

Appendix 2: Area Board Environmental Projects update

2021/2022

Wiltshire's Area Board Funding Environmental Impact



74 projects increased awareness of environmental issues



12 local projects helped households to reduce the energy they use at home



41 projects helped communities to reduce, reuse or recycle



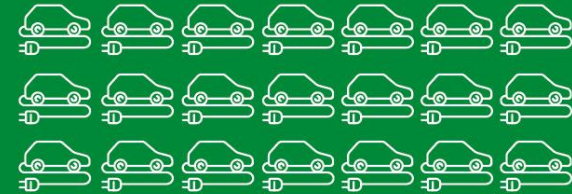
24 projects that reduced the carbon footprint of a building or service



38 projects focused on local biodiversity



22 different projects helped to improve local air quality



21 projects helped to improve sustainable or public transport

Area Board	Project/Action/Engagement	Status – complete/ongoing
Bradford on Avon	Trowle and Trowbridge Greenway Feasibility Study, work is progressing being led by Climate Friendly Bradford, Trowbridge ECO. Funding supplied by Wessex Water	Ongoing
Calne	Youth climate themed event with local schools planned for early 2023	Ongoing
	Developing and recording tree planting and rewilding schemes in the town	Ongoing
	Installation of bike e-charging point in the town the location has been identified and now investigating installing a green roof to increase the environmental benefits	Ongoing
	Air quality key focus. Procurement process for air quality monitoring equipment within Air Quality Management Area started by Wiltshire council. Working group considering actions that can help improve air quality	Started
	Calne Town Council and Sustainable Calne will have 3 thermal cameras available for residents in the community area to borrow one to be part funded by the area board. Looking into doing a launch event to help train people on how to use. Will be targeting vulnerable residents to ensure they also gain the potential cost saving benefits and are aware of additional support.	Ongoing
Chippenham	Chippenham Community Conference Environment / Climate Workshop held October 2022	Complete
	Chippenham Climate and Ecological Emergency Forum looking to form a sub-group to develop a local environmental action directory.	Started
	Chippenham Town Council have hired a Climate and Biodiversity Officer (Aug 22) who is working on governance, climate strategy and action plan.	Ongoing
	Chippenham Town Council event for the whole community area Eco Future Fest April 2023	Ongoing
	Wiltshire Climate Alliance attend working group. Updated on preparing briefing materials on solar PV and onshore wind which has been shared with the group.	Completed
	Cycle Chippenham working with Wiltshire council on big scale cycle improvements. Keen to develop schemes that can be put forward for future active travel bids.	Ongoing
	Zero Chippenham have purchased thermal cameras which have been well used by residents. Have a bid into the Wessex water community connector fund for a scheme to educate on the results of thermal cameras.	Ongoing
	Kington Langley have purchased a thermal camera and loaning it out to families.	Completed
Wessex water community connector pilot project is ongoing in Chippenham. Report into town's priorities published March 23. Project running from 2022 – 2024. WCF Wiltshire currently reviewing bids from local organisations to the fund. Will be supplying over 100 water butts to interested allotment holders in Chippenham and will monitor the benefit.	Ongoing 2022-2024	

