



Area Board Local Priorities report – March 2023

The South West Wiltshire Area Board in June 2022 reviewed available local data and evidence, and integrated this with local knowledge and community conversation to agree the following local priority themes:



- **Addressing environmental issues in partnership with the Cranborne Chase AONB**
- **Strengthening youth engagement**
- **Support older people and vulnerable adults' health and wellbeing**
- **Support the local economy**
- **Community safety**

Each priority theme has a series of more specific local actions that the Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager and Area Board Delivery Officer will work with the South West Wiltshire Area Board to positively address them. The full action plan can be found at the end of this document. Two examples of significant progress made since last reporting in December 2021:

Support the local economy

17 employers so far confirmed for the 19th May joint area board led employment fair at Wiltshire College, including from the hospitality, military, social care, SEND, construction, renewal energy, cultural, sports, leisure and transport industries

Strengthening youth engagement

Area Board funding has helped to set up from early 2023 new trampolining and counselling support services at the Nadder Centre, facilitated by Seeds4Success

South West Wiltshire Area Board work plan and local priorities – summarised overleaf

Priority	Action(s)	Progress	Status
Support the local economy	Using existing chamber infrastructure - look to form a South West Wilts Area Business Chamber	Good business contacts being gathered from the planning of the Area Board led 19th May 2023 Youth Employment event at Wiltshire College. This event will be used as a springboard for ongoing networking and engagements with employers, with a view to this leading on to a new business chamber arrangement, where appropriate	Amber
Addressing environmental issues in partnership with the Cranborne Chase AONB	Design and facilitate an event in June 2023 on a Nature Recovery theme	Currently 3 engagements are being planned for Wilton, Tisbury and Mere to take place in Big Green Week (11-18 June)	Amber
	Deliver and support Mere Car Club	Strengthen sustainable transport options for residents	Amber
Community Safety	1. Strengthen collaboration with Police, Fire and all other relevant partners	Police and Fire regularly reporting to AB Business meetings with longer agenda space to facilitate community discussions	Amber
	2. continue to tackle speeding with better supported Community Speed Watch schemes	Citizens in Policing team working closer with the Area Board. Key update offered to Dec 2022 AB Business meeting	Amber
	3. ensuring other community safety priorities including ASB and rural crime are not overlooked	Regular updates being considered at Area Board Business meetings and at parish council meetings	Amber
Support older people and vulnerable adults' health and wellbeing	1. Make A Friend Be A Friend for Wilton and Barford	Carer Support Wiltshire being requested to provide an update on this project to the next Area Board Business meeting	Green
	2. Rollout the benefits of the Celebrating Age Programme of events	Events currently being planned for Dinton, Wilton Place Care Home, and Barford St Martin. Also looking to deliver an intergenerational xmas event at the Nadder Centre on the 12 th Dec	Green
	3. Tackle cost of living issues	8 warm spaces operating in Tisbury, Fovant, Mere, Wilton, and at Langford Lakes, with foodbank services continuing to support residents, including the new community larder in Tisbury.	Green

	4. Design and deliver a Digital Inclusion Project	Project in development, and funds being requested at March 2023 Area Board Business meeting	Amber
Improve the area board's engagement with young people	1. Continue to support Seeds 4 Success and other existing village youth clubs, and help to support new ones	Over 20 youth groups operating in the South West Wiltshire area. Linking with these to publicise opportunities and to partner for new initiatives and events	Green
	2. Follow up output from Summer 2022 Youth Event	Considering how to deliver a second event.	Amber
	3. Facilitate new activities for the Monday Night Health and Wellbeing sessions at the Nadder Centre	Area Board approved a grant request to deliver additional activities in Dec 2022 - counselling and trampolining - as part of the ongoing HW Youth Nights at the Nadder Centre led by Seeds4Success. These are now up and running.	Green

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