

3) Welcome to South West Wiltshire Area Board



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Community Engagement Manager - introduction

My role – is to help deliver the vision to strengthen local communities and help them to do more for themselves

- Maximise the involvement and engagement in council services and decisions; particularly those that affect our local area
- Assist the area board to deliver its local priorities
- Encourage grant applications and the administration of these
- Support the various groups of the area board; Community Area Transport Grants (CATG), Health and Wellbeing Group, Local Youth Network (LYN)
- Facilitate and coordinate community events and activities
- Connect communities and maximise opportunities
- Communicate what's happening

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What I will cover this evening...

- Area boards – what they do
- Budget for this year
- Priorities for this year
- Community events and activities – what's happening



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Area boards and what they do...

- Host events and meetings where the local community can participate
- Invest in local community projects
- Agree the local priorities and take action to combat these; such as obesity, social isolation, mental health issues
- Influence and take decisions on local service delivery
- Support and deliver activities for young people
- Communicate information every week
- Encourage participation and volunteering in community activities
- Acts as a consultee on council policy and changes

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Area boards over the past 8 years - some headlines...

- **120,000** people have taken part in events and meetings
- **£12m** invested in local community projects - every £1 invested secures £4 in external funding
- **5,000** local projects and community groups funded
- **25,000** people receive information each week
- **25,000** volunteers supported events and activities
- **6,000** local people helped set local priorities
- **15,000** young people benefit from 350 projects supported by area boards each year
- **4 million** area board news articles viewed each year

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Budget - grants funding - total

- Total funding allocated:
 - £1.7 million devolved to 18 area boards - 2017/18
- Splits into:
 - £800k for community grants (capital)
 - £400k for community transport (capital)
 - £350k for youth projects (revenue)
 - £138k for health and wellbeing (revenue)



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South West Wiltshire Area Board Budget 2017/18

- Total funding allocated:
 - £93,781 - 2017/18
- Splits into:
 - £44,649 for community grants (capital)
 - £27,326 for community transport (capital)
 - £14,106 for youth projects (revenue)
 - £7,700 for health and wellbeing and older people's champion (revenue)

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What the grants are for...

- Community and transport grants
 - prioritise and approve minor highway works
 - Improve pavements and paths
 - Fund new works, not routine maintenance
- Health and wellbeing
 - Support for older people and those who are vulnerable
 - Support healthier communities
- Older people's champion
 - Coordinate support for the elderly and vulnerable
 - An advocate and advisor to the board on behalf of older people
- Local youth Networks
 - Involving young people
 - Increasing positive activities available



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Setting local priorities

- Every two years public data produced by partners and services that provides a strategic assessment (JSA)
- Local people review and agree what matters in their area – the ‘Our Community Matters’ conferences (Oct 16 - Feb 17)
- Identify actions with support of area boards
- Monitor the outcomes and difference made



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Our local priorities

Children and young people		Community Safety		Culture	
Mental and emotional health	80%	Highway safety	58%	Participation in arts, crafts and culture	42%
Positive leisure time activities	68%	Alcohol and drug abuse	53%	Library use	42%
Special educational needs and disability	51%	Emergency planning and flooding	44%	Local history and heritage	39%
Childhood obesity	29%	Protecting the vulnerable	35%	Village halls and community spaces	39%
Job prospects	19%	Anti-social behaviour	32%	Affordable access to cultural activities	29%
Educational attainment	15%	Social cohesion	19%	Local landscape and countryside	29%
Child poverty	13%	Domestic violence	18%	Diversity and social inclusion	28%
Teenage pregnancy	3%	Rural crime	14%	Cultural and leisure economy	17%
Economy		Environment		Health and wellbeing	
Training, skills and apprenticeships	75%	Flooding	67%	Mental health and wellbeing	74%
Broadband and digital	63%	Recycling rates	59%	Obesity (children and adults)	67%
New businesses and start-ups	54%	River quality	48%	Promoting healthy lifestyles	59%
Promoting tourism and leisure	28%	Wildlife and biodiversity	36%	Support for carers	38%
Employment opportunities and jobs	25%	Fly tipping and litter	36%	Leisure and sports activities	24%
Support for existing businesses	20%	Improving rights of way	28%	NHS Health checks and vaccinations	14%
Debt and financial inclusion	12%	Countryside crafts and skills	12%	Breast feeding, pre and post natal care	7%
Inward investment	7%	Air quality	5%	Skin cancers	0%
Older People		Transport		Our Community and housing	
Dementia	64%	Road improvements and repairs	85%	Affordable housing	80%
Independent living	61%	Access to public transport	65%	Digital engagement and broadband	58%
Support for carers	49%	Promoting cycling and walking	43%	Community events and activities	35%
Social isolation and loneliness	48%	Speeding and road safety	27%	Volunteering	26%
Promoting healthy and active lifestyles	23%	Highway management and infrastructure	27%	Fuel poverty	26%
Positive activities for older people	20%	Reducing car use and traffic	23%	Diversity and inclusion	23%
Avoiding emergency admissions (inc falls)	13%	Street cleaning	4%	Deprivation and poverty	19%
Keeping older people safe from crime	7%	Air quality	1%	Homelessness	14%

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Community events and activities

- Aim is to bring communities together
- Take action to address priorities
- Support national and local campaigns; such as 'The Great British Spring Clean' (March 2017)
- This year there are a number of county-wide and local activities:
 - Tree planting to commemorate the ending of WW1 – talk a little more about this – this evening
 - The Big Pledge - 'London Calling'
 - Clean up Wiltshire – more to follow on this eliminating litter campaign



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Want to know more?

