00	0.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	August	69.00	9.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Ogbourne St Andrew	2023	December	69.00	9.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	June	64.00	8.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	September	64.00	5.00	1.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Sutton Benger - B4069 Downton Road -	2023	November	62.00	13.00	0.00	Chippenham	Chippenham
	2023	September	61.00	2.00	1.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
<b>Total</b>			<b>7,297.00</b>	<b>979.00</b>	<b>88.00</b>		

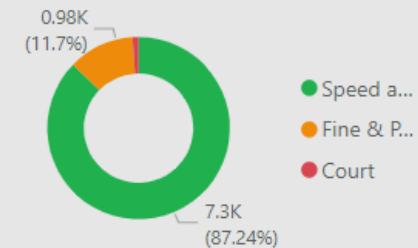
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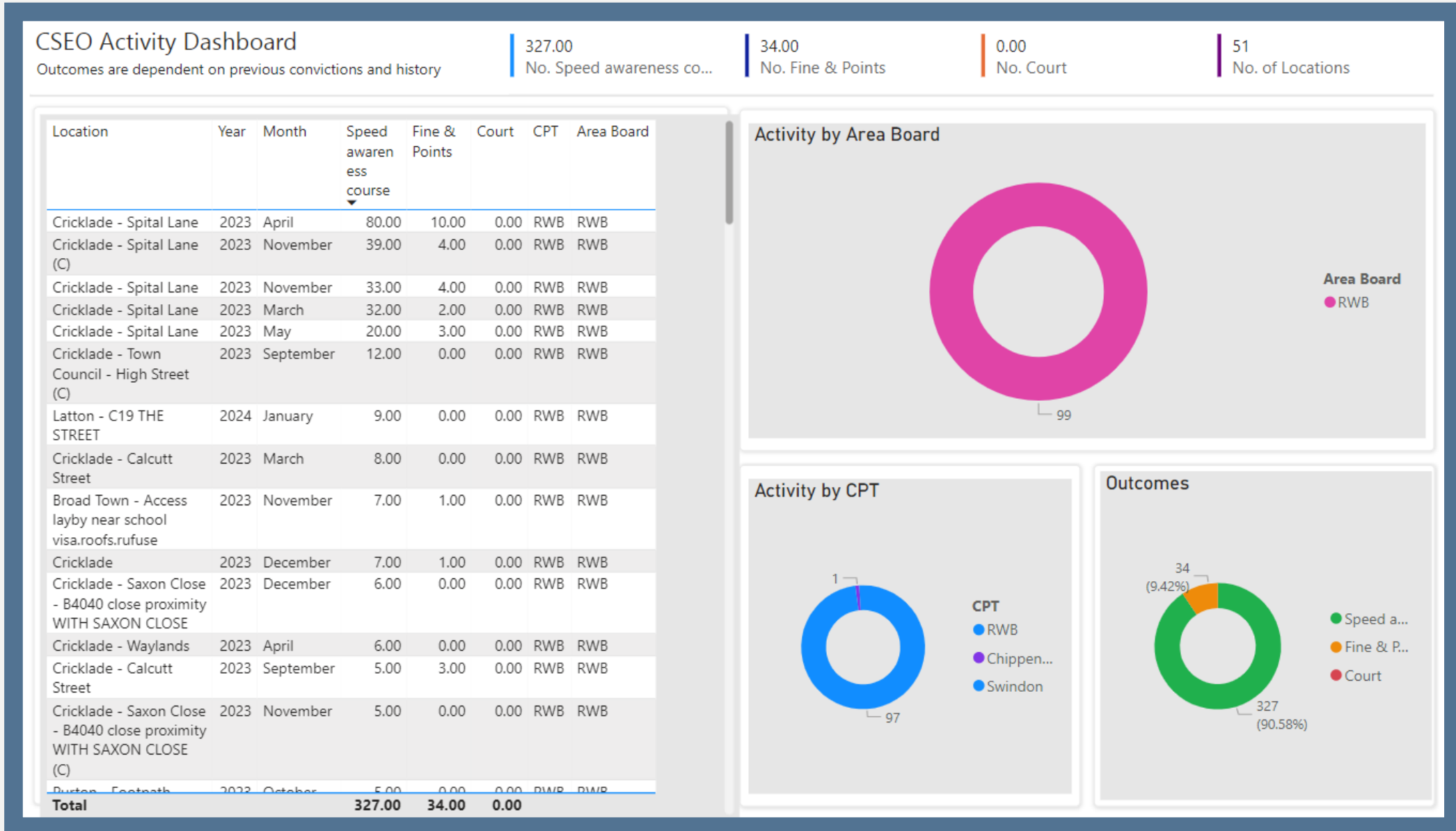
### Activity by CPT



### Outcomes



# • CSEO – RWB & Cricklade Area Board - 1 January 2023 to date



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For information on Road Safety in Wiltshire visit:  
[Road safety campaign 2023 | Wiltshire Police](#)

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



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[Wilts Specialist Ops \(@WiltsSpecOps\) / X \(twitter.com\)](#)

[Wiltshire Specials \(@wiltspolicesc\) / Twitter](#)





## A Unique Concert for Wiltshire

A Unique Concert for Wiltshire will be held at the historic Salisbury Cathedral on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024** to raise vital funds for key Wiltshire charities Youth Action Wiltshire, Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust.

Tickets are now on sale with prices starting from £15. More information about the event can be found in our blog post about the event:

<https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/news/a-unique-concert-for-wiltshire/>

Seats can be booked online from <https://tinyurl.com/uniquewiltshire> or by calling the Salisbury Cathedral box office on 01722 656 555.

We look forward to welcoming you to this very special event.

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## New website for Community Insurance

Community Insurance is a specialist insurance agent service from Community First. We work with leading provider Zurich to offer comprehensive insurance for village halls, community buildings, playing field associations and local councils.

We have recently launched a new website for Community Insurance with more information about insurance policies, claims information and online forms to request a free, no obligation quotation.

The website also features a series of useful guides.

For more information visit: [www.communityinsurance.co.uk](http://www.communityinsurance.co.uk), telephone 01380 732809 or email: [communityinsurance@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:communityinsurance@communityfirst.org.uk).

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## Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre

Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre is now taking new bookings for 2024. The centre is fully equipped for day and residential bookings for schools and groups with a variety of adventure activities including archery, canoeing and climbing. Our Outdoor Education Team can also design and lead a bespoke heritage learning day for your school or group. This is a truly unique learning experience that everyone will enjoy! Some recent examples of heritage learning days designed and delivered by our team at Oxenwood include:

### John of Gaunt School

Students from The John of Gaunt School recently attended a 'Living History Day' at Oxenwood. The students learned about British Army recruitment in 1914 and handled artefacts from the era. Some students were also kitted out as a soldier. The students formed battalion and learned how to fire a rifle and use a bayonet. The battalion then crossed 'no-man-land' whilst being fired at by the enemy (using a gel gun). The 'Living History Day' was delivered by the Oxenwood Outdoor Education Team who provided the trained re-enactor and led the safe handling of weaponry. Feedback was very positive:

*"The days provided an enrichment opportunity for Year 9 students who have been studying the events of the First World War and how these shaped our island's history. An event like this really brings History alive as the students don't just learn about events but experience them. It's the next best thing to having a time machine!"*

## Cricklade Manor Prep School

Students at Cricklade Manor Prep School attended a learning day at Oxenwood, led by our Outdoor Education Team. The team designed an immersive experience which taught the students about life in the Stone Age. The school said:

*“We were all blown away by your immersive experience and the children have been thoroughly inspired by their trip. Thanks must also go to Emily and Mo who led our group capably and who extended the warmth of Oxenwood to us all! We look forward to coming back and visiting again soon.”*

We are delighted to hear that schools and groups are benefiting from the amazing opportunities for learning and adventure offered by our team at Oxenwood. A full list of pricing for 2024-2025 is now available on our website. For more information or to design your bespoke residential, day or learning experience contact: [enquiries@oxenwoodcentre.com](mailto:enquiries@oxenwoodcentre.com).

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## Oxenwood - First Aid Training Courses

We are now offering a range of first aid courses at Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre, led by Deputy Centre Manager & Outdoor Education Instructor Mo.

A list of available courses is included with this briefing pack.

Please email Mo: [dmaloney@oxenwoodcentre.com](mailto:dmaloney@oxenwoodcentre.com) for more information.

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## Vacancy - MiDAS Training Coordinator (Driver Assessor)

Community First is recruiting for a MiDAS (Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme) Training Coordinator/Driver Assessor to support the delivery of our MiDAS training service.

- **Hours:** Flexible, in response to demand for training, including some evening/weekend working.
- **Salary:** £14.50 gross per hour. (Actual hours will vary by month according to training delivered).
- **Base:** Home-based, with hot desk at Community First as required. Will be expected to travel to venues across Wiltshire, Swindon and other areas as required to deliver MiDAS training (mileage expenses paid).

More information about the role, including a job description, person specification and application form can be found on our website: <https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/vacancies/>

If you would like to find out more about this position, please contact Harry Tipple, Head of Community and Partnership development on: 01380 732 824 or [htipple@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:htipple@communityfirst.org.uk)

Closing date: Midday on 15th of January 2024

Interview dates: 24th of January 2024

To download a job description, person specification and an application form for this post, please visit the links below. Please note we are unable to accept CVs for this position.

*Community First is an equal opportunities employer.*

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## Link Schemes and Community Transport

The Community Development team are currently involved in a project that will offer support to the Link Schemes to help with the recruitment of volunteers. The team have spent 5 days on the ground in 5 different areas across Wiltshire engaging with the community.

All primary schools in Wiltshire have been emailed with a flyer and many have been kind enough to share the recruitment flyer on their school newsletter. We have managed to recruit 16 volunteers. We have another 5 days available to offer to the Links, so if you would like help with volunteer recruitment, please do get in touch.

There are 42 Link Schemes in Wiltshire with approximately 1,600 volunteers who help to keep communities connected to vital local services by offering door-to-door transport to shops, lunch clubs and medical appointments. Volunteering with your local Link Scheme is a great way to meet new people, make friends and give something back to your community.

You can find your local Link Scheme by using our Community Transport Directory and there are several ways to be involved, including as a Link Driver or Link Coordinator. Link Drivers use their own cars and a mileage allowance is paid.

For more information or to enquire about volunteering with Link, please email: [linkproject@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:linkproject@communityfirst.org.uk)

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## Building Bridges and Inspire Swindon (Employability Programmes)

Community First will soon launch a refreshed website for The Building Bridges and Inspire Swindon Programmes. We aim to have this online as soon as possible. In the meantime, please continue to use the referral form on the holding page ([www.buildingbridgessw.org.uk/coming-soon](http://www.buildingbridgessw.org.uk/coming-soon)) or contact the lead team by email: [hello@buildingbridgessw.org.uk](mailto:hello@buildingbridgessw.org.uk) or telephone: 01380 732821.

