

Highways Matters Southern Wiltshire

22nd February 2024

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Agenda and Housekeeping

1. Welcome and Introduction – Chair
2. Highways Matters Presentation
3. Update from Office of Police and Crime Commissioner
4. Q&A

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Wiltshire context

Modern transport has transformed our society and economy. It has enabled us to take advantage of a wide range of dispersed opportunities and to keep in contact with family and friends. Advances in road haulage and distribution methods have stimulated economic growth by helping to provide us with unparalleled consumer choices, a 24-hour society and just-in-time deliveries.

At the same time, however, our reliance on the private car and the lorry has led to busier and more congested roads. This, in turn, has resulted in fewer people keeping healthy through walking and cycling, increased concerns with regard to noise and other community aspects, accessibility issues for people who rely on public transport, and significant environmental impacts such as air pollution and climate change.

So, while transport can be viewed as simply a 'means to an end' (i.e. it just gets us from A to B), in reality it's a key element of a modern society with impacts on the economy, climate change, people's health, social exclusion, street scenes and the countryside.

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Wiltshire Context

- The highway network – roads, bridges and related infrastructure – represents the Council's largest and most valuable public asset with a replacement value of over £5 billion.
- Over 2,800 miles of roads, and extensive public rights of way network;
- Extensive public transport network, which we have sustained despite financial challenges and changing travel patterns



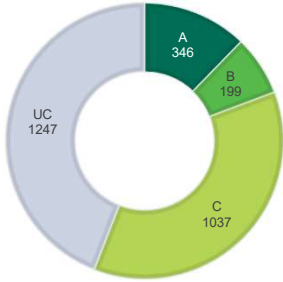
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Asset Management - some numbers

Over 2800 miles of road by class



50,000 street lights and 6000 sign lights



65 signal controlled junctions



145 signal controlled pedestrian crossings



293 Belisha beacons



981 highway bridges



85000 road gullies

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Investment in our network

Highways Maintenance Fund - £21m
 Additional £3.6m pothole fund
 Integrated Transport Funding - £2.1m
 Bus Service Improvement Plan - £4.2m
 Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure - £4.7m

Additional Investment by Wiltshire Council - 2022

- £150,000 pa over three years to tackle fly-tipping
- £200,000 per year for next three years for white-lining
- £333,000 per year to help prevent flooding, directed to gully cleaning

2023

- £500,000 for signing strategy
- £510,000 for flyposting removal and enforcement, litter picking rural highways, cleaning multi-story car parks and communications

2023/24/25 - additional £10m for preventative maintenance

2023/24/25 - additional £5.228m from cancellation of HS2



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Local Transport Plan

- The Local Transport Plan sets the framework for maintaining and improving transport in Wiltshire;
- It needs to align to our Local Plan Review and will help deliver Wiltshire Council's Business Plan priorities for transport across the County;
- We will be undertaking consultation on 'issues and options' towards the end of the year. Key themes will include:
 - Road Safety;
 - Public Transport;
 - Car Parking Strategy;
 - Freight;
 - Active Travel
 - Decarbonisation.



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Public Transport Review - consultation

- Aim is to help shape future bus policy and priorities for support
- Will help ensure we are providing value for money whilst delivering on Business Plan priorities and objectives of the National Bus Strategy
- Bus market has changed since COVID 19 - lower patronage levels
- Driver shortage and inflationary pressures
- Stakeholder consultation June 2023 - 163 responses
- Wider public consultation until November 10th
- Over 1000 responses to date
- Aim for a new policy and network for implementation from April 2024
- <https://wiltshirebusreview.commonplace.is/>



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Local Issues

- Highway Maintenance
- Flooding

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Highways Maintenance

Highways maintenance typically refers to the upkeep and repair of public roads, pavements, and other related infrastructure. This can include tasks such as filling potholes, resurfacing roads, repairing bridges, road signs and markings, traffic signals and street lights.