- If you're new to area boards you can find out more on the following link: [click here](#)
- Plus:
 - Visit 'Our Community Matters' - community website
 - Regular weekly email newsletter from each board
 - Linked Twitter and Facebook pages
 - Local community news reporters
 - Partners linked in



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Welcome your questions...

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**Wiltshire Commemorates
the
First World War**

Community tree planting
A legacy to remember them



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Marking the centenary of the First World War

- The First World War started on 28 July 1914
- Wiltshire commemorated the start with a service at Tidworth Military Cemetery in June 2014
- A Wall of Remembrance (10,000 named crosses) was created to mark the sacrifice made by the 10,000 soldiers from Wiltshire
- The Wall has been exhibited across the county - Salisbury Cathedral, County Hall, Armed Forces Days and special events
- It will be preserved in the History Centre

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Commemorating the end of the First World War in Wiltshire

- The war ended on 11 November 1918
- Proposal to deliver a legacy to mark the centenary
- Inviting local communities to plant 10,000 trees across the county
- Each tree to represent the soldiers that lost their lives
- Options for planting:
 - An area/areas in your local community
 - A memorial wood in Wiltshire
 - A combination of a wood and local planting

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Working with local communities

- We welcome your involvement and ideas
- We want to encourage schools and community groups to participate
- We need your input on possible locations for;
 - A memorial woodland
 - Smaller sites in your communities
 - Or both...

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Delivering a legacy in partnership...

- Number of organisations supporting project
- Landmarc and idverde to assist with the planting of trees
- The Woodland Trust, The Great Western Forestry Commission and the MoD contributing resources
- We will apply for 80% of the funding from The Woodland Trust
- Remaining 20% (approx. £10k) will need to be secured

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Options to consider...

- A memorial woodland
 - Sainsbury's working with The Woodland Trust to fund Centenary Woods nationwide - planting millions of trees as a lasting legacy
 - The Woodland Trust contribute up to 80% of cost of centenary woods - subject to meeting requirements
- Community tree planting
 - The Woodland Trust donating free trees to schools and communities
 - Application submission March-April 2018

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How much land is needed?

- 30 trees = one tennis court
(2,106sqft /196sqm)
- 100 trees = four tennis courts
(8,424sqft /784sqm)
- 420 trees = a football pitch
(13,000sqyds /10,800sqm)
- A woodland - between seven to eight hectares

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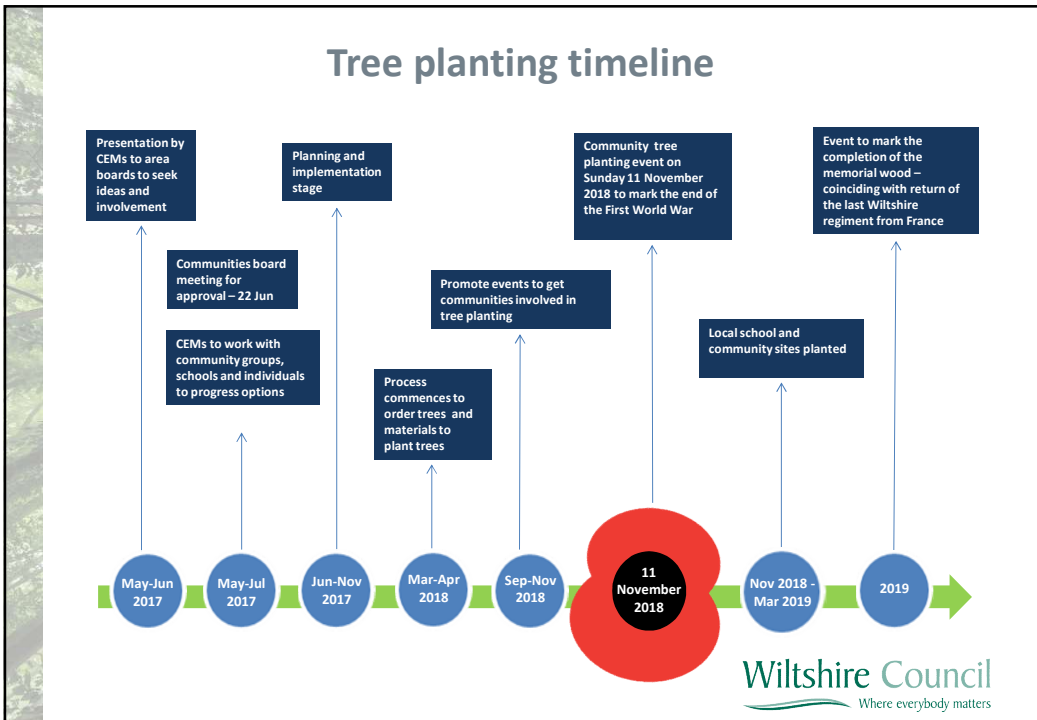


Timescales

- Planting times:
 - Tree planting in the UK is recommended mid-November or late March
- Proposal:
 - Plant Memorial wood or community trees in November 2018



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Next steps...

- Key point of contact is local community engagement manager
- Work with community groups, schools and representatives from the area board/community to progress the options
- Report back to the area board on the project and progress
- We look forward to working with you to deliver a legacy that will remember those who sacrificed their lives in the First World War.

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