Our two current employability programmes (Building Bridges in Wiltshire and Inspire Swindon for young people in Wiltshire) which started in July are both delivering strongly. Across the two programmes we are currently supporting a total of 75 participants with another 58 referrals currently being allocated out to Support Workers. The programmes are both already delivering fantastic outcomes - in Autumn 2023, 17 of the NEET/At Risk young people that we had been supporting moved on to college courses and with our support have sustained their attendance. We have also supported 6 participants into work and are currently supporting them to sustain their roles.

We are in discussions to build additional capacity into our Wiltshire programme to support more refugees and people affected by homelessness - we hope to be able to start this in early 2024.

We are pleased to announce that with funding from The National Lottery Community Fund we will be able to start a new programme to support adults in Swindon in mid-January 2024.

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**Briefing prepared by:**

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Marketing and Communications Manager (Community First)

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### Charity Shops and Information Hubs:

We have now opened our new Charity shop in Salisbury. We were delighted to have the Older People's Champion for Salisbury, Irene Kohler, cutting the ribbon for us. Our shop is also an Information & Advice hub, offering the opportunity for older residents to have accessible, face-to-face advice, by an arranged appointment. Leaflets about a range of issues affecting older people and our services are available in the shop. Our Information & Advice service offers a free quality accredited information & advice service for older people, their families, and their carers. They cover a wide range of issues affecting older people, including welfare benefits and money, care and support, housing options, local services, and later life planning.

We are looking to open other shops, with information points across the county, including in Marlborough and Devizes, so watch this space! If anyone would like to get in touch or is aware of a need arising in their area, please do get in touch and we may be able to explore this.



There is information on how to make donations on our website: [Age UK Wiltshire | Charity Shops](#)

### Fitness and Friendship:

Our Fitness & Friendship classes are ever popular and growing, with 17 clubs across the county, including some new clubs within sheltered housing schemes. These clubs provide seated exercise and activities. Members value the clubs as important places to make friends and connections which in turn reduces feelings of loneliness and isolation. The clubs are supported by 47 volunteers, many of whom started as members. A list of clubs is available on our website: [Fitness & Friendship Clubs | Age UK Wiltshire](#).

### Meals+:

Our Meals+ service is a service that provides a visit to an older person and the delivery of a hot meal. It is a lunchtime delivery all year round, apart from Christmas day. Our drivers have a conversation with the older person and conduct a welfare check as a part of every visit. Often the driver will be the only person they see all day. We continue to receive positive feedback on this service, and the peace of mind that it provides to relatives/carers, as below.

*"You are absolutely fab and I cannot thank you enough for the way you look after my Mum!"*

### **Neighbourhood Collaboratives/Health:**

Our Chief Executive, Sarah Cardy, is the voluntary sector representative on the Wiltshire Health & Wellbeing Board, and Age UK Wiltshire are involved with various ICA workstreams. We are part of the Neighbourhood Collaborative Pathfinder work in Melksham and have also been involved with work to improve the hospital discharge process. As an organisation we often speak to older people who have insight into how this process could be better, from lived experience.

We believe that co-production and lived experience insight are integral to shaping future service provision.

Our latest newsletter can be found here - <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/bp-assets/globalassets/wiltshire/about-us/november-external-newsletter.pdf>. Please email [jasmine.forbes-lumby@ageukwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:jasmine.forbes-lumby@ageukwiltshire.org.uk) to be added to the mailing list.

## Your feedback on prescription ordering revealed in new report

How people order their prescriptions is the focus of a new report from Healthwatch Wiltshire.

We worked with Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board (BSW ICB) to find out which ordering service people liked to use, how easy they found the process, and how important the service was to them.

We received 380 responses to our short survey, which ran for two weeks in October. As well as an online survey, we took paper copies to several pharmacies across Wiltshire, where we talked to patients as they collected their prescriptions.

### What did people tell us?

Most people told us they found ordering prescriptions easy, and used a variety of methods including SystemOnline, the NHS App and Prescription Ordering Direct.

The majority of respondents said being able to order repeat prescriptions was very important to them, but long waits for medication and shortages of preferred brands were among the concerns they raised.

Other issues included poor internet availability, or a lack of confidence in using online services, as well as a frustration at not being able to get repeat prescriptions for longer than one month, particularly when someone had a long term condition.

### What happens next?

The feedback we received has been welcomed by BSW ICB, who said: "We are very grateful to everyone for taking time to either talk in person, or fill in this Healthwatch designed survey,

which helps inform us on the experiences of a range of repeat prescribing methods used across BSW and how they compare.

"We will be reviewing the feedback and using it to help inform our understanding. We recognise not just the different perspectives reflected in the report, but also the differing needs of our population with some patients potentially very well served by digital solutions and others where alternative access routes are more suitable.

"We have also been listening to a broad range of stakeholders and we will now bring all of the feedback together to help inform our planning. Should anything need to be undertaken differently we will be clearly communicating in a planned and considered way.

"We would also like to acknowledge the hard work of the Healthwatch Wiltshire staff and their volunteers in bringing these views and reflections to our attention. We look forward to continuing to work with all Healthwatch groups across BSW to ensure we hear from our population about their experiences."

Stacey Sims, Healthwatch Wiltshire Manager, said: "Thanks to all who shared their experiences and their ideas to improve prescription ordering services.

"We make a series of recommendations in our report, and we're pleased that these have been welcomed by the Integrated Care Board."

[Find out more in our report.](#)







## Update for Wiltshire Area Boards

December 2023

### System-wide Primary Care Access Recovery Plan (approved BSW ICB Board 16.11.23)

The Primary Care Access Recovery Plan for BSW has been developed following the publication of NHSE guidance earlier in the year and has been led by the BSW ICB Primary Care team working with all the GP practices across BSW and with system partners. The document format is based on a standard template provided by NHSE regional colleagues.

The context and content of the document was discussed in detail at the Board development session in October. Following the discussions, a final version of the document has now been produced with an associated communications plan.

The Board is now asked to approve the plan.

The following sets out a brief summary of the content of the document, however the full version is available to Board members and to the public via the ICB website, found [here](#)

The Primary Care Access Recovery Plan PCARP forms part of the operational planning guidance. The PCARP supports all three elements of the Fuller Stocktake vision and the development of Integrated Neighbourhood Teams but focusses on the first element of streamlining access to care and advice. The **national ambitions** for the PCARP are:

- To make it easier for patients to contact their practice and;
- For patients' requests to be managed on the same day, whether that is an urgent appointment, a non-urgent appointment within 2 weeks or signposting to another service.

The PCARP seeks to support recovery by focussing on four key areas:

Area	Focus
Empower Patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving information and NHS App functionality</li> <li>• Increasing self-directed care where clinically appropriate</li> <li>• Expanding community pharmacy services</li> </ul>
Modern General Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementing 'Modern General Practice Access'</li> <li>• Better digital telephony</li> <li>• Faster navigation, assessment and response</li> </ul>
Build Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larger multidisciplinary teams</li> <li>• More new doctors</li> <li>• Retention and return of experienced GP's.</li> <li>• Higher priority for primary care in housing developments</li> </ul>
Cut Bureaucracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving the primary – secondary care interface</li> <li>• Building on the 'Bureaucracy Busting Concordat'</li> </ul>

## Caring Steps Together

We are incredibly pleased to be sharing with you the outcome of more than a year of work to improve the way in which we share information with people who are discharged from our acute trusts into intermediate community-based services. We led this work from Wiltshire, but we've worked with colleagues across the BSW system in doing so, and it will be used by all of our services system-wide.



Resources to help patients, families, carers and colleagues working in health and care understand the discharge process and how to access onward care and support.

For more information:  
[www.bswtogether.org.uk/discharge](http://www.bswtogether.org.uk/discharge)

Giving you confidence to move forward

The programme was established as a response to the learning and insights we gathered from patients and their families / carers and colleagues working in and around these services – whilst they often told stories of feeling well supported, too often they were about feeling confused, worried and out of control about what was happening to them. So, we've worked with people to understand what they wanted to know (both from those who have gone through the pathway and those who haven't) and how they wanted to be given the information. We even got their views on language, colours, pace and the kind of people they wanted to see in the resources.

The Caring Steps Together web site is now available [here](#) and the websites of all our providers will point to this when referencing the discharge process. The site (which will also be accessible via QR codes on lanyards that we are handing out to colleagues across the system) is split into patient-facing and staff facing resources (though everything is open access). Our VCSE colleagues are also participating in the programme as well as providing information around the support they can offer outside of statutory services.

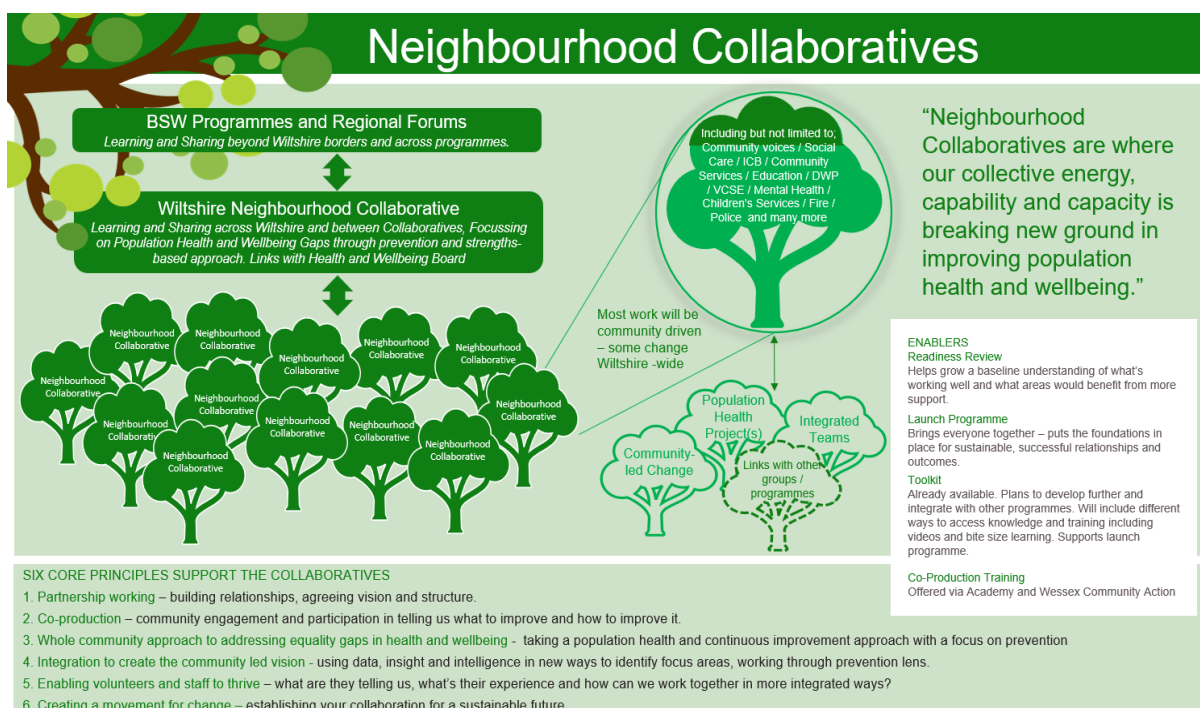
## Neighbourhood Collaboratives

Aiming to reduce health and wellbeing inequality gaps within neighbourhoods across Wiltshire through partnership and a prevention focussed approach, we are continuing to make progress in our Neighbourhood Collaboratives which are part of the Implementation Plan of the Integrated Cared Strategy and the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Whilst recognising that this is a significant change to the way in which we work and takes time, we are on track to reach our aim of working with at least 5 areas by the end of March 2024. With strong links to the Fuller Stocktake and Integrated Teams, the Collaboratives Steering Group is now made up of over 30 partners across health, local authority, public service and the VCSE sectors and supports the development of each of the collaboratives. It is building links with other programmes of work such as Community Conversations, the Families and Childrens Transformation Programme and work in mental health.