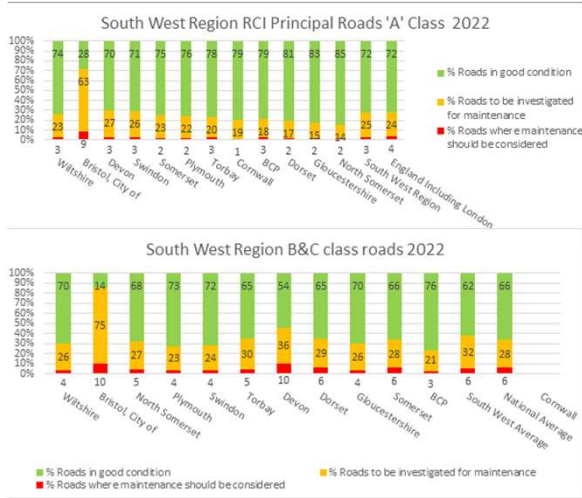
1. **Reactive maintenance:** This approach involves responding to issues as they arise, such as repairing potholes or replacing damaged signs. Reactive repairs are primarily driven from our scheduled inspections but also public reports such as via the MyWilts app. When assessing defects, we apply intervention levels as laid out in our Highways Inspection Manual – in other words, we prioritise the response based on specific safety criteria.
2. **Planned maintenance:** This approach involves scheduling regular maintenance tasks to prevent issues from arising in the first place or getting worse. For example, regular road resurfacing or bridge inspections to identify and address issues before they become more serious.
3. **Asset management:** This approach involves taking a long-term view of highways maintenance, and involves evaluating the condition of roads and infrastructure and prioritizing maintenance tasks based on factors like condition, safety, cost, and rate of deterioration.

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Highways Maintenance - Benchmarking



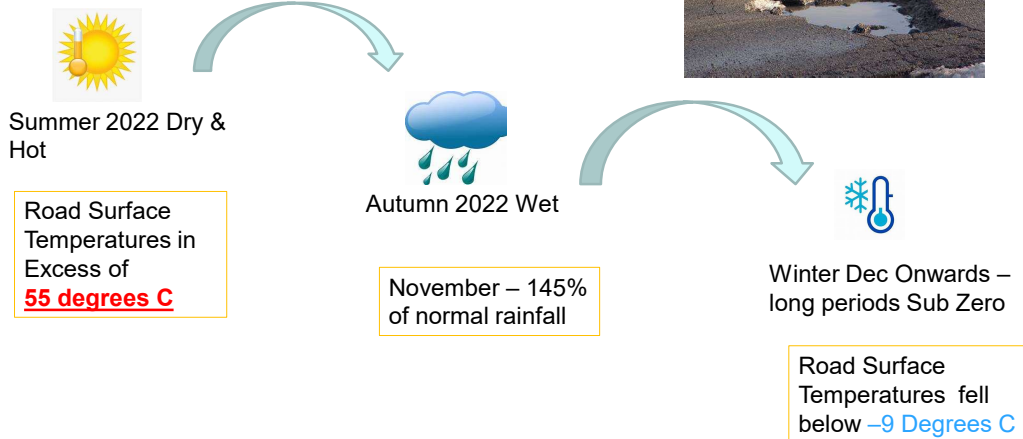
2022 South West Road condition scanner survey benchmarking

Scanner surveys provide a consistent method for measuring road surface conditions. The data is used to help inform maintenance decisions. The Scanner survey collects surface and geometric data using vehicle mounted lasers and cameras. Forty three parameters are collected and the results reported to the Department for Transport on an annual basis.

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Potholes Why so many?



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Interim Repair

- Undertaken to keep road safe
- Can provide a durable repair
- Enables more extensive repairs to be programmed efficiently



