

Report to	Southern Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	9/12/2021
Title of Report	Update on new eco friendly projects

1. Earlier this year, the Area Board compiled, published and promoted a new Southern Wiltshire Eco Friendly Villages Directory.
2. Since then the following new projects and initiatives have begun:
 - a) Introduction of the [Home Run App](#) to schools in Laverstock, as part of an area board facilitated community working group to tackle school run issues and as part of a bigger plan to strengthen green travel plans in the village
 - b) New [Wildlife Friendly Alderbury](#) project launched: the Parish Council working with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) will be undertaking a survey of the village to identify proposals on how it can increase biodiversity. Flagship projects will be developed, i.e. a new wildflower meadow or a community orchard, alongside smaller things like keeping records of birds and wildlife, putting up bird feeders, nest and bat boxes, planting a tree, making a bug hotel or a hedgehog house.
 - c) Downton Green Group's range of activities over the past 6 months, including plant, seed and jam jar swaps, setting up a new mini recycling scheme in the village, and signing up to the Plastic Free campaign with the parish council
 - d) Now, fully re-opened – [Lover Repair café](#) – in Lover, Redlynch, offering a weekly repair and recycle service alongside a friendly volunteer café.
 - e) Potential to partner with Co-op Champions for future eco events
 - f) Popular Winterslow Facebook Page Reduce - Reuse - Recycle which has 600+ members: A place to post unwanted items (free or for sale) for others to reuse, upcycle or repair. Request items that someone may be getting rid of. Also, offer advice and ideas to live more green and environmentally friendly.
 - g) Grimstead is continuing to collect recycling for Medic to Medic and Wiltshire Air Ambulance: Pringles tubes, pens, toothbrushes etc. There are lots of Salisbury drop off points plus one in Alderbury and a big bin at the Southampton Road Tesco where ALL soft plastic can be dropped off
 - h) The Bentley Wood Wildlife Buffer Zone (Face Book page): A group of people, living in villages surrounding Bentley Wood SSSI in south-east Wiltshire, who want to create a nature-friendly buffer zone around the wood. The villages include Farley, East and West Grimstead, West Dean, West Tytherley and Winterslow. The aims are to share actions and ideas that improve gardens

and villages for nature, create ponds, wildflower areas and native hedges and provide homes for wildlife. The ultimate aim is to link the properties in villages and the villages themselves with wildlife-accessible corridors

- i) Redlynch, Lover, Woodfalls, Morgans Vale & Hale new Face Book page to help people grow veg from home
- j) New Forest Veg Barn in Nomansland.
- k) Green Salon Collective.com [Salon Waste Disposal | Salon Sustainability | Salon Recycling Programs \(greensaloncollective.com\)](#) various salons in Salisbury and southern wilts
- l) Winterbourne Parish Council – potential new cycle route from Porton to Salisbury

- m) From Laverstock & Ford Parish Council
 - Castle Hill Country Park - Managed by Wessex Ground Services in conjunction with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. Currently investigating recycling of green waste via biomass energy plant, aspiring to Higher Level Stewardship and Green Flag status, ongoing wildlife surveys
 - Community Fridge at Old Sarum Community Centre - supported by grants from the Parish Council and Area Board
 - Community Growing Space at Longhedge - in partnership with Abri, the Parish Council are running a project to install a series of raised beds on open space to provide a Community Growing Space
 - Environmental Policy – Laverstock & Ford Parish Council includes a request for electric car charging points to be provided in response to all new build planning applications. We are currently working on an environmental policy that may go further to request solar panels, heat pumps, rainwater harvesting etc. Training is ongoing for our Operations Officer, to assist in preparation of the policy.
 - [Salisbury Sling and Nappy library](#) - runs from Old Sarum Community Centre
 - At Community Events over the summer, and as part of the Great British Spring Clean, Laverstock and Ford parish council has provided local children with materials to create bug hotels, build bird feeders and packs of wild flower seeds to sow.

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