The Collaboratives have recently been awarded £100,000 of Health Inequalities Funding to provide seeding for increased pace and scale of the Neighbourhood Collaboratives movement and to be able to develop and test an innovative model of community engagement and co-production principles. We will be working to deliver this during 2024.

There is a lot more information available in the form of newsletters, a web platform and things like recorded presentations – all of which are available on request. The two graphics below hopefully offer a high-level summary of the model and the current status:



## Collaboratives in 2023

Neighbourhood	Highlights
Trowbridge	(initial pilot) continues with its work in preventing increases in the housebound population. Health Inequalities and Neighbourhood Collaboratives project teams met with Trowbridge and agreed a plan to establish a broader collaborative group and commence launch programme in early 2024.
Melksham and Bradford on Avon	<p>Pathfinder site – quick testing and learning from the model and will be able to share the learning to inform the tools and the approach that will be used by other sites.</p> <p>Coproduction training has taken across partners in this area. Feedback from the training will be used to help identify our baseline awareness of Co-production within the locality which should help to identify areas of future need.</p> <p>Cohort identified: Previously unidentified people as first of a first serious fall – aiming to reduce prevalence of serious first falls and subsequent ambulance attendances / hospital admissions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mapped and collected existing falls prevention resources across MBoA – will share example</li><li>• Engagement with the identified group of patients is nearing completion – utilising co-production</li><li>• Delivery of the Development programme, (an adaptation of the Launch Programme), happened 27/11/23</li></ul>
Devizes	After a period of engagement with partners in this neighbourhood and plans to focus on children and young people, the support team stepped back whilst this area discussed and agreed it's way forward. This area will progress in early 2024 with the Readiness Review and launch programme.
Chippenham, Corsham & Box (CCB)	Areas of interest reviewed and undertaken data analysis with the Health Inequalities team. The early stages of this collaborative are progressing well and there is a structure of meetings in place. The Readiness Review has been completed – launch programme due early 2024. Reducing Hypertension is initial area of focus.
Salisbury – area wide	Three of the four Salisbury PCNs (offer to join will be extended to the 4 <sup>th</sup> PCN area) have proposed a Salisbury-wide approach to developing a Collaborative. This will be taken forward – next step is to undertake the Readiness Review. Plans also in place to work with farmers and support a dementia network approach.

### Holiday Season

We would like to wish all of our partners a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2024. Thank you for your support, hard work and commitment to the ongoing priorities. We hope you have a lovely break over the holidays with your nearest and dearest.



Fiona Selvin-Brown, Director of Place - Wiltshire



## PURTON PARISH COUNCIL

AREA BOARD UPDATE - 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024

### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON 2023



Hundreds of local people, of all ages, came along to the Purton Parish Council Christmas Lights Switch on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, at the Purton Red House.

Although the weather was very chilly, the drinks, food, and welcome were warm, as everyone enjoyed hot food from Dora's Dairy and mulled wine from the Purton Red House.

Together, Acting Chair, Cllr Neil Hooper, and young Zack, switched on the lights, at the end of the countdown.

After the big switch on, the Peartree Pealers set the festive atmosphere with Christmas Hand Bell Ringing and the Lockdown Brass Band played Christmas Carols in the Purton Red House, so that everyone could keep warm.

Cllr Neil Hooper said:

*"This is what Christmas, and village life is all about - bringing everyone together to enjoy music, food, and festivities."*



### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023

Around a hundred guests enjoyed the Purton Parish Council Children's Christmas Party, on Saturday 16th December, at Purton Village Hall.

Both children resident in Purton and those living beyond the Parish, were welcomed to attend.

At the Christmas party, children enjoyed all the fun of Razzmatazz Entertainment, with games, magic tricks, real rabbits and snow!

After the party, the children were all invited to visit Father Christmas, who listened to their Christmas wishes and gave them a small gift.



## CHAIR OF COUNCIL, RAYMOND GEORGE THOMAS

21st April 1950 - 3rd December 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our Chair of Council Ray Thomas, on Sunday 3rd December, peacefully at home with his loving family by his side, after a short illness.

Ray joined the Council in September 2004 with a view to staying a few years!

Nearly 20 years later, with various chairing roles, he was firmly imbedded into the ways of the council and community life and became Chair of Council on 13th May 2013 where he remained until his passing.

Our thoughts and condolences are with his family and friends at this difficult time.



Those who knew him described him as, *"A true gent, with the community at his heart"*.

## ST MARY'S CHURCH - CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2023



Purton Parish Council decorated a tree, for the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church, which ran from Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of December.

The Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church Purton, welcomed local groups, clubs and societies to decorate a tree which showed the aims and activities of their organisations.

In line with the Churches eco aspirations, all the groups involved were asked to be environmentally friendly, by not using glitter dust or glitter spray.

For health and safety reasons, the 3-4ft trees were all lit with battery operated lights.

In all, 35 trees were included from organisations such as: the WI, Messy Church, Purton Tennis Club, White Lodge Care Home, Young Farmers, and the local schools.

All the Purton Parish Council Tree decorations were hand crafted by a collaboration of Council Officers and Councillors and were designed to reflect the local amenities and activities of the organisation.



Please see details of events that have been supported by Cricklade Town Council (CTC), and also some upcoming events that are planned for the residents to get involved with.



### Cricklade and Latton Memory Café

A councillor identified a need for a monthly support group for those with problems with memory and their companions living in Cricklade and Latton. The council put out a plea for any volunteers to run the group and we are thankful for the two lovely experienced and qualified ladies that have come forward.

The Memory Café will be held in the Town Hall Annexe on the first Wednesday of every month. The upcoming dates are **7th February, 6th March, 3rd April and the 1st May from 1030-1230**. The cafes will include varied entertainment and social activities, support and information. First session free for all new visitors and £2.50 each thereafter. Light refreshments provided. **Anyone interested in volunteering or want to know more please contact** Margaret 07976 620089 & Vona 07896 723794.

CTC have provided a grant to the group to help with start-up costs.

### Cricklade Christmas Community lights



A small group of residents come together each year to arrange the annual Christmas lights switch on, this year's event was on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and was very well attended by local residents. The local traders along with Cricklade Town Council all donate money to ensure the event is insured and runs smoothly. All young children are invited to visit Santa in his Grotto, for a donation only.

Many congratulations to the winners in the Cricklade Christmas Lights competition held in December. Certificates were presented at the Full Town council meeting held in January. Many thanks to all who decorated windows or their homes over the festive season, for all to enjoy.

### Remembrance in Cricklade

Once again, this year the Town turned out in force to commemorate the fallen over the Remembrance weekend. Firstly, on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November there was a short service of Remembrance for the school children, all the children attending have an opportunity to lay a cross around the War Memorial. On Saturday there was a short informal service for any residents, then Sunday was the formal parade and service. As always, this event was very well

attended and Cricklade paid its respects. After the non-denominational service in St Sampson's a small contingent of residents and guests attended a wreath laying event at Blake Hill Cairns. Here the men and women from the UK and the Royal Canadian Air Force that were based and flew from Blake Hill during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War are remembered.

Thanks to all who helped make the events a success as always.



### **Upcoming community events in Cricklade**

Community snow drop planting – weather and ground conditions being suitable then this will take place in the Millennium wood area during February half term – look out for further details nearer the time.

Community tree planting day – this was due to happen in November but the area was only accessible with waders or a boat, again hopefully the community will be able to plant out the trees in February, date to be confirmed dependant on ground conditions.

Community Litter pick - will be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024, meet at Bath Road Play area at 9.30am and finish at the Council offices for tea and biscuits. Look out on the Council website and Facebook pages for more details.

Cricklade Festival – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024. More details to follow.



## Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area

### YOUTH FORUM

9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 1pm

Virtual meeting via Teams link

AGENDA:



#### 1. Welcome and apologies.

Apologies:

Steve Murray, Lyneham Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers  
Genti Mullaliu, Horizon College (colleague Rebecca Clarke attending)  
Flt Lt Louise Curtis, Lyneham Air Cadets  
Fg Off Stephen Maxted  
Jude Deaman, Connecting Young People  
Mr Paul Luker, RWB Tae Kwon-Do  
Nick Bolton, Advanced sports coaching  
Mark Skivington, RWB Hockey Club  
Kate Lawrence, Wootton Bassett School of Dance  
Ellie Gassor, Purton Young Farmers  
Jan Kelly, Girl Guiding Wiltshire North

Chair:

(AB) Cllr Allison Bucknell – Wiltshire Councillor for Lyneham Division, Chair of the Area Board

(AJa) Andrew Jack Strategic Engagement Partnership Manager, Wiltshire Council  
(LY) Louisa Young, Area Board Delivery Officer, Wiltshire Council  
(AJe) Cllr Angela Jenson – Cricklade Town Council Vice Chair and Youth Lead  
(MH) Mark Hopkins, Town Clerk Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council & RWB Otters Swim Club  
(AD) Amy Dallimore, Army Welfare Service  
(JK) Josh Kingston, Army Welfare Service  
(DB), Danielle Blake, Rise Trust  
(AL) Alan Low, RWB Rugby Club & WASP  
(KH) Kevin Hickling, The Church at Flaxlands  
(RC) Rebecca Clarke, Horizon College  
(TC) Trevor Carter, Purton Cricket Club  
(AB) Andy Bunn, Cricklade Leisure Centre  
(DL) Danny Lloyd, Cricklade Rugby Club  
(PH) Phil Heads, RWB Volleyball Club  
(NR) Nic Reeves, Centre Manager Lime Kiln Leisure Centre, Wiltshire Council  
(SS) Sally Silcock Whitehorse Junior Badminton Club  
(SH) Stefanie Halpin, Purton Parish Council  
(CM) Christopher Male, 1<sup>st</sup> Purton and Lydiard Scouts  
(CW) Callum Wright, Purton Cricket Club  
(HM) Harriett Matthews – Police, Youth and Early intervention team

(GW) Graham Wright Purton Cricket Club  
(SW) Seth Wareing, Cricklade Rugby Club

## 2. Introductions

### 3. What's Happening in your areas.

(AJe) the town council is working with The Rise Trust and funding them to deliver youth provision in Cricklade. They would like to apply for funding for additional workshops such as DJ workshops & graffiti / street art workshops.

