

AGENDA

Meeting: Devizes Area Board
Place: Devizes Bowls Club, Long Street, Devizes SN10 1NW
Date: Monday 6 March 2023
Time: 6.30 pm

Including the Parishes of: Bishops Cannings, Bromham, Bulkington, Cheverell Magna, Coulston, Devizes, Easterton, Erlestoke, Etchilhampton, Little Cheverell, Market Lavington, Marston, Potterne, Poulshot, Rowde, Seend, Stert, Urchfont, West Lavington, Worton.

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CLlr Iain Wallis, Devizes North (Vice-Chair)
CLlr Simon Jacobs, Devizes South
CLlr Laura Mayes, Bromham, Rowde and Roundway
CLlr Dominic Muns, The Lavingtons
CLlr Tamara Reay, Devizes Rural West
CLlr Philip Whitehead, Urchfont and Bishop Cannings

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	Time
<p>1 Welcome</p> <p>To welcome those present to the meeting.</p>	6.30pm
<p>2 Apologies for Absence</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>3 Minutes</p> <p>To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2022.</p>	
<p>4 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>5 Chairman's Announcements (<i>Pages 1 - 28</i>)</p> <p>To receive the following announcements through the Chairman:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King Charles III Coronation – Community Celebrations • Emergency Contact Hubs – helping resilience in the community • Fostering update • Family Help Hubs • Devizes Air Quality and Sustainable Transport • Area Board Priorities 	
<p>6 Partner Updates (<i>Pages 29 - 42</i>)</p> <p>To receive updates from the following partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Police • Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service • Health Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Healthwatch Wiltshire ○ BSW Together (Integrated Care System) • Community First • School's updates • Town and Parish Councils • Sustainable Devizes • Opendoors • Devizes Development Partnership • Devizes and District Foodbank 	6.40pm

7	Area Board Workshop - Reducing car journeys in the Devizes Community Area	6.55pm
	<p>A session on how we can work towards reducing car journeys in the Devizes Community Area.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Presentations, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LTP4 and Sustainable Transport ○ Devizes LCWIP ○ Bus service improvements / DRT ○ School Travel Plans and Devizes Railway Station • Workshop 	
	<p>Group discussions, focused on answering the following questions:</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How can we increase the number of journeys taken to school by sustainable transport / active travel? ○ How can we increase the number of journeys within Devizes by sustainable transport / active travel? ○ How can we connect and support the villages with Devizes and other towns through sustainable transport / active travel? 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback / comments / questions 	
8	Cost of Living (<i>Pages 43 - 48</i>)	7.55pm
	<p>To receive updates on the cost of living and the actions taken since the last meeting.</p>	
9	Open Floor	8.05pm
	<p>Residents are invited to ask questions of their local councillors.</p>	
10	Local Highways and Footpaths Improvements Group (LHFIG) (<i>Pages 49 - 62</i>)	8.10pm
	<p>To consider the update from Cllr Dominic Muns (Chairman) and any recommendations arising from the Local Highways and Footpaths Improvements Group (LHFIG).</p>	
11	Youth updates	8.15pm
	<p>To receive any updates on youth work in the area and consider the following applications for youth grant funding:</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Youth for Christ, £492.96 towards pop up cafe 	

enhancement.

- Devizes Town Council, £5,000 towards Devizes Community Outreach programme.
- Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts, £5.000 towards Event Tech Training For Youth with DOCA.

Full grant report with further details under agenda item 13.

12 **Older people and vulnerable adults grants** **8.20pm**

To consider the following application for Older People and Vulnerable Adults funding:

- Sian Rob Music CIC, £600 towards Community Singalong Sessions.

Full grant report with further details under agenda item 13.

13 **Area Board Funding** (*Pages 63 - 66*) **8.25pm**

To consider the following application to the Community Area Grants Scheme:

- Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts, £2.200 towards Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts Website.

14 **Urgent items**

Any other items of business which the Chairman agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.

15 **Close** **8.30pm**

The next ordinary meeting of the Area Board will be held on 19 June 2023.

**The King's Coronation – Community Celebrations
Briefing Note**

Service: Enforcement, Highways and Transport.