Permanent Repair

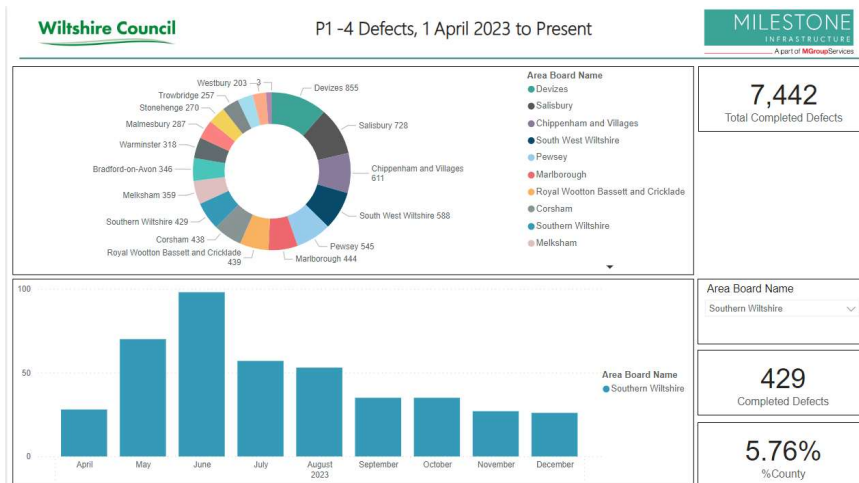
- Failed Area Cut out using a mini planer
- Reinstated using "hot" material hand laid



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Innovation – Defect dashboard



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Flood Prevention

- A & B Roads Gullies Emptied Annually
- Along with around 5500 gullies classed as High Risk
- Remaining Gullies emptied on a 3 year cycle
- Grips cut annually



Tractor Mounted Grip
Cutting Head



Gully Tanker/Vactor

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Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)

- 18 Groups across the County aligned to the Area Boards.
- LHFIGs exist to enable local communities to raise local highway issues, prioritise them, and provide a mechanism for these issues to be addressed.
- The Groups have an annual funding allocation to allow delivery of solutions.
- Representation at the Group is through Parish & Town Councils.
- Lots of detail on the Wiltshire.gov website on the Highways pages.

Southern Wiltshire LHFIG

- Current budget £65,099. Commitments £42,515
- 29 live projects

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Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)

LHFIGs can fund the following:

Pedestrian improvements: including dropped kerbs, new footways, substantive improvements to existing footways, pedestrian crossings (including assessments).

Cycle improvements: new cycle paths, cycle parking / storage.

Bus infrastructure: new and replacement Shelters (subject to agreement on future maintenance liability), bus border kerbs, bus stop road markings.

Traffic signing: new and replacement signs (including signposts), street name plates, village gateways.

New road markings: new and replacement of existing markings.

Speed limits: assessment and implementation.

Waiting restrictions: assessments and implementation.

Footpath improvements: styles, gates, surface improvements to rights of ways (council maintainable only).

Drainage: minor improvements, new gullies.

Street lighting: new installations.

Traffic management measures: including Sockets and posts for SID (Speed Indication Device) equipment.

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Parish Steward Scheme

- Our team of Parish Stewards are specially trained to complete small-scale discretionary local highways priority works to town and parishes.
- There are 18 Parish Stewards, one for each community area, who work with representatives in their parishes to ensure all work requests are clear and are logged for review before they start the work. We also have a support gang that works with the Parish Stewards on larger-scale projects, based on demand.
- Tasks include proactive and reactive works. For example, verge siding out, vegetation clearance, pothole repair, drain and gully clearance.

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Verge and litter clearance – extra funds

- Grounds maintenance and street cleansing in the area is the responsibility of Wiltshire Council and has received an extra investment of £0.3m this year.
- Enforcement resources are being increased to tackle the issues of fly posting, fly tipping and rural littering.
- Loan cleaning equipment is provided by the council's street cleaning contractor, idverde, to town and parish councils to support community events.
- Idverde are also available to support community groups with street scene improvement works.
- **'We're Targeting Fly-Tippers'** and **'Don't Mess with Wiltshire'**

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The Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership



Members

- Wiltshire Council
- Swindon Council
- Highways
- Wiltshire Police
- Police and Crime Commissioner
- South West Ambulance Service NHS Trust
- Ministry of Defence



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Road Safety update – Southern Wiltshire Area Board

Thursday 22 February 2024

Keeping Wiltshire Safe



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• #FATAL5 education



One of the largest forms of distractions is mobile phone use.

It's illegal to use a handheld mobile phone while driving a motor vehicle on the roads in the UK.

Even using a hands-free option can incur penalties if your driving is deemed to be dangerous.