(GW) Purton Cricket Club - appreciated area board funding for refurbishing cricket nets. They are trying to get increased youth, particularly girls, involved in cricket. Highlighted they are facing challenges with transport particularly as it is difficult to access the lane it is too narrow and seems to put off greater engagement with schools.

During the winter try to run indoor sessions – using Cricklade pre-school sports hall and all coaches are volunteers to keep costs down. There is no opportunity to make additional money for club and they would like to be able to offer kit to children not in a position to buy their own. Trying to build a new pavilion – currently can't support men and women (male & female changing) – going through an exercise to raise money to get a much better facility and to provide a social area – if had ability to better entertain parents while young people taking part in the sport, they may be able to get them interested in volunteering. Availability of land difficult.

(PH) RWB Volleyball (also member of Cricklade cricket club) - play at the Lime Kiln, have recently increased capacity as were at capacity for a number of years. Equipment costs are still an issue need versatility so the current net needs securing. Transport is also an issue – getting the team to regional and national events and coach development costs all volunteers but training costs issue.

(AL) WASP & RWB Rugby Club highlighted there is a scheme run by WASP where any organisation can apply for a bursary for training:  
<https://www.wiltssport.org/coach-bursary-scheme>

The rugby club have been running sessions at school which has been attracting young people. They have a sponsor paying for a community coach but are having difficulty getting into schools as rugby is also being played less and the challenge is to turn that role into a fully sustained position.

(DL) Cricklade Rugby club  
Have been doing taster sessions also finding connection with schools difficult and would like to build on this.

(MH) Royal Wootton Bassett Town council & Otters Swimming Club  
Commission Rise Trust to run youth club outreach on Monday evenings. With support of area board funding were able to do more over the summer holidays. Have a working group for a potential skate park and would be looking to do a skateboard session in the spring. Has been in a meeting with the youth parliament in school re: sport and it was highlighted that there is limited free to access fitness / clubs looking into providing gym equipment across parks. Has been working with the academy,

police and Rise to identify youngsters in danger of getting into trouble, have had a session trying to convince young people to take another path.

MH is also a volunteer swimming coach – complemented NR when there was flooding: really quick and proactive work which was appreciated. As a member of taekwondo also interested in how to get volunteer coaches from a smaller and smaller group of volunteers.

(KH) Flaxlands Church site

Run 3 youth clubs quite good facility more social youth clubs than sport but do have a football pitch used heavily by the young people along with a full-sized snooker table, table tennis table and various games and crafts in the Piggery. Also feels that transport is a massive problem.

(AD) MOD Lyneham community centre

Is running both the junior and senior youth club 14-16 yr olds. This provides a safe environment and is helping to reduce instances of anti-social behaviour. Also offering 121 mentoring service for military young people so if there are any young people from military families that would benefit from this do direct them to AWS. Challenges are time as it is just one person covering the area but do have the infrastructure.

#### **4. Event – Spring 2024**

Discussed a potential event in the new year to showcase youth provision in the community area. Opportunity to promote what is on offer from local organisations and shape an event that would appeal to young people.

Consensus seemed to be that it would be better to do smaller events based on location rather than one big event. Suggestion was to run one or 2 events first. AB from Cricklade leisure centre would be happy to host in Cricklade. It was proposed to develop an event to be held in the leisure centres in Royal Wootton Bassett and one for Cricklade and then if they were successful consider future events in Lyneham and Purton.

A discussion was had about whether to theme the events, the preference seemed to be towards a sports theme while noting that most participants were sports organisations. AD suggested theming as health and sports so that other organisations could participate, and we could attract a broader range of young people.

#### **5. Challenges**

Covered in updates.

#### **6. Youth Grants**

Update from (Aja), Strategic Engagement and Partnerships manager on the area board grants that are available. AJ explained the area board is keen to invest its money to the social benefit of all our residents. There are 3 separate grant schemes and explained the capital and revenue grants that are available and that full details of the area board criteria are available on Wiltshire's website [Area Board Grants - Wiltshire Council](#).

Capital grants are essentially about buying items or improving buildings and revenue for young people is targeting teenagers 13-19 and up to 25 with SEND. Revenue is about putting on positive activities and/or services for young people. Grant applications for more than £500 require match funding and AJ explained that volunteer time can be part of the match funding. If anyone has any projects that they would like funding from the area board for AJ ([andrew.jack@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.jack@wiltshire.gov.uk)) encouraged them to get in touch with him, LY or their local councillor.

Examples of the kinds of projects area boards have previously funded can be found here <https://apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboardgrants/GrantsAcrossWiltshire/Search>

Decisions about grant applications are made at every area board meeting. The next meeting is on 17<sup>th</sup> January (application deadline 20<sup>th</sup> December) and then on 13<sup>th</sup> March (deadline 13<sup>th</sup> February).

## **7. Any other business**

Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board also works closely with colleagues from Wiltshire Police. They have an ongoing campaign, known as Operation Sceptre, tackling knife crime amongst both adults and increasingly young people that we are keen to support and promote. We'd be very grateful if you are able to share the material attached with the young people from your organisation.

Another grant that is worth being aware of is Wiltshire council's small grants scheme which is aimed to help increase the number of opportunities and activities across Wiltshire for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and or Disabilities (SEND) [Small grants scheme - individuals, groups and organisations encouraged to apply - Wiltshire Council](#)

## **8. Propose date for Next meeting:**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 1pm

# KNIFE CRIME

Everyone has the right to live a life free from fear and violence.

We all have a duty and responsibility to keep each other safe from violence, and expect that our friends, family and children won't be carrying weapons.

Any incident where a knife or weapon has been carried or used with the intention to harm is a concern to us and police will investigate.

**Knives are an everyday object but used for the wrong reasons they can be life threatening.**

Most young people and adults don't carry a knife or weapon; it is not a normal thing to do.

A small number of people do find themselves involved in knife crime but despite these numbers being small, the effects of knife crime can reach a lot of different people. Innocent bystanders can get caught in the middle of other people's disputes and suffer trauma, serious injuries or worse. A wound in the arm or the leg can still be life threatening.

If you carry a knife it doesn't just affect you it will affect your family and friends. It will affect your parents or children, especially if you were to go to prison, or worse killed.



**Carrying a knife is illegal in the UK and the consequences are tough. If you're found with a knife in your possession even if it is not yours, the Police and the courts will take firm action. Possession of a knife can carry a prison sentence of up to four years, even if it's not used.**

If you carry a knife you are more likely to be injured. You are safer not carrying a knife.

## THE LEGAL BIT...

- It is illegal to carry a knife, blade / sharp point or offensive weapon in a public place. You can be arrested for this.
- If someone is injured or killed by a knife in your presence, even if you are not the one using the weapon, you too could be prosecuted and sent to prison for murder in what is referred to as 'joint enterprise'.
- It's illegal for a shop to sell any kind of knife to someone under 18. This includes kitchen knives and even cutlery.



- It's illegal for shops to sell imitation guns or air weapons to anyone under 18-years-old, or to sell realistic imitation guns to anyone. It is also an offence to buy imitation guns.



- Some knives are illegal for anyone to buy:
  - Flick knives - also called 'switchblades' or 'automatic knives'
  - Butterfly knives
  - Disguised knives - in which the blade is hidden in something like a belt buckle or fake mobile phone.

These are all categorised as offensive weapons ("any article made or adapted for use to cause injury to a person, or intended by the person having it with him for such use") and are completely banned.

## AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY...

In England and Wales, the age when you are criminally responsible for your actions is 10 years old. Children between 10 and 17 can be arrested and taken to court if they commit a crime.

Children under 10 who break the law are treated differently to adults or youths under 18 who commit a criminal offence. Children under 10 cannot be charged with committing a criminal offence. However, they can be given a:

- Local Child Curfew
- Child Safety Order.

Children under 10 who break the law regularly can sometimes be taken into care, or their parents could be held responsible.

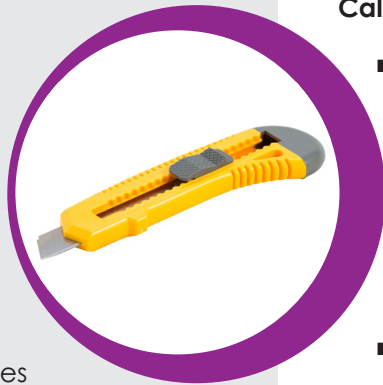


## WHAT ABOUT PARENTS...



Parents can sometimes be held responsible if their children get in trouble with the police. If children are repeatedly in trouble and parents don't take reasonable steps to control their behaviour the parents could be:

- asked to attend a parenting programme
- asked to sign a Parenting Contract
- given a Parenting Order by a court



This is to support parents in stopping their children from getting in trouble again. Usually they are voluntary, but sometimes it is made more formal by a court.

## DID YOU KNOW...

- Police can stop and search someone they think is carrying a knife or weapon.
- Police can come into schools and search for knives if they think the law is being broken.
- Head teachers have the power to search pupils for weapons in line with the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SUPPORT...