Further Enquiries: Kevin Oliver

Date Prepared: 7 November 2022

Direct Line: 01380 826335

The King's Coronation – Community Celebrations

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To ensure that Wiltshire Council has a robust and straightforward system in place to ensure that communities wishing to celebrate the King's Coronation are signposted to the council's web page where they will find the appropriate tools, support and guidance to apply to hold a community party.

2. Background

- 2.1 Although King Charles officially became Sovereign on Thursday 8 September 2022 when his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, passed away at Balmoral, Scotland, there will be a ceremonial Coronation to follow. The Coronation is a religious service that requires the King to take an oath before his country.
- 2.2 King Charles III Coronation will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey. The service has been carried out here for more than 900 years, and the King will be the 40th Monarch to be crowned in the Abbey.
- 2.3 The Prime Minister has decided to proclaim an additional bank holiday to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III next year. The Bank Holiday will fall on Monday 8 May 2023, following the Coronation on Saturday 6 May. This will be an opportunity for families and communities across the country to come together to celebrate.

2.4 Similar events have taken place in the county on many occasions with communities holding community parties, barbeques, and tea parties. Wiltshire Council have specified previous guidance and relevant officers will follow the same process as used for past celebrations.

3. Procedure and Management of Applications

3.1 The application process will be a combined departmental effort, as with previous events of this nature.

3.2 The council's Traffic Orders and Highways teams will need time to ensure that all road closure notices and provisions are in place to allow for a safe and enjoyable event for all guests, while maintaining and facilitating access for emergency services at all times.

3.3 The council is committed to managing this process utilising a cross departmental approach. Such departments will include the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Managers, Traffic Orders, Communications, Highways, Streetscene, Wiltshire Police and Waste.

4. Production of Applications and Guidance.

4.1 The departments listed above have met and will continue to meet to discuss and agree responsibilities which will include the production of all relevant application and guidance documents. These will be approved by all relevant internal departments and will be signed off by the Communications Team.

5. Conclusion

5.1 Relevant council departments are aware of the importance that community parties are to the residents of Wiltshire to celebrate the King's Coronation.

5.2 Planning in preparation for these activities is underway and the Licensing Committee can be assured of the successful delivery for the 2023 celebrations.

5.3 The Licensing Committee will be updated by the relevant departments as and when necessary.

Briefing Note produced by Kevin Oliver (Land Use / Events Authorising Officer)