The police have the right to stop you if they think you're distracted and not in control of your vehicle, and you can be prosecuted.

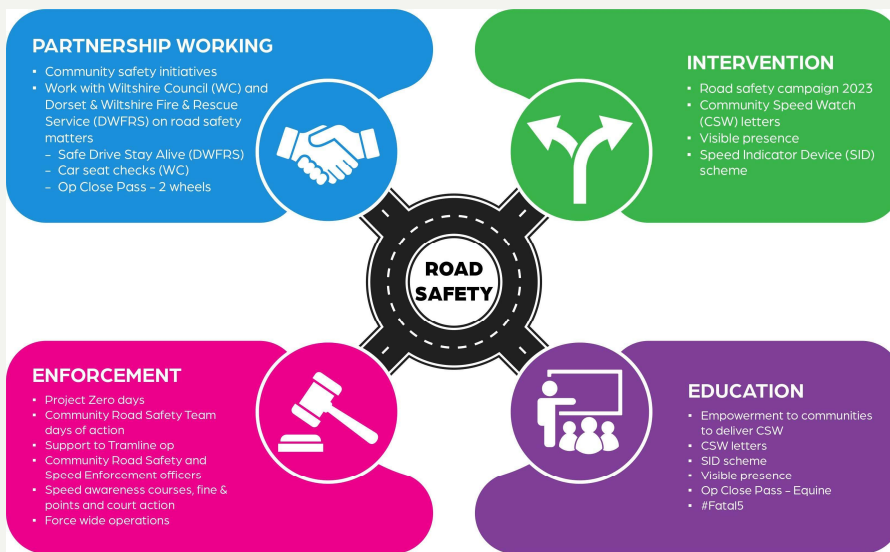
You can use a hand-held phone when:

- you're safely parked and engine off
- you need to call 999 or 112 in an emergency and it's unsafe or impractical to stop
- you're making a contactless payment in a vehicle that is not moving, for example at a drive-through restaurant
- you're using the device to park your vehicle remotely



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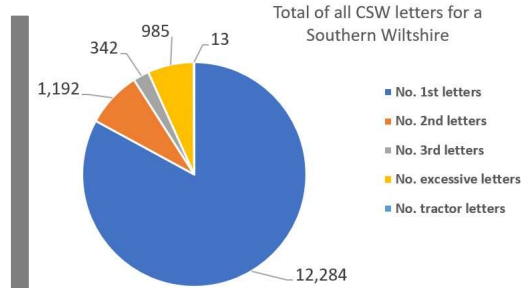
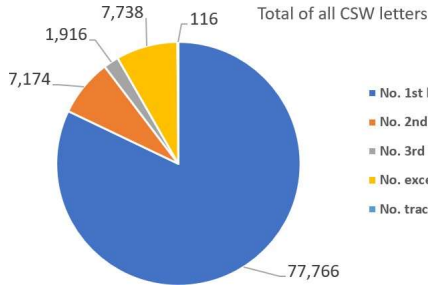
• Community Road Safety Team; what we do



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• CSW Southern Wiltshire area - Data since July 2020 to 15 January 2024

Team	No. 1st letters	No. 2nd letters	No. 3rd letters	No. excessive letters	No. tractor letters	Total letters	No. of watches	Average speeders %
Alderbury	1,705	239	81	134	0	2,159	215	8.33%
Allington South & Boscombe	3,841	301	86	200	3	4,431	327	4.19%
Cholderton	1,107	97	21	45	0	1,270	227	5.18%
Coombe Bissett	1,640	138	46	319	3	2,146	260	6.23%
Firsdown	264	54	12	10	0	340	78	4.05%
Landford	1,590	172	52	97	7	1,918	168	11.51%
Odstock	84	11	3	2	0	100	79	1.13%
Pitton and Farley	36	14	4	1	0	55	32	3.38%
Redlynch	628	46	9	42	0	725	54	6.05%
Whiteparish	621	41	8	85	0	755	134	4.12%
Winterbourne Earls	768	79	20	50	0	917	109	1.60%
Grand Total	12,284	1,192	342	985	13	14,816	1,683	5.62%