### Visit

- <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk> – search offensive weapons
- <https://www.knifefree.co.uk>
- <http://noknivesbetterlives.com>

### Call

- Childline on 0800 1111
- Victim support 0808 16 89 111

### Report an incident or share information about knife crime

- Call Wiltshire Police on 101 or in an emergency 999
- Report crime anonymously and speak to someone in confidence.
  - Call Crimestoppers charity anonymously on 0800 555 111 or
  - if you are under the age of 18 report anonymously using <https://www.fearless.org/en/give-info>



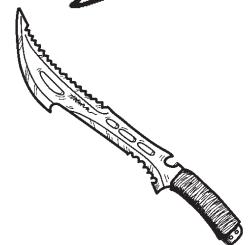
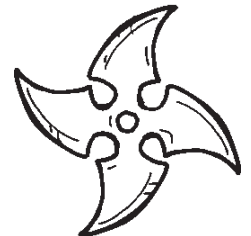
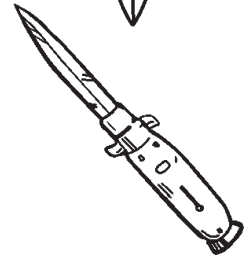
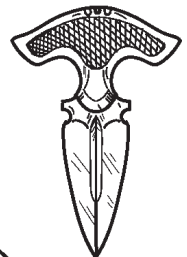
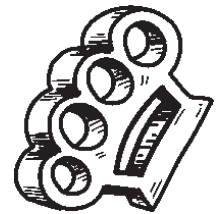
# NO KNIFE SAFER LIFE



Everyone has the right to live a life free from fear and violence.

# The Offensive Weapons Act 2019

- It is now illegal to possess certain weapons in private places, including your home. This includes items such as knuckledusters, flick knives and telescopic truncheons.
- There will also be changes to the process of buying knives online with enhanced age verification checks at point of sale and collection/delivery.
- Please store and dispose of knives safely to reduce the risk of them being used as weapons.
- Help prevent knife crime by reporting any concerns, including about how they are sold, to the Police or anonymously to Crimestoppers.



To find out more visit the National Business Crime Centre  
[www.nbcc.police.uk/knifeguidance](http://www.nbcc.police.uk/knifeguidance)







**Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Community Care Group**  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023, Pip's Café, Purton**  
**Notes**

Item	Notes	Action
Present	Dianna Kirby, Tockenham PC; Cat Attewell, (Home Instead); Stevie Palmer; Heather Ponting-Bather; Abi Mitchell (Rethink Metal Health); Rebecca Seymour (Celebrating Age Wiltshire); Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Mary Champion, Louise Nankivell, (Prevention & Wellbeing team), Andrew Jack (Strategic Engagement & Partnerships Manager) (Wiltshire Council).	
Apologies	Mel Lambourne (Care Coordinator, Tinkers Lane Surgery); Nick Arthurs, (Cricklade TC); Rose Love (Lydiard Tregoze PC); Ali Gardner.	
"Accessing Healthcare" engagement	<p>AJ introduced this item following on from the last CCG meeting where it was agreed to try and combine this engagement or information session with an existing Celebrating Age (CAW) event. AJ had had a conversation with RS in September to discuss this further. RS had recommended that instead of trying to bolt these separate events together, CAW could use their creatives to weave the information into the "performance" and the information session becomes the CAW event.</p> <p>AJ asked the group to describe to RS the issues this event was trying to overcome. MC described the difficulty in contacting New Court surgery and even speaking to someone to try to book an appointment. Other group members described their experiences of booking at Tinkers Lane, which was different.</p> <p>DB said that people need to know about the different services that can be offered and to know to accept those appointments as they could be all that is offered. For example, at an appointment with a nurse, they can set up an appointment with a GP immediately if necessary.</p> <p>MC pointed out that appointments are available to different groups of people, such as looked after children or those in foster care.</p> <p>DK and others describe how Tinkers Lane does have a telephone waiting list, then a triage system with a nurse to give calls back, assess then call in to the surgery if necessary.</p> <p>RS recommended a written sheet for people to take away explaining what each surgery offers. To make it clear who needs to be aware of which information, RS suggested seating in the venue is set up in two sides with patients of each surgery sat on different sides.</p> <p>It was suggested that meetings are set up with RS and practice managers so they can be engaged in the event and get their messages across accurately. Mel Lambourne will be able to help at Tinkers Lane and AJ should be able to contact the manager at New Court.</p> <p>RS pointed out this would be an event outside of CAW's regular schedule. It would need separate funding which can come through the area board, up to £500. She agreed meeting with practice managers would be valuable.</p>	<p>AJ</p> <p>AJ / DB</p>
Self-help care/carers group in	SP described how the group had its first meeting on Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October and that LN went along too. Six people were invited to attend,	

<p>Bradenstoke</p>	<p>who are all carers. The invites are word-of-mouth only to make sure the people who attend will benefit most. Only three attended but all went away with useful information, which is the purpose of the group. There was also good social interaction, with someone from the pastoral care team there. Lots of advice and support was given. Everyone benefitted from this and agreed it was a useful group and wanted to carry on. There were suggestions for more new members. Talks to the group from organisations like Bobby Van and local police were suggested.</p> <p>The next meeting in November will be in Bradenstoke’s pub. The group was keen to agree dates for the whole of 2024.</p>	
<p>Booklet Review – Community directory from ‘22</p>	<p>Following agreement at the last CCG meeting to renew the community directory, AJ has not yet contacted local parish councils or community groups for updates about their work. AJ will prioritise this.</p> <p>AJ asked members of the CCG group to look over the directory for their own area and highlight any changes to him.</p> <p>For more information about grants from the area board, please contact Andrew Jack on <a href="mailto:Andrew.jack@wiltshire.gov.uk">Andrew.jack@wiltshire.gov.uk</a> or 01225 713109</p>	<p>AJ All</p>
<p>Widening membership of CCG</p>	<p>AJ began this point with a wish to open out membership of this group more widely and encourage other local organisations to join it. This is partly to increase the geographic coverage, the kinds of services offered by member groups and the people supported. It could also open up the grant funding to other organisations.</p> <p>CA thought there could be 2 tiers of membership, where some people are happy to attend meetings contribute that way and others who are on the mailing list and receive information that way. SP and DK thought the purpose of the group is to share information, either through inviting speakers or news within the group. This information would go to members and be cascaded throughout their own organisations via the meeting notes.</p> <p>DB felt that town and parish councils do not all disseminate any information from this group. AJ said he could re-promote this group and its purpose to try to raise awareness and increase membership. AJ could also try to produce more notes in a more attractive format to get across the information this group promotes. This will depend on AJ’s capacity and the nature of each meeting; AJ said how this meeting is very much about managing internal business of the group and would not be of interest to non-members. Activities or events like the CAW awareness event would definitely be promoted widely.</p> <p>The group could be offer opportunities to other organisations to share their news via these meetings and through the notes being shared widely.</p>	<p>AJ</p>
<p>Supporting local work with funding</p>	<p>AJ described the grant funding that is available through the area board to support services and activities for older and vulnerable adults. He said how this group has a role to promote that funding within member and non-member groups as well as looking at “mapping and gapping” of services in the area. Where gaps are found, this group could help encourage an organisation to bid for funding to provide that missing service, and “commission” it for this area.</p>	

	<p>SP asked if funding could be used to support a volunteers' recognition scheme or awards? AJ said that area boards elsewhere do this by hosting awards either on their own or with the local town council. SP thought it would help encourage existing and new volunteers by having a volunteers' day and award to say thank you. SP will look at this further</p>	SP
AOB	<p>There were no new grant applications to consider. SP raised an issue about the amount of time it can take between someone developing symptoms and a full diagnosis, e.g. for dementia. Often, any treatment or support for the person and their family cannot begin until that formal diagnosis and that can take up a couple of years. This delay can lead to the person deteriorating without treatment and their family finding it hard without support. SP wanted this group, as a working group of the area board, to ask the ICB why there is this delay. MC will take this further on behalf of the area board.</p>	SP / MC
Rethink Mental Health – Abi Mitchell	<p>Since it was her first time attending, AM described the work of her organisation, <a href="http://www.rethink.org">Rethink Mental Health</a>. AM works for the Access community mental health service as a coordinator. This role is about finding out what's going on in the community that can offer community support to a person. AM described it as a short-term hand holding service. It is non-clinical but links with the NHS. People are offered 6-8 sessions which can sign post to other services and help to create a support plan.</p> <p>Anyone who is 16+ and lives in Wiltshire or has a Wiltshire-based GP can access the service to receive support with their mental health to achieve their goals.</p> <p>Further contact details are:  <a href="http://www.rethink.org">www.rethink.org</a>  <a href="mailto:accesswiltshire@rethink.org">accesswiltshire@rethink.org</a>  08082 803528</p>	
Date of next meeting:	<p>Next date: <b>31<sup>st</sup> January at The Croft café, near St Bart's Church, RWB;</b>  All meetings starting at 10.30</p>	



## CASHPOINTS – ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

A number of people have asked whether or not the new RWB Banking Hub will have an ATM (Cashpoint).

I have spoken with Chris Ashton, Head of Banking at LINK, who look after the ATM Network.

LINK is regulated by the Payment Systems Regulator (PSR <https://www.psr.org.uk/>) on 'cash machine provision' and is responsible to ensure free access for cash is for every High Street.

The new RWB Banking Hub was recommended by LINK as a way of providing free access for cash to the local area.

LINK can recommend a cash machine if there isn't a free to use machine within 1 KM of a town centre.

In Royal Wootton Bassett's case there are free to use ATMs at Sainsburys, Brewery Place Stores and Eurogarages.

Whilst local people may argue that the other machines are not suitable alternatives should there be an issue with the main town centre (Sainsbury's) machine, under current legislation the addition of extra free to use ATMs in the town centre would not be permitted.

The Financial Conduct Authority is currently consulting on Access for Cash following new powers they have been given under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2023.

The consultation ends in February, with new rules coming into effect in Q3 this year. Once these are known, LINK will use them to continue to review communities access for cash needs.

Cllr Allison Bucknell

3/1/2024



## Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board Community Safety Forum – Report to Area Board JANUARY 2024

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### Overview

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

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

Police and Fire priorities and issues are discussed, along with any general concerns arising from the parishes.

There will generally also be a main topic of interest with a presentation and speaker.

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

*If anybody would like a copy of the notes or presentations, or to join the Forum, please contact [allison.bucknell@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:allison.bucknell@wiltshire.gov.uk)*

### Recent Meetings

#### **OCTOBER 2023**

##### **Speaker – Simon Goodwin, Cyber Crime Prevention Team, Wiltshire Police**

<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/fa/fraud/online-fraud/>

A very interesting talk/discussion on many aspects to do with Cyber Crime.

Five Key Points to help protect yourself from Cyber Crime.

1. Passwords Use a strong and different password for your email. 3 random words the longer the better and not personalised. Criminals will often look at Social Media for names of pets and partners etc.
2. Multi factor authentication Many websites etc offer multi or 2 factor authentication. Always turn this on. It is personalised to you and safe.
3. Use a password manager These are stored in the cloud and encrypted, they are safe. Apple will offer strong and safe passwords for many apps, they are not memorable and should not be written down
4. Update devices Always update - annoying but essential. Software is updated regularly to patch vulnerabilities. Criminals will exploit the vulnerability too, so updating the devices should eliminate the risk.
5. Backup your devices. Use an external hard drive or the cloud. It is safe. If your personal details are stolen, having a back up of your data will allow files to be retrieved.