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Corsham	Area Board Corsham Climate Group meetings held to co-ordinate local activity, share information and promote opportunities.	Ongoing
	NFU county adviser facilitated climate group visit to Whitelands Farm, Kington Langley to discuss the roles both the Council and farming businesses have to play in reducing and mitigating against climate change.	Completed
	Climate group visit organised to Lackham College to discuss their sustainability programme.	Completed
	Climate group visit organised to Westmill Wind Farm & Solar Park	Completed
	Area Board allocated funding to local projects including a community garden at Pound Arts, community orchard in Box and solar panels at Corsham Rugby Football Club	Completed
	Local events and activities promoted and supported including Big Green Week, Corsham Climate Action Energy Saving Event, Corsham Eco Fair 2023, Plastic Free Corsham, Corsham Recycling Hub, Corsham Repair Café, Corsham Sustainability Business breakfast	Ongoing
	Area Board climate group is working with Corsham Town Council to create a Local Environmental Action Directory: Local Environmental Action Directory - Corsham Town Council	Ongoing
Devizes	Community Fridge established in the shambles and is very well used	Ongoing
	Energy Event January 2023 was held with various talks, workshops and exhibitors aimed at helping local people reduce energy consumption and also save money	Complete
	A special area board event was held on the 6 th March that focussed upon reducing private car journeys and improving air quality. About 60 people attended and the output from the workshops is being looked at by the area board members for possible actions. This is also being followed up by a joint event in the Corn Exchange with Sustainable Devizes called “Keep Devizes Moving”.	Complete
Malmesbury	Networking event between local councils and community groups within the community area to be planned for 2023	In planning
	Public EV charging points – projects in Malmesbury and Sherston are in progress using Joju Solar (WC partners)	In development
	Sherston Parish Council adopted a Climate Action Plan and are currently working with Malmesbury TC and other PCs to do something similar	In development
	New, signed cycle route between Sherston and Malmesbury due to be done in March. Identifying further cycle routes and footpaths joining up Malmesbury with surrounding villages	Currently being implemented through LHFIG

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	Community Fridge now well established within town hall and growing. Has support from local Co-ops and Aldi supermarkets to stay well stocked.	Operating successfully
	New Community Wardrobe preventing items going to landfill. School uniform swap supporting low-income families and cost of living issues	Operating successfully
Marlborough	Community repair café and Clothes swap events led by local Sustainable Marlborough group. Very successful and preventing items going to landfill. School uniform swap supporting low-income families and cost of living issues	Operating successfully. New series being planned throughout year
	Secondary school carbon literacy and “environment anxiety to environment activism” sessions. Funded via area board to reach over 200 sixth form students.	Complete
	Community fridge funded by area board and supported by town council + volunteers. Supported with food donations by local supermarkets and community donations. Growing in what is offered from the Fridge. Has been a well-used and valuable source of free food over winter 22/23 and current cost of living situation	Operating successfully
	Additional investment going into air quality monitoring equipment within Air Quality Management Area and better understanding of AQ situation by area board	In development
Melksham	An Eco Event was held in October 2022 around the Town Hall and Assembly rooms to promote sustainable living	Complete
	Crackers Brook pilot for new ethos ecology enhancement for biodiversity credits has now started with a steering group established.	Ongoing
Pewsey	Pewsey Vale on Demand Bus Service is due to be launched partly in April 2023 and fully launched by July 23. This will serve the villages in the Pewsey Vale and link with GWR as well as Marlborough and Devizes. Booking is via a new app.	Ongoing
	Work has begun by the area board with the support of Green Bedwyn to extend their environmental survey to all residents in the Pewsey Community area with a view to identify where there is an appetite and volunteers to help deliver projects. Those willing to get involved will be brought together and projects supported	Ongoing
Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	New Royal Wootton Bassett – Swindon Cycle Route being developed with Highways England and Wiltshire Council. Presenting to area board on 14/03/23	In development
	RWB Environment Trust planning new cycle routes within town to improve access	In development (early stages)

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	Royal Wootton Bassett TC has ambitious Tree planting and rewilding projects underway to create new woodlands and improve community space	Ongoing
	New Community Fridges established in Purton and Lyneham. Both supported by local Co-op stores with food donations. Purton has already prevented over 2,000kg of food being wasted since opening in September '22	Operating successfully
	Local environment groups established in towns and larger villages. Area board creating Environment Forum as umbrella group	Ongoing
Salisbury	8 new air pollution monitors funded by the area board responding to a recommendation of the local Air Quality Management Group, thereby assisting with the expansion of Salisbury Transition City' Citizen Science PM2.5 air quality monitoring project, targeting poor air quality hotspots in the city and engaging a number of schools also as part of this initiative	£500 granted in September 2022, project underway
	Five Rivers Community Garden project – initially funded through the Area Board, a group of volunteers are supported by Salisbury City Council parks team as an opportunity to bring people together for healthy gardening opportunities on a weekly basis and to make the area pleasant for the centre customers.	Ongoing
	Green business accreditation scheme set up by Salisbury Transition City - This project aims to improve the knowledge and understanding of local businesses about their impact on the environment and provide those businesses with (or signpost them to) practical advice on how to be greener and reduce their carbon footprint.	Ongoing
	Working in partnership with the city council to deliver a Fun in the Park event on the 31st May as part of National Children's Gardening Week. Looking to involve stakeholders from Southern Wiltshire Community Area and South West Wiltshire Community Area	In development
Southern Wiltshire	Successful environment themed engagement event delivered in April 2022 involving over 60 stakeholders	Complete
	Researched, designed, produced, disseminated community directory of local eco friendly projects to inspire others to follow suit	Complete
	Planning engagements with local schools and community groups to spend time at local conservation site Hazel Hill Wood to learn new skills and to help the wood raise its profile	In development
	Exploring how to support residents and local organisations to opt for solar energy solutions	Planned for the coming months