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• Traffic surveys – Southern Wiltshire since 1 Jan 2022 to date

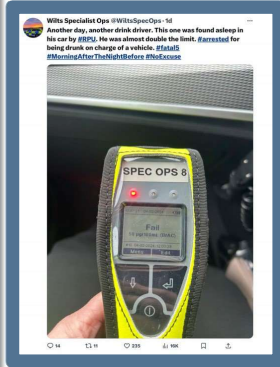
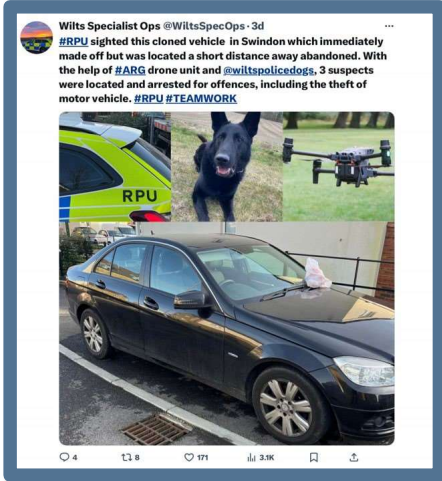
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Title	Result	Survey start date	Speed limit	85th percentil
Britford - A338 High Road (South of Lower Road)	No further action	04/02/2023	60	52.8
Britford - A338 High Road	Speed education	04/02/2023	30	36.7
Britford - A338 High Road north of Lower Road	Speed education	04/02/2023	30	38.1
Britford Salisbury A338 Downton Road	Speed education	24/06/2023	30	35.5
Cholderton - Grately Road	Speed education	01/02/2022	30	37.62
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Coombe Bissett A345 Salisbury Road	No further action	21/06/2023	40	40.7
East Grimstead - C323 Grimstead Road	No further action	11/09/2023	30	25.7
East Grimstead - C289 Long Drove	No further action	11/09/2023	30	33.0
Ford - Spire View	No further action	25/04/2022	30	27.4
Hamptworth - 33 - Hamptworth Road	No further action	11/09/2023	40	39.1
Hamptworth - C44 Hamptworth Road (east of Lyburn Rd)	No further action	11/09/2023	40	38.7
Hamptworth - C44 Hamptworth Road (outside thatched cottage)	No further action	19/09/2023	40	36.1
Hamptworth - UC Lyburn Road	No further action	11/09/2023	40	30.8
Hamptworth - UC Lyburn Road Hampton (outside Ballachulish)	No further action	11/09/2023	40	33.8
Landford - B3079 Lyndhurst Rd NORTH	No further action	07/12/2023	40	38.7
Landford - B3079 Lyndhurst Rd SOUTH	No further action	07/12/2023	40	41.1
Landford - C319 Forest Road	No further action	07/12/2023	40	31.6
Laverstock Ford The Steadings / Roman Road	Speed education	20/01/2023	30	39
Lover - C327 Vicarage Road 043-019	No further action	04/07/2023	30	24.7
Lover - C327 Whiteshoot Hill (East Bound)	No further action	04/02/2023	30	26.1
Lover - Whiteshoot Hill (west bound)	Speed education	04/02/2023	30	39
Lover C327 Vicarage Road 043-018	No further action	12/06/2023	30	26.7
Pitton - C321 White Hill East Side of Pitton	No further action	04/02/2023	30	27.1
Pitton - C321 Whiteaway (West side of Pitton)	Speed education	04/02/2023	30	39.4
Pitton - Townsend	No further action	14/11/2023	30	31.9
Pitton - White Hill (North)	No further action	13/11/2023	60	40
Pitton - White Hill (South)	No further action	13/11/2023	60	41.5
Porton - Idminton Road	No further action	04/02/2023	30	30.5
Porton C228 Winterslow Road 045-009	No further action	12/06/2023	30	34.7
Redlynch	No further action	23/01/2022	30	33.03
Redlynch	Speed education	11/06/2022	30	35.87
Redlynch - Grove Lane	Speed education	11/06/2022	30	35.87
Redlynch - The Ridge	Speed education	23/01/2022	30	37.78
Redlynch Grove Lane	Speed education	11/06/2022	30	35.87
West Grimstead - Windwhistle Ln	No further action	13/11/2023	60	29.5
Whiteparish A27 Brickworth Road	Speed education	04/07/2023	30	37.3
Winterbourne Gunner - C285 Gomeldon Road	Speed education	07/12/2023	30	38.1
Winterbourne Gunner C56 Portway	Police	12/06/2023	30	45.0
Woodfalls - B3080 The Ridge	Speed education	23/01/2022	30	37.78
Woodfalls - B3080 The Ridge (South of Lodge Grove)	No further action	23/01/2022	30	33.03