#### **NOVEMBER 2023**

General discussion with local police officers Inspector Gareth Edwards and Sgt Kate Smith

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**DECEMBER 2023**

**Wiltshire Councillor Nic Puntis, Portfolio Holder for Flooding and Chair of Operational Flood Working Group & Chris Manuel, Community Resilience Lead Officer , Wiltshire & Swindon Prepared (LRF)**

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/986/Flooding>

Topics discussed included the support given by Wiltshire Council to help with flood prevention and alleviation, the best ways to report flooding events and how communities can be more resilient with flood plans.

Report by  
**Cllr Allison Bucknell**  
7<sup>th</sup> January 2024



**My MEETING NOTES - FINAL**

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

**Date of meeting: Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup> 2023. 6pm Cricklade Town Council offices (113 High Street Cricklade)**

**Chair – Councillor Bob Jones, Highways Officer – Martin Rose**

Notes taken by - Martin Rose

	Item		Actions and recommendations	Who
1.	<b>Attendees</b>	Cllr Bob Jones (Chair), Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Steve Bucknell, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr David Bowler, Geoff Greenaway (Purton), Kevin Woolnough (Tockenham), Nic Hughes (RWB), Steve Walls (RWB) Mo Suleman (Lydiard Millicent), Rupert Pearce (Broad Town), Jonathan Hill (Cricklade) Martin Rose (Wiltshire Council - Highways Principal Engineer), Martin Cook (Wiltshire Council – Highways), Martin Smart (Wiltshire Council Technician)		
	<b>Apologies</b>	Robert Collis (Lydiard Tregoze)		
2.	<b>News and Updates</b>	Bob Jones described a proposal to remove Priority A and B lists from future meetings and replace with a single list of live issues to be discussed / updated. The Priority 1 and Priority 2 list of issues for each	Agreed	

		town/ parish will remain and act as pending list. Max of 2 per Town / Parish.  A methodology to manage and prioritise future LHFIG requests will be discussed at the January 24 LHFIG meeting.		
3.	<b>LHFIG Budget</b>	Current Balance is <b>£5,147.31</b>	Agreed. Budget figure to be updated upon conclusion of meeting and agreed priorities. Please refer to latest finance sheet	<b>MR</b>
4.	<b>Top 5 Priority Schemes (A List)</b>			
	<b>Item</b>	<b>Latest Update</b>	<b>Actions and recommendations</b>	<b>Who</b>
	<b>11-21-2</b> <b>Bradenstoke</b> Submitted 19/02/21 Dropped kerbs	Site meeting with Milestone undertaken. Dropped kerbs without road closure will be implemented across Boundary Close and St Mary's Close.  Scheme implemented. Cost £7834. PC contribution 25%. HIAMS Order M00140	Agreed - Issue to be closed and removed from tracker.	<b>MR</b>
	<b>11-22-16</b> <b>Cricklade Chelworth X-roads</b> Submitted 03/08/22	Chelworth Crossroads Improvements Proposal for signing and road markings completed and distributed to Cricklade TC for consideration.  Agreed that proposal is to be implemented to try and start to address the issues. Overall costs up to £3k will have no contribution from Cricklade TC.	New sign and road markings installed wk commencing 09/10/23. Some members felt this work alone, whilst helpful, would not address the long term problems and that works to alter the geometric layout of the cross roads is required. Future consider to be given to traffic study at junction funded by LHFIG with a view to making	<b>MR</b>

		<p>Works pack submitted to Milestone for programming.          HIAMS Order M00300 = £1753.42  <a href="https://www.google.com/maps">https://www.google.com/maps</a></p>	<p>a bid for a substantive scheme. Suggestion was made re., a reduction in current speed limit from 60mph (de-restricted) to 50 / 40mph. MJR to discuss in first instance with David Thomas (Head of asset management &amp; commissioning) and report back to members</p>	
	<p><b>11-22-10</b>  <b>Clyffe Pypard and Bushton</b>          Submitted 10/07/22</p>	<p>The Barton. Request for signs and road markings. Rebell Cottages</p> <p>No realistic solution available.          Further TEAMS meeting to be arranged. Allison Bucknell, Martin Cook, Steve Hind.</p> <p>Cost estimate approx. £900 for warning sign and 'slow' marking on SW approach to Rebell Cottages. Implementation can be arranged once 25% contribution from PC of up to £250 is available.  <a href="https://www.google.com/maps">https://www.google.com/maps</a></p>	<p>Cllr Bucknell explained the history of the issue and reasons why the section adjacent to Rebell cottages was addressed rather than 1-3 The Barton requested by the Parish Council.</p> <p>MR / MC to examine if centre lines can be included in the upcoming major maintenance work to address the continuing concerns at 1-3 The Barton. Chairman agreed that the current issue is to be closed and removed from the tracker.</p>	<p><b>MR /MC</b></p>
	<p><b>11-21-8</b>  <b>C34 Purton, Manor Hill</b>          Submitted 23/06/21</p>	<p>Request for speed reduction. PC 25% contribution agreed.</p> <p>Site work for Speed limit review undertaken.</p>	<p>Purton Parish council remain unhappy following the speed limit assessment undertaken by Atkins and recommendation for a 40mph limit. Geoff Greenway expressed the PCs safety concerns and set out the reasons (email dated 21/09/23) why the existing 30mph (by the</p>	<p><b>MR</b></p>

		<p>Report being completed for distribution to Purton PC for consideration. The assessment shows 40mph between Purton and Lydiard Millicent.</p> <p>Cost for traffic order process and implementation approx. £8k. Purton PC want 30mph between Purton and Church End but this is not considered acceptable in the report. Purton PC to make request via email to enable further consideration.</p> <p>PC request sent to Atkins for further consideration. Atkins have reviewed and the original review is considered correct, consistent with the approach taken within Wiltshire.</p> <p><a href="https://www.google.com/maps">https://www.google.com/maps</a></p>	<p>cemetery entrance) should be extended to cover the Church End junction (distance of 218m) shown as Section 1 on the assessment plan to link up with the proposed 40mph from the Church Lane junction to Lydiard Millicent (section 2 on the assessment plan).</p> <p>MR explained the reasons why the requested would not meet current criteria for rural 30mph limits as set out in page 5 of the assessment report.</p> <p>The chair requested that MR speak to Dave Thomas to see if this issue can be reconsidered. Report back to next meeting.</p> <p>No further Action / remove from Tracker</p>	
	<p><b>11-22-02</b>  <b>The Elms/ Washpool</b>  Submitted 04/02/22</p>	<p>Speed reduction.</p> <p>Teams meeting undertaken with Parish Council. Issue highlighted and some suggestions made to improve signing and road markings.</p> <p>Scheme design and cost estimate distributed to Parish Council for consideration.</p> <p>Approved by Parish Council 25% contribution.</p>	<p>Works checked and complete. Awaiting invoicing and final account. PC to be invoiced.</p> <p>Remove from tracker document.</p>	<p><b>MR</b></p>

		Submitted to Milestone for programming. HIAMS order M00188 Order Value £1541.13		
	<p><b>11-20-06</b></p> <p><b>C114 Water Eaton</b></p> <p>Submitted 20/03/2020</p> <p>Gates, signs and road markings</p>	<p>Scheme to be funded by Latton PC £10K budget Site meeting undertaken with Bob Jones to establish a proposal.</p> <p>Initial proposal suggested not approved. Further request to investigate build outs. Wiltshire Council will not allow build outs in unlit areas or on derestricted roads. Bob Jones to discuss with Parvis.</p> <p>No engineering resolution had been identified. A speed limit review was considered unlikely to result in a reduction in the limit, however Bob Jones would go to the Parish to ask whether they wish to follow that route.</p> <p>Parish Council have requested speed limit review which has been ordered via Atkins. It was confirmed that the Parish had agreed to contribute 25% of the costs.</p> <p>Atkins have completed review with recommendations of part 50mph and part 40mph. Sent to PC for consideration bearing in mind Biomethane Castle Eaton Ltd application and potential change to traffic volumes.</p>	<p>100% contribution of £6,000 from Latton PC.for 40 / 50mph Speed limit. Scheme implemented by end of Oct 23.</p> <p>Final account / cost to be agreed. Latton PC to be invoiced.</p> <p>MR to remove from next tracker</p>	<b>MR</b>

		<p>PC have requested changes to be implemented. Advert schedule sent to Traffic Orders team. Advert from 13<sup>th</sup> April to 8<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p>If there are no objections to the advert, the implementation can be progressed. Some concerns requiring response resolved. Implementation to be progressed.</p>		
<p><b>5. Update on Priority B issues:</b></p>				
	<p><b>11-21-10</b>  <b>Broad Hinton</b>                  Submitted 14/08/21</p> <p>Extension to 50mph from Elm Cross to beyond Winterbourne Bassett turning.</p>	<p>Investigation being undertaken regarding signage and road marking improvements. These have been shared with the Parish Council.</p> <p>It was noted that there may be surfacing work planned at this spot soon. Officers to liaise further to establish most cost-effective approach to implementation.</p> <p>Signing completed. However, road markings not implemented because the maintenance surfacing work was not undertaken at this location. It is understood that maintenance surfacing work was undertaken and the road marking amendments were overlooked by the organiser. Revised road markings will now have to be undertaken from April under the Milestone contract. Road markings on Milestone</p>	<p>Road marking changes complete.</p> <p>Final account to be agreed. PC to be invoiced for 25% contribution.</p> <p>MR to Remove from next tracker.</p>	<p><b>MR</b></p>

		programme for end of June. Confirmation of completion required.		
	<b>11-22-01</b> <b>Greenhill Crossroads,</b> Lydiard Millicent Submitted 04/02/22	Greenhill Crossroads speed reduction <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/">https://www.google.com/maps/</a>	Replacement sign post ready for SID has been installed by Martin Cook. No cost to LHFIG.  Mo Suleman (LMPC) raised his continuing concerns about the crossroads and asked if another examination could take place with a view to identify further possible improvements. MR to prepare outline proposal and report back to next LHFIG meeting. No financial commitment made at this stage.	<b>MR</b>
	<b>11-22-08</b> <b>Cricklade North Wall</b> Submitted 04/04/22	Damaged verge. Site review complete. Implementation considered to be difficult and expensive. Possibility of strengthening kerb by laying honeycomb mesh on top of suitable foundation. Martin Cook to progress. <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/">https://www.google.com/maps/</a>  Grasscrete - <a href="https://grasscrete.com/grasscrete/">https://grasscrete.com/grasscrete/</a>	Budget allocation up to £10k currently agreed.  Site visit undertaken. 70m+ affected by overrunning. Verge strengthening required.  MTC has instructed Milestone to lay compacted road plannings to help reinforce verge before winter. Members agreed to monitor the outcome of plannings before deciding if further action is required i.e. grasscrete.  £10k allocation to be removed from finance sheet.	<b>MC</b>