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Emergency Contact Hubs

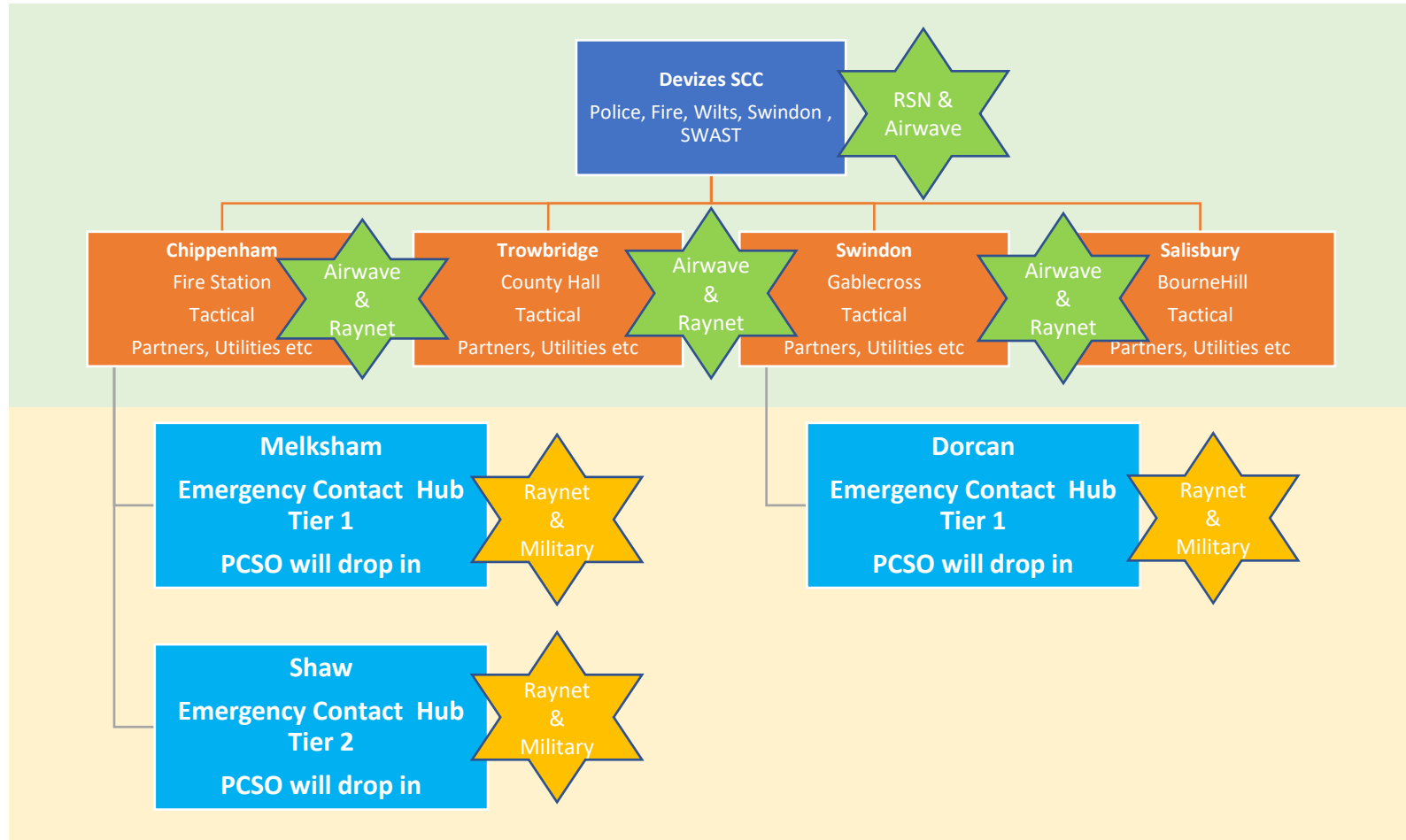
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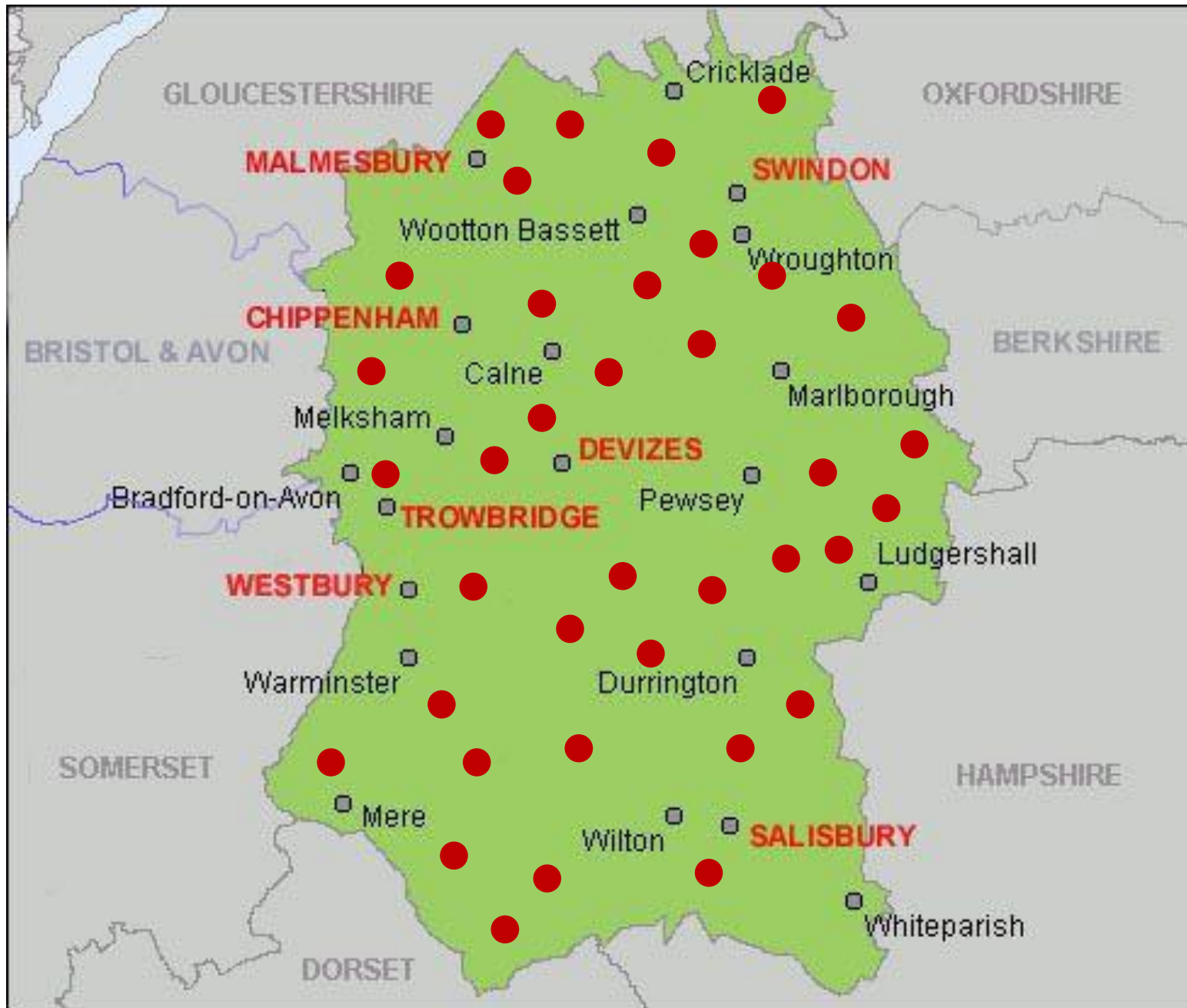
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**Camella Town
Chris Manuel**