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• Wider work recently

Our Roads Policing Unit (RPU) in the last quarter, covering October to December issued over **2071 tickets** to motorists, for numerous road related offences.



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• Introduction to the Forensic Collision Investigation Unit (FCIU)



What do we do:

Investigation:

- Forensic investigation of all fatal and likely to prove fatal/life changing injury RTC's
- Support the Major Crime Investigation Team at homicide and major crime scenes.

We attend the scene of a fatal RTC to gather and record evidence by assessing and identifying relevant objects, marks and positions using techniques such as Laser Scanning, Vehicle Telematics downloads, Forensic Photography, Tachograph Analysis, CCTV/Dash Cam analysis, measurement of the coefficient of sliding friction of the road surface using accelerometers, Forensic Vehicle Examination and crush damage analysis. Detailed analysis takes place and a detailed Forensic Collision Reconstruction report and 3D model is prepared for any judicial or coronial proceedings.

Support road safety education with partnership working:

- Safe Drive, Safe Alive (DWFRS)
- Drink Drive Roadshows
- Survive the Drive (Military)
- Road Safety events

Support Road Safety change through engineering (In partnership with WC, SBC, National highways etc.)

- Conduct Road Safety Audits, Highway change proposals
- Provision of guidance and requirements for public and private events
- Management of planned events involving the highway

We attend approximately 90 RTC deployments (25-30 fatalities) per year




We are a small team of Forensic Collision Investigators and Forensic Vehicle Examiners who deploy 24/7 alongside Roads Policing Teams and are supported by the Vehicle Recovery Team and Traffic Management Office.



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3 x Community Road Safety Officers (CRSO's)

3 x Community Speed Enforcement Officers (CSEO's)



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• CSEO – Dashboard – 1 January 2023 to date

CSEO Activity Dashboard

Outcomes are dependent on previous convictions and history

7,953.00
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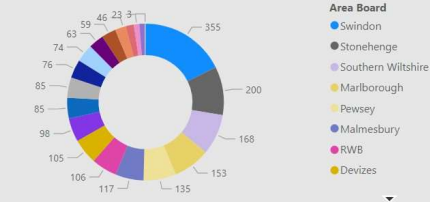
1,067.00
No. Fine & Points

92.00
No. Court

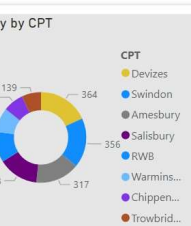
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No. of Locations

Location	Year	Month	Speed awareness course	Fine & Points	Court	CPT	Area Board
Swindon - Thamesdown Drive	2023	December	251.00	54.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Shaw and Whitley - A365 Folly Lane	2023	November	115.00	11.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Swindon - Thamesdown Drive	2024	January	103.00	16.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	August	102.00	31.00	4.00	Salisbury	South West Wi
Harnham - Lime Kiln Way	2023	November	97.00	11.00	0.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	November	84.00	33.00	8.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilt
Cricklade - Spital Lane	2023	April	80.00	10.00	0.00	RWB	RWB
Tilshhead - Candown Road	2023	August	78.00	10.00	1.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	November	72.00	10.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilt
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	July	71.00	9.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilt
Harnham - Lime Kiln Way	2023	October	71.00	7.00	0.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	August	69.00	9.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilt
Ogbourne St Andrew	2023	December	69.00	9.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	June	64.00	8.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilt
Total			7,953.0	1,067.0	92.00		