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	New off road cycle route project linking Salisbury and Amesbury via Porton. This is a project that has been discussed for a number of years now and will require substantial investment. The first phase for funding is being considered over the coming months.	In development
	Facilitating Laverstock Schools Working Group to address the impact of high levels of traffic during school run times and to encourage more sustainable travel to school initiatives	ongoing
South West Wiltshire	Solar panels for schools and for Tisbury open air swimming pool as supported by Nadder Community Energy	ongoing
	Tisbury Community Benefit Society – Electric Car Club, which recently added a second vehicle to its fleet	ongoing
	Tisbury Community Benefit Society- Tis the Future mobile recycling facility taking a range of food out to rural villages for residents to refill stock e.g. pastas, grains, coffee etc – thereby reducing reliance upon supermarket plastic packaged food	ongoing
	Mere Electric car club – project soon to launch, subject to final legal agreements. EV chargers associated with the project to be installed in Mere in March 2023.	Ongoing
	Designing a couple of engagement events during Big Green Week in partnership with Cranborne Chase AONB as family fun/community group workshop events	In development
Stonehenge community area	Amesbury Green Fingers supported with AB funding to start the new group which is establishing a community garden	Ongoing
	Environment event Photovoltaic Cell and Air Source Heat Pump test case examples from local supplier held spring 2022	Completed
	Paths 4 All Scheme – helping Parish and Town Councils to identify footpaths and byways that can improved from an access point of view, in order to encourage people to use them, improving HWB as well as the opportunity for use of sustainable methods of travel.	Completed
Tidworth	Engagement Event held in March to discuss opportunities for joint working	Completed
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	Area Board sub-group re-established in January 2023 to drive forward environmental project within the area	Ongoing
	Biodiversity audit initiated in order to give a detailed map of the area including details of habitats, where they exist, where habitats can be linked up across the area and where there is potential for new projects to be delivered	Ongoing

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Trowbridge	Repair café	Ongoing
	Greener Community Kits project	Ongoing
	Community Growing Projects	Ongoing
	Youth Climate Arts project coming to Trowbridge Area Board on 16 th March to deliver across the community area	Ongoing
Warminster	Clearing and opening up of local rights of way to increase use of sustainable transport around the community area – volunteer groups have made huge difference to a number of byways and footpaths (AB funded)	Ongoing
	Environmental and sustainability forum event to be delivered this summer. ABEL Cllr Tony Jackson and the ABDO for community area leading	Ongoing
Westbury	Area Board Pollinator Project – Identified areas for wildflowers and similar to create “Wildlife corridors” for pollinators and other species throughout the community area	Ongoing
	Opposition to incinerator from all AB members – involved in work alongside Westbury Town Council and Westbury Gasification Action Group to oppose the proposition of an Energy from Waste plant	Ongoing
	Bitham Brook biodiversity enhancement project – improvements being made along the length of the Bitham Brook in Westbury in partnership with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. Improving habitats and the accessibility for users.	Ongoing
	Group work to open up local rights of way to increase use of sustainable transport around the community area. Multiple Town and Parish Councils are working together to see which of the current footpaths, bridleways and byways can be “opened up”, or improved. With a particular focus of improving access from surrounding villages to Westbury Train Station.	Ongoing