	<p><b>11-23-08</b>  <b>Lydiard Millicent</b>  <b>Common Platt safety</b>  Submitted 14/02/23</p>	<p>SH / Mo Suleman. Teams meeting undertaken.</p> <p>SH has carried out site visit. Current speed limit order 30mph. Street lighting not correct spacing. Further discussions required.  <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/">https://www.google.com/maps/</a></p> <p>MJR – Site meeting held with Cllr Suleman 08/08/23. Common Platt fall within wider 30mph limit but not signed correctly. (Missing repeaters)  Footpath Link from The Willows on south side but no link on North side into ‘Little Ground. Crossing point is also on the inside of a bend and obstructed by foliage.  Options for discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create new footpath link on north side Install ped barriers and cut back hedge. Possible ‘Peds crossing ahead signs x 2</li> <li>2. Speed limit repeater signs and carriageway roundels (if applicable).</li> <li>3. Not suitable for 20mph limit or formal traffic calming (humps etc).</li> </ol> <p>Plan submitted to PC for consideration on 14th September</p>	<p>Budget allocation up to £10k agreed.</p> <p>Proposal presented to group which includes, signing changes, staggered barrier and footpath link from Comon Platt to link with The Willows.</p> <p>Response from LMPC to proposal positive, subject to a few minor changes.</p> <p>Geoff Greenway asked that a copy of proposal is emailed to Purton PC for their input.  Contribution from Purton PC may be possible.</p> <p>Members agreed to develop proposal towards implementation, subject to agreement on 3<sup>rd</sup> party contributions.</p>	<p><b>MR</b></p>
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	<p><b>11-21-01</b>  <b>Lyneham</b>  <b>Visibility at Tesco</b>  Submitted 19/02/21</p>	<p>Being assessed. Possible low-cost lining scheme, Removing edge line and including H bar in front of access.  <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/">https://www.google.com/maps/</a></p> <p>Allison Bucknell to discuss with PC to find out whether a solution is still required.</p>	<p><b>Allison Bucknell to discuss with PC to find out whether a solution is still required.</b></p> <p>Options provided to Cllr Bucknell who will issue to PC for comment. Update at next meeting.</p> <p>No financial commitment currently.</p>	<p><b>AB</b></p>
	<p><b>11-23-12</b>  <b>B4533 Purton Stoke,</b>  <b>speed reduction</b>  Submitted 02/09/22</p>	<p>Signing and road marking scheme being developed and to be shared when complete.  <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/">https://www.google.com/maps/</a></p> <p>The PC want speed reduced. Speed limit review to be considered. Budget allocation up to £10k agreed</p>	<p>Sign Proposal prepared. Issued to Purton PC and John Crawford (Purton Stoke Traffic Action group) for comments. No response to date. Cost estimated at <b>£4,710.00</b>.</p> <p>Discussion took place re. hedges obscuring visibility at common Lane junction. Geoff Greenway indicated would still like to the 50mph speed limit reduced. It was agreed was agreed by members to proceed with the current signing and lining scheme to review the speed limit issue once the changes have had time to bed in i.e. 6-12 months</p> <p>Query re. 25% contribution fom PC as not shown on finance sheet. MR to email clerk</p>	<p><b>MR</b></p>
	<p><b>11-22-14</b>  <b>Broad Hinton</b>  <b>Junction signing</b></p>	<p>Give way sign obscured by hedge growth at the junction of Broad Hinton / B4041. Maintenance required to cut hedge which is encroaching into the</p>		<p><b>MR</b></p>

	<p>Submitted 22/08/22</p>	<p>carriageway. Give Way sign can be relocated up to 12m from the give way lines.  <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/">https://www.google.com/maps/</a></p> <p>Local highways to issue Section 154 letter to property owner requesting hedge cut back</p>	<p>Members agreed to consider Advance Give Way sign (possibly on offside) and SLOW marking to provide additional warning of junction to drivers.</p> <p>MR to prepare plan / cost and report back to group.</p> <p>No financial commitment currently</p>	
<p>Page 122</p>	<p><b>11-22-3</b>  <b>Cricklade, Swindon Rd</b>                  Submitted 09/02/22                  Speed limit on approach to Cricklade from the east.</p>	<p>Existing traffic order information obtained but nothing available to determine the speed limit within the street lit area.</p> <p>Speed limit review required from the A419. Cost not for CATG as this is an anomaly which needs to be resolved within Highways.</p> <p>Atkins have been requested to undertake a speed limit review.</p> <p>Site work for speed limit review undertaken. Proposal to be advertised. Issue with part of existing street lighting within National Highways maintainable carriageway. Discussions with NH ongoing.  <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/">https://www.google.com/maps/</a></p> <p>Site visit undertaken with Cllr Jones. Length of road under WC control not NH. Extension of 30mph limit can be achieved as part of restricted roads order (Street lighting system in place)</p>	<p>Proposal Plan agreed by Cricklade TC. Cost estimate £2632.84.</p> <p>Proposal presented to group who agreed to proceed to implementation.</p> <p>Cricklade TC 25% contribution (£675)</p>	<p><b>MR</b></p>

6. New Issues Submitted since last meeting.				
<b>11-23-17</b>	Greatfield - Residential area near the Greatfield Garden Centre.	“Consideration should be given to slowing down approaching traffic from the current 60mph to 30mph and installing a 20mph speed restriction along the residential area, In addition, consideration should be given to protecting the residential area further from speeding traffic by the installation of road humps or chicanes”	Note – issue to be moved to 8. ‘Prioritisation of issues’ ( 1/ 2) on next tracker.	
<b>Lydiard Millicent – Greatfield</b> Submitted 07/08/23		<a href="https://www.google.com/maps/">https://www.google.com/maps/</a>	Group agreed that a 20mph limit would not be feasible would not be feasible, but members felt some safety measures are required. MR suggested that topo survey required to draw up options. MR to seek topo costs and report back to next meeting.	
<b>11-23-18</b>	Tockenham	“Tockenham Court Farm has seen an increase in large equine vehicles moving between the farm and the A3102 on the C120. On this narrow stretch of road on a sharp bend these vehicles and other motorists”.	Note – issue to be moved to 8. ‘Prioritisation of issues’ (1/ 2) on next tracker	
Submitted 17/09/23		Request for formal passing bay. approx 150mts south of Shaw Farm (just after a field entrance) <a href="https://what3words.com/perfected.plant.coaching">https://what3words.com/perfected.plant.coaching</a>	Site Meeting to be arranged between Kevin Woolnough and MR	
<b>11-23-19</b>	Tockenham	“There exists three vehicle passing places along the C120, one of which has developed through use between A3102 and centre of West Tockenham.	Note – issue to be moved to 8. ‘Prioritisation of issues’ (1/ 2) on next tracker.	
Submitted 17/09/23		1.Between Heron Pond House and Rye Cottage. (This is the one which has developed through use).		

		<p>2.Opposite Becketts House (this is an official passing place).</p> <p>3.Immediately South of Red Lion Cottage. (Believed to be official).</p> <p>Request for no parking / Passing bay signs at the location above</p> <p><a href="https://what3words.com/cigar.butternut.madder">https://what3words.com/cigar.butternut.madder</a> (Becketts house)</p> <p><a href="https://what3words.com/prowling.thuds.solve">https://what3words.com/prowling.thuds.solve</a> (Heron Pond house)</p> <p><a href="https://what3words.com/enclosing.detergent.racks">https://what3words.com/enclosing.detergent.racks</a> (red Lion cottage)</p>	<p>Site Meeting to be arranged between Kevin Woolnough and MR</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Dropped Kerb requests 2023/24</b></p>	<p><b>Royal Wootton Bassett</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junction of Stoneover Lane and Shakespeare Rd <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/">https://www.google.com/maps/</a></li> <li>Junction of Longleaze and Queens Road <a href="https://www.google.com/maps">https://www.google.com/maps</a></li> <li>Junction of Queens Road and Everley Road <a href="https://www.google.com/maps">https://www.google.com/maps</a></li> <li>Junction of Queens Road and Rylands Way <a href="https://www.google.com/maps">https://www.google.com/maps</a></li> <li>Betjeman Avenue at the junction with Coleridge Close. <a href="https://www.google.com/maps">https://www.google.com/maps</a></li> <li>Fairfield and Showfield – (This is an area with a high proportion of elderly people and probably</li> </ol>	<p><b>Note Typical cost per pair of dropped kerbs is £1800 - £2000.</b></p> <p>Group agreed that further work is required to prioritise dropped kerbs sites. Purton PC have 5 no. sites which they wish to submit for consideration which missed 29/09/23 deadline.</p> <p>MR to meet with Steve Walls to agree priority sites for RWB incl. Fairfield &amp; Showfield</p> <p>MR to prepare outline cost estimates for sites and report back to Jan 24 meeting for final agreement &amp; prioritisation.</p>	

		<p>mobility scooters. This needs inspection. There are a number of places where a path ends at the kerb and there is no drop kerb making the area more difficult to navigate for the elderly and those with children and push chair) <b>Area wide 12+ sites.</b>  <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/">https://www.google.com/maps/</a></p> <p><b>Lydiard Tregoze</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improvement of existing dropped curb at War Memorial (corner of C414 and Hook Street)  <a href="https://www.google.com/maps">https://www.google.com/maps</a></li> <li>2. Both sides to entrance of Bolingbroke Close  <a href="https://www.google.com/map">https://www.google.com/map</a></li> </ol>		
<b>8.</b>	<b>Prioritisation of issues</b> To agree prioritisation of issues below should any priority A/B issues be completed			
	<b>PARISHES</b>	<b>PRIORITY 1</b>	<b>PRIORITY 2</b>	
	Broad Town	<p>11-23-4 40mph speed limit request along C415 (Broadacres northwards)  <b>PC to arrange metrocount to check current speeds.</b>  <b>Issue with metro count in 60mph limit - MR to speak to traffic survey team</b></p>		
	Clyffe Pypard & Bushton	<p>11-22-15 Youth Hostel to be removed from signs  <b>MR to resolve outside of LHFIG and remove from tracker</b></p>		