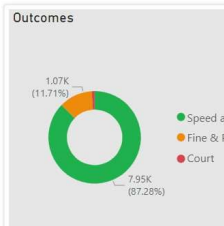
Activity by Area Board



Activity by CPT

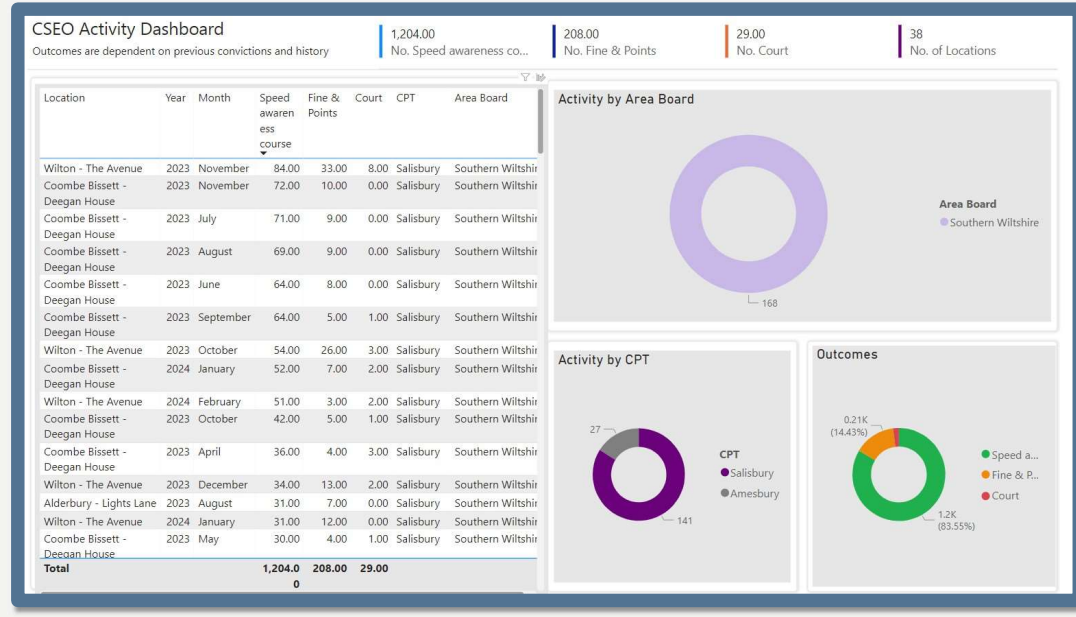


Outcomes



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• CSEO – Southern Wiltshire Area Board - 1 January 2023 to date



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The Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership

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- 3 Christmas Drink Drive Public Engagement Events
- 3 Car Child Seat Check events. 124 seats check and approx. 60% required adjustment. (Further events planned 16-18 April 2024. Venues TBC).
- Since September 2023
- 1300 Children trained to Bikeability level 1&2
- 3166 primary school children trained in Walk Safe programme
- 53 children trained on Scootability
- 4 Drive Plus Assessments for older drivers
- 3 subsidised drivers through the Pass Plus scheme
- Working regionally regarding rural road safety and agricultural vehicles
- Just taken delivery of 10 VR360 headsets funded by Wiltshire Public Health to deliver older driver workshops.

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Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

- Assisted in car seat checks (1 venue)
- Assisted in Operation Close Pass (1 venue)
- General Road Safety Community Event (1 Venue)
- Assisted with Drink Drive campaigns
- Supported Hills Group with Road risk presentation to Wiltshire Occupational Health and safety Association
- Presented Safe Drive Stay Alive to 2282 students
- 360 VR sets used for 75 students
- Survive the Drive presented to 4228 military personnel

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The Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership

Emerging Issues

The Group carries out continuous analysis of what's happening in Wiltshire and Swindon and one thing we're starting to notice is pedestrian distraction, often due to use of their mobile phones.

People are walking into the road without properly looking for the risk having been completely distracted by their phones.

It would be helpful if you could perhaps mention this to family and friends and just ask them to be particularly vigilant.

THANK YOU

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Thank you for listening.

There will time for questions from the floor;

All questions received, in advance and this evening, will be responded to;

Answers will be made available on our website.

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Q&A

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