Emergency Contact Hubs



- Hubs for contact and communications in an Emergency
- Widely recognised in your community
- Supported and driven by the community
- Building your community knowledge and experience



Example Usage – Power Outage

Hubs used for:

- Communication down to community from multi-agency environment
- Communication up from community to multi-agency partners
- Information point for community
- Safe space for community (e.g. warm, welfare, reassurance, information sharing)
- Well publicised in your community
- Your community decides how you want to run this





Benefits

- Being part of the a National community resilience network – but designed to suit yourselves
- Build on your current community resilience structure – where ever you are in that process
- Formalises a process for us to communicate and give information to you and visa versa
- Allows information to be shared between all partners and communities quickly
- Enables you to support your vulnerable people, with access to wider network
- Community Driven, Community Owned, Community Decisions
- Muster provisions





What we would like from you

Your participation

We want to create a large network covering all of Wiltshire

Please get in touch with us to join

camella.town@wiltshire.gov.uk

Overview of children in care

- 12 million children living in England
- 400,000 (3%) involved with children's social care
- 80,000 (0.03%) are Children Looked After (CLA) in England
- 468 are Children Looked After (CLA) in Wiltshire



Overview of children in care

- 264 children living with 168 Wiltshire Council foster carers
- 105 children living with foster carers via independent agencies
- Experiences – trauma, separation & loss
- Trauma impacts on all aspects of a child's life and view of the world



Devizes- latest update

- 29 children in care, still short of 23 local fostering family
- In Devizes we're looking for more foster carers to step in and provide homes for children from Devizes and also those from the surrounding areas
- The situation across Wiltshire is near crisis point as we now have few alternatives available with independent fostering agencies (IFA) carers, but we need to look after and care for all of our children, irrespective of resources
- Main focus is to find safe homes for our Children in Care
- Across Wiltshire we are still in need of at least an additional 30 foster carers



Who makes a good foster carer

- Anyone aged 21 & over, with a spare bedroom can foster
- Have a good sense of humour, plenty of tolerance & understanding.
- Enthusiasm to make a difference to young people's lives
- Commitment to find a way through difficult times



The impact of fostering on Natasha's life



- 1 minute & 21 seconds – please watch/listen, as it's really powerful

Could you help?

- Promote fostering to your local community
- Listen to Natasha – then think, if every councillor recruited just one fostering family, what a life changing difference that would make to so many children
- Let us know places/events where we can successfully promote fostering in your area
- Share and 'love' our messages on social media
Follow Facebook "Fostering in Wiltshire"
Follow Twitter @ FosterWilts



Contact us

For more information from our fostering service:

Contact: Fostering Recruitment Duty

Call: 01225 716510

Email: fosteringrecruitment@wiltshire.gov.uk

For those interested in becoming a foster carer:

Call: 0800 169 6321

Text: 'Foster' to 60002

Email: fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk

Website: www.fosteringwiltshire.uk



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GIVE THEM
the TIME TO
BLOOM

FOSTERING
with
Wiltshire Council

EVERY DAY MATTERS IN
THE LIFE OF A FOSTER CARER.



Area Board Briefing Note – Family Help

Service:	Family and Children’s Commissioning
Date prepared:	5 January 2023
Further enquiries to:	Lucy-Anne Bryant
Direct contact:	lucy-anne.bryant@wiltshire.gov.uk 01225 718068

Family hubs are part of the Government manifesto promise to support children and young people up to the age of 19, or 25 if they have SEND. In Wiltshire we will refer to them as part of our Family Help offer. This is to remove the implication of the support being purely building based.

We have a vision that all children, young people and families will be enabled and empowered to live their healthiest, most fulfilled lives by having easy and timely access to a locally integrated network of hubs, supported by an online offer. This will bring preventative and early help-support and information services together from all sectors to ensure a county wide delivery that is seamless, relationship based and trauma informed, empowering families to be resilient and live their healthiest, most fulfilled lives.

The Government requires the delivery of a universal core offer which will consist of:

- Maternity services
- Health visiting
- Mental health support
- Infant feeding advice with specialist breastfeeding support
- Safeguarding
- Services relating to Special Educational Needs (SEND)

As well as additional services to include and not limited to:

- Activities for children 0-5
- Birth registrations
- Debt and welfare advice
- Domestic abuse support
- Early language support
- Financial support (2year-old entitlements, 30 hours, universal credit childcare offer, tax-free childcare)
- Health visiting
- Housing
- Infant feeding
- One to one targeted family support services
- Mental health services (beyond Start for Life parent-infant mental health)
- Midwifery/maternity
- Nutrition and weight management
- Oral health improvement

- Parent-infant relationships and Perinatal Mental Health Support
- Parenting support
- Parental Relationship Support
- SEND support and services (inclusive of the Start for Life period)
- Stop smoking support
- Substance (alcohol/drug) misuse support
- Support for separating and separated parents
- Youth justice services
- Youth services-universal and targeted

These services can be either delivered by the Local Authority or Health providers, or they can be commissioned out to private providers or organisations in the Voluntary and Community Sector. Many of these organisations and arrangements already exist and will use the hub facilities where possible.

The first step to developing this countywide service is to work with the communities and ask them what they want and how they want it made available.

An online consultation was launched on 12 January and will run for 12 weeks. There will be face to face consultations in every community area during February and March for families to have their say in how the service can be developed and for them to express the needs for their area. We recognise that the solution for each area is likely to vary dependent on the needs and wishes of the families.

We have asked similar questions in relation to community connecting via the health service, but this is different and very family focussed.

It is important that families are aware of the consultation and that we reach families who do not normally engage with the Local Authority around service delivery, so please can you share with your partners and communities so that we can get a very comprehensive view from families.

Please see the attached poster for further information, and please contact us if you have any queries on FamilyHelp@wiltshire.gov.uk

FAMILY HELP SURVEY



- ❓ Are you a parent or parent to be?
- ❓ Are you a young person who needs help and advice?
- ❓ Do you know how you can find out information on help available for you and your family?



We want to hear your views on family services and how you'd best like to access them. Please take this short survey and help us shape services for the future.

Web link:
survey.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=167422754798

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Devizes Air Quality and Sustainable Transport Group Meeting

Thu 9th Feb 2023, 4pm – 6pm

NOTES FROM MEETING

Present:

Martin Aldam	Philippa Morgan	Richard Ormerod
Cath Read	Jason Salter	Edward East
Eric Clerk	Tamara Reay	Simon Fisher
Jasper Selwyn	Richard Rogers	Graham Martin

Apologies: Gary Tomsett

1. Actions and matters arising from last meeting held	None
2. Air Quality Report including the air quality plan	<p>Apologies were received from Gary Tomsett who instead provided the following written update:</p> <p>The Draft Air Quality Action Plan has been discussed by the new Climate Change and Environment Forum that our Assistant Director Sarah Valdus has recently established. Some very useful feedback was gained which will shape the full public consultation which we want to proceed with imminently. A clear message was the document (which uses DEFRA's template for AQAPs) is far too technical and uses too much jargon. We will be meeting with Comms to push forward quickly with a summary document in the style of that used for the Climate Change Strategy. We are also at the point we want to publish our Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance document which we have also been working on for some time and forms a significant limb of the AQAP with regard to future planning.</p> <p>I apologise I have an email to respond to from Richard Ormerod via Martin. We used AECOM to do modelling for the AQAP we didn't specifically model the Wadworth's junction in the manner suggested, however, high level modelling was used to look at the impact of improving flow through this junction and at Shanes Castle. In light of the application I have asked my Senior EHO for the area to examine the proposals and potential impact on Air Quality.</p> <p>The project to replace the air quality monitoring equipment was put on hold before Christmas and the 2022 data is awaiting AQ/QC ratification before it is published. It's been extremely busy; a number of investigations that have progressed to court and we have had to give priority to configuration work for the new ICT system</p>

	<p>that we are in the midst of implementing across Public Protection Services.</p> <p>We heard today that sadly we have not been successful in our bid to obtain DEFRA air quality funding for a cycle hire scheme, Electric Co Car hubs & Cycle Hangars in Salisbury and a county wide Bus information/ marketing project. This was our first bid and we learnt a lot. I am organising a debrief and scoping session for future bids in March, to ensure we are as prepared as we may be for any future grant window that may open in the Autumn. We will not know what Bids are being invited for until DEFRA open the bid window, so the better prepared we are the more agile we can be in our response to any invitation</p> <p>To revoke a AQMA, DEFRA demand 3 years data indicating levels to be 10% below the objective (that would be 36ug/m3 in this instance) or 5 years data below the objective</p>												
3. Financial Update	<p>DEVIZES S106 SUMMARY</p> <p>09/02/2023 08:28</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="616 869 963 972"> <thead> <tr> <th>S106 THEMES</th> <th>AVAILABLE £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Non Discretionary Sustainable Transport</td> <td>£5,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Discretionary Sustainable Transport</td> <td>£473,464</td> </tr> <tr> <td>* Public Transport</td> <td>£534,969</td> </tr> <tr> <td>**Highways</td> <td>£64,870</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>£1,079,887</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>NOTES</p> <p>* £70,739.40 CAN BE USED FOR SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT</p> <p>** SHANES CASTLE HIGHWAY WORKS ONLY</p>	S106 THEMES	AVAILABLE £	Non Discretionary Sustainable Transport	£5,000	Discretionary Sustainable Transport	£473,464	* Public Transport	£534,969	**Highways	£64,870		£1,079,887
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4. Data on vehicle travel through and within Devizes	See Presentation at end of notes												
5. LCWIP Update	<p>The Devizes LCWIP being prepared by Atkins will go to the Active Travel Steering Group at the end of February. They will comment on both the process and content before signing off by the cabinet member. Once this is completed, it will then be taken for consultation using a new package called “Common Place” which increases and collects comments. It is likely that the consultation can overlap with the “Keep Devizes Moving” event on the 1st of April.</p> <p>The Government have just announced new funding for Active travel Wiltshire allocated £828,376. Workshops are being run to help with applications which need to be submitted by 24th Feb. Wiltshire are being encouraged to apply for 300% more funding as there is a competitive process for projects above their allocated amount. A focus is upon construction, walking and place shaping. The London Road and Marshall Road areas were seen as the most important priorities for the AQ group.</p>												
6. Bus services and possible linking of new DRT service launch with event on 1 st Apr	<p>Jason sent a presentation out to all members of the group and ran through it at the meeting. There was a good response numbering 360 from all different segments of the community. There was a concern that the new Marshall Road medical centre would not have been on people’s radar as only opened in Dec 2022.</p> <p>There was some concern that a more in depth look at why people do not use bus services was required.</p>												

	<p>It is hoped to tender late March but a like for like service will cost @30% more than it currently does.</p> <p>The PT policy is being totally reviewed soon</p> <p>The PTU now comment on planning applications.</p> <p>DTC will discuss writing to Wiltshire Council planning regarding whether a travel plan was required and completed for Marshall Road Medical Centre</p>
7. Walking	<p>The Keep Devizes Moving Event will take place on 1st April and look at bringing together Active travel, bus services, Air quality and other sustainable transport issues. Cath, Richard and Graham will meet to discuss this event as well as the workshop at the next Area Board meeting</p>
8. Cycling	
9. Co-cars survey	<p>The survey is going out on 13th Feb and will run until the 17th March. The link to the survey is: bit.ly/ElectricDevizes</p> <p>Members of the group are asked to publicise this as widely as possible. Richard will print off copies for main public areas and provide some photographs that can be used.</p> <p>All social media posts should also tag co-cars. A communication will go out from Wiltshire Council</p>
10. EV charging	<p>Devizes Town Council have been working with Wiltshire Council to look at using the government subsidy for EV charging points. The proposal is for 3 units with two charging points each. The cost is @£53k but the government grant s maximum 60% or £7,500 which ever is least. There are other options instead of handing over the EV charging points to Wiltshire Council such as not using the grant and leasing the bays instead. It will go to DTC for discussion. It is possible that some S106 funding could be used to help subsidize this and Martin Aldam will investigate</p> <p>The charging points at Station Road Car Park are due to be renewed but a new cable is required from SSE. 6 EV charging points are going into London Road filling station.</p>
11. Date of next meeting	Thu 8 th June, 4pm, DTC

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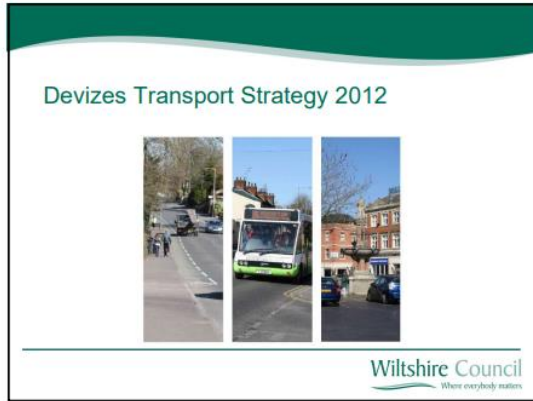
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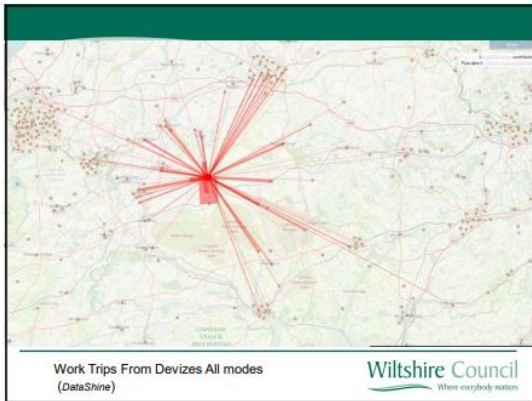
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- Devizes is relatively self-contained
 - 62% live and work locally
 - 28% traffic is through traffic
 - Spread across several routes.
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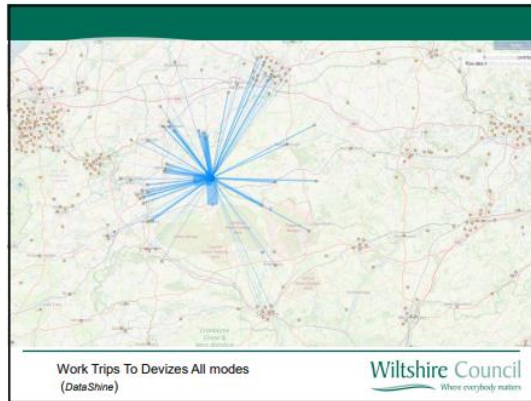
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- ### PATTERNS
- 63% Drive to work
 - 2% Bus
 - 0.1% Train
 - Self containment – 62% live and work locally BUT 45% drive
 - 15% in Devizes CA don't have access to a car
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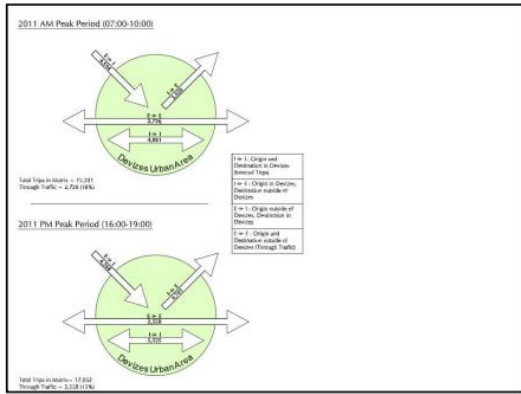
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