Cricklade	11-23-14 Review of disabled parking bays (duplicate of 11-23-7) 25% To paid for by Cricklade TC. <b>Signs identified and designs prepared. Approx Cost £400. Group agreed to proceed Move to current schemes (old Priority A)</b>		
Latton	11-22-7 traffic calming <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/">https://www.google.com/maps/</a> <b>On hold</b>		
Lydiard Millicent	11-23-09 Speeding outside the Church <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/">https://www.google.com/maps/</a> <b>MR to look at site and report back to group</b>		
Lydiard Tregoze	11-23-2 Hook, C414/ Hook Street <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/">https://www.google.com/maps/</a> <b>PC to resubmit issue</b>	11-23-5 Hook, pedestrian safety <b>Full top survey required to be funded by PC</b>	
Lyneham & Bradenstoke	Preston signs <b>MR to speak to Cllr Bucknell</b>		
Marston Meysey			
Purton	11-22-9 Mustang Way, Moulden View – No waiting – <b>Give way to be installed</b>		
Royal Wootton Bassett	11-23-6 Speed of vehicles along Whitehill Lane <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/">https://www.google.com/maps</a> <b>Awaiting metrocount scheduled for Nov 23</b>	11-22-13 Community garden nature reserve – ROW issue <b>MR to speak to Alison Rasey from Countryside team</b>	
Tockenham	<b>See above</b>	<b>See above</b>	

	Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett		
<b>9.</b>	<b>Minor Signing schemes to be paid for by Town/ Parish Councils</b>		
	A – Directional & Misc signs in Cricklade - <b>MJR - To be discussed with TC</b> B – Hoggs Lane Purton – Unsuitable for HGV signs - <b>MR to progress</b>		
<b>10</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>		
	Further meeting dates agreed: <b>6pm Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>		

**Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Local Highways & Footway Improvement Group**

**Highways Traffic Officer – Martin Rose**

**Area Highway Engineer – Martin Cook**

**11. Environmental & Community Implications**

11.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the LHFIG during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

**12. Financial Implications**

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

12.2. If funding is allocated in line with LFIG recommendations outlined in this report, and all relevant 3<sup>rd</sup> party contributions are confirmed, Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board will have a remaining Highways funding balance of: **£28,847.31**

### 13. Legal Implications

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

### 14. HR Implications

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

### 15. Equality and Inclusion Implications

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

### 16. Safeguarding implications

6.1 There are no specific Safeguarding implications related to this report.

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

- **11-22-08 Cricklade North Wall** to be removed from tracker following localised maintenance work. Allocation of £10,000 to be returned to overall funding pot.
- **11-23-08 Common Platt Lydiard Millicent.** Progress outline scheme for Common Platt and allocate funding of £10,000. 25% contribution from Lydiard Millicent Parish Council (TBC)
- **11-22-3 Swindon Rd. £2632.84.** Extension of 30mph speed limit. Proceed to implementation and allocate funding of £2700 . Cricklade TC 25% contribution (£675)
- **11-23-17 Lydiard Millicent – Greatfield.** Move to Priority Scheme. No funding allocation at present.
- **11-23-14 Review of disabled parking bays on High Street** (duplicate of 11-23-7) Proceed to Implementation and allocate funding of £400.00 (25% contribution from Cricklade TC)



**RWB & Cricklade LHFIG**

as of 12th October 2023

**BUDGET 2023-24**

<b>A</b>	£30,186.00	LHFIG ALLOCATION 2023-24
<b>B</b>	£52,340.00	2022-23 underspend

**3rd Party Contributions**

<b>C</b>	£6,000.00	Latton PC for Water Eaton (100%)
	£625.00	Purton PC for Manor Hill speed limit review (25% agreed)
	£1,958.42	Bradenstoke PC for dropped kerbs (25% agreed)
	£0.00	Cricklade TC for Chelworth crossroads (0% contribution agreed)
	£400.00	Lydiard Millicent PC for The Elms (25% agreed)
	£0.00	Cricklade, Stones Lane, dropped kerb - Area Office
	£0.00	The Barton, signs and roadmarkings (Rebell Cottages)
	£2,000.00	Purton PC for Manor Hill advert and implementation (25% to be agr
	£2,500.00	Lydiard Millicent PC - Common Platt Safety scheme (25% TBC)
	£1,250.00	Purton Stoke, signs /lines (25% agreed)
	£675.00	Cricklade TC - Swindon Road 30mph speed limit
	£100.00	Disabled bay sign changes - High St Cricklade
	£7,500.00	Contribution to community area Dropped kerb sites
<b>Total</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>£105,534.42 (A+B+C)</b>

**Issue Ref. Current Commitments**

11-20-06	C114 Water Eaton speed limit advert and implementation	£6,000.00	Estimate(contribution 100%)
11-21-8	Purton Manor Hill, speed limit review	£2,500.00	Estimate(contribution 25%)
11-21-2	Bradenstoke dropped kerbs	£7,833.69	Final (contribution 25%)
11-22-16	Chelworth crossroads improvements	£1,753.42	Estimate(contribution 0%)
11-22-02	The Elms/ Washpool speed reduction	£1,600.00	Estimate(contribution 25%)
11-22-18	Cricklade, Stones Lane, dropped kerb	£0.00	Works completed by Area Office no charge to LHFIG
11-22-10	The Barton, signs and roadmarkings (Rebell Cottages)	£900.00	Estimate (contribution 0%)
11-21-8	Purton Manor Hill, speed limit advert and implementation	£8,000.00	Estimate(contribution 25%)
11-23-08	Common Platt - Lydiard Millicent	£10,000.00	Estimate(contribution 25%)
11-21-01	Lyneham, visibility at Tesco		
11-23-12	Purton Stoke, signs /lines	£5,000.00	Contribution TBC
11-21-10	Broad Hinton, junction signing		
	Swindon Road Cricklade - Ext of 30mph limit (restricted		
11-23-3	road)	£2,700.00	Estimate(contribution 25%)
11-23-14	Disabled bay sign changes - High St Cricklade	£400.00	Estimate(contribution 25%)
N/A	Community Area dropped kerb requests	£30,000.00	Estimate(contribution 25%)

Total **E** **£76,687.11**

**Remaining Budget F £28,847.31 (D-E)**



**Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Grant Report**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board. These could include:
  - community area grants
  - youth grants
  - older and vulnerable people grants
  - area board initiatives
2. To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

**Area Board Current Financial Position**

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2023/24	£ 24,639.00	£ 19,916.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 16,159.99	£ 1,166.00	£ 5,750.00
Current Balance	£ 8,479.01	£ 18,750.00	£ 1,950.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 2,239.26	£ 13,750.00	£ 950.00

**Grant Funding Application Summary**

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1501</a>	Area Board Initiative	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Youth Forum	Cricklade Youth Festival showcase 2024	£500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>                      Cricklade Youth Festival aims to showcase the many and varied activities and services that are available to young people (aged 13-19) in the local area. This event has attracted many local sports teams and uniform groups as well as arts and creative clubs from the town and wider area. All these groups will be offered space in or outside Cricklade Leisure Centre to show off what they do, run taster sessions and try to "recruit" young people to be part of that organisation. The event will engage with young people in the area, especially those known to services such as The Rise Trust, and encourage them into positive activities.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1514</a>	Area Board Initiative	RWBandC Community Care Group	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area Information Booklet 2024 revision	£500.00	£500.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>This project will revise and update the community directory first produced in 2022. It will provide 500 copies of an information booklet containing useful information for older and vulnerable people living in the community area. Printed copies will be made available to the towns and parishes involved. An electronic version of the information booklet will also be produced for wider circulation, e.g. with partner organisations.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1515</a>	Area Board Initiative	RWBandC Community Care Group	Health information session for residents of Royal Wootton Bassett	£500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Area board councillors have been made aware of how difficult it can be to make appointments at the two GP surgeries in Royal Wootton Bassett. This project will run an event that will let people know the best way to make appointments and the different options available, such as seeing nurse practitioners and other health professionals. This event will be run in conjunction with Celebrating Age Wiltshire with their creatives / performers to deliver an informative engagement.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1352</a>	Community Area Grant	Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall	Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall Solar Panels	£15000.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>The project is to fit solar panels to the roof of the Parish Hall as part of our ongoing efforts to have a greener footprint</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1354</a>	Community Area Grant	Tockenham Village Hall Orchard Lane West Tockenham	Tockenham Village Hall new tables and Chairs	£1491.60	£745.80
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>We do not have adequate numbers of tables and chairs to support Village functions. We have no public house in the village so it is important that we have the equipment to service village activities. We would be quite happy to lend these tables and chairs to other local communities who do not have storage facilities to store their own.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1445</a>	Community Area Grant	Purton Litter Picking Group	Purton Litter Picking Group	£553.95	£493.95
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>A voluntary community-wide initiative, for residents of Purton to meet regularly and collect litter from streets and hedgerows throughout the village. Both St.Marys and Bradon Forest School are engaged in the project. The group also intends to address the wellbeing of volunteers taking part, by meeting for coffee in the Community Cafe after every Litter Pick - we hope this will help to tackle loneliness and enable new residents in the village to meet their neighbours.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1449</a>	Youth Grant	Cricklade Town Council	Cricklade Youth festival	£500.00	£500.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>The Youth Festival will be held on Sunday 21st April 2024. The aim is to promote a wide range of positive activities for young people aged 13 to 18 years. This money will be used to pay for a skateboard event, the company will provide instructors, safety instruction and provide skateboards and scooters for the young people to use.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1485</a>	Youth Grant	Army Welfare Service	Easter Residential	£8670.00	£1000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>This project is in conjunction with the Community Development Worker's at MOD Corsham and Blandford Garrison with the aim of providing 38 young people (10 of which are Lyneham Residents) with the opportunity for a 3 night, 4 day residential experience. The residential aims to; facilitate military and civilian young people within our military communities with the opportunity to meet new young people, navigate risk and challenge, whilst also facilitating discussions regarding, community, military life and having a voice. This project takes into consideration the military and civilian communities financial constraints including high deployments next year so each family will contribute only £50 for the experience. With special considerations for Army Welfare Services Welfare and PS cases.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1507</a>	Youth Grant	Cricklade Town Council	Cricklade Youth Building	£7000.00	£3000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>At present CTC have inherited the youth building from Wiltshire Council, and the maintenance has not been upkeep over the last 10 years. CTC are spending £4000 to make the building safe for use, this includes replacing a ceiling that has been damaged by a water leak, completing the mandatory H&amp;S checks, redeocrating etc. Once the building has been refurbished to a suitable standard it will need equipping for use.</b></p>					

## 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.

# Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board Grants



The Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board grants are available to support capital projects, creative health and wellbeing initiatives and youth-related activities in the local community area



**Deadline:**  
**14 February 2024**

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