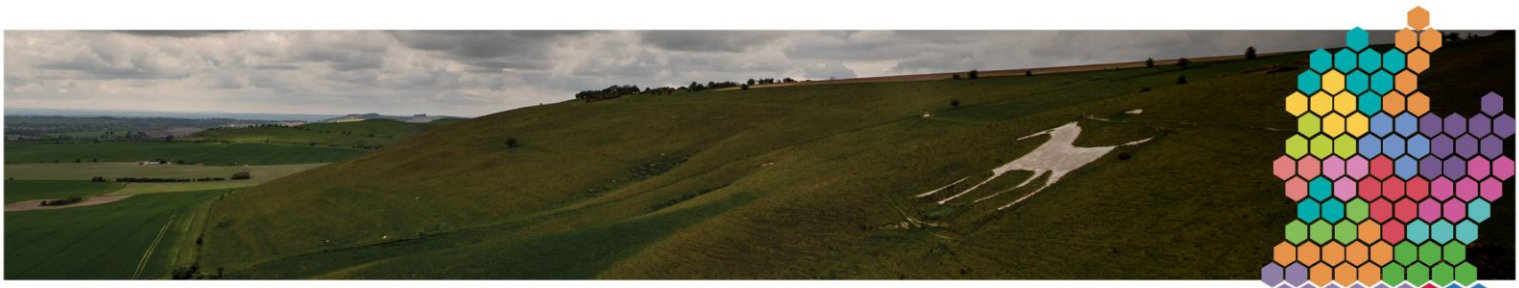

Community Engagement Report – Pewsey Nov 23

The Pewsey Area Board in May 2023 agreed local priority themes for the year, each of which has one or more specific local actions associated with it. Some of the progress made since the September area board meeting includes:

1. **To improve opportunities for young people**
   - The Pewsey Youth Café located in the Pewsey Vale leisure Centre has been running now since the 23rd October and is going well with between 20 and 30 young people attending the Friday evening sessions. It is open from 7pn to 9pm
   - Community First Youth Project Officers have been given funding by the area board to continue to operate for another year. Their priorities will be to support the youth café, identify and train volunteers, support youth work in the villages and increase the youth offer by existing organisations.

2. **To address environmental issues**
   - Pewsey community survey is now live. This builds on the work of Great green Bedwyn and Pewsey green.
   - The March Area Board will be a environment themed meeting and the outcomes of the survey will be discussed.

3. **To Improve public transport and encourage cycling and walking**
   - The new Demand Responsive Bus services in the Pewsey Vale is proving to be a success with patronage up by about a quarter compared with use of the bus services available in 2022. The service continues to be fine tuned as feedback is received. More information about it and how to book can be found at www.wiltshireconnect.co.uk or tel: 01225712900
   - The November 23 meeting of the area board is an engagement event to allow senior highways officers and a cabinet member to hear your views and answer your questions including walking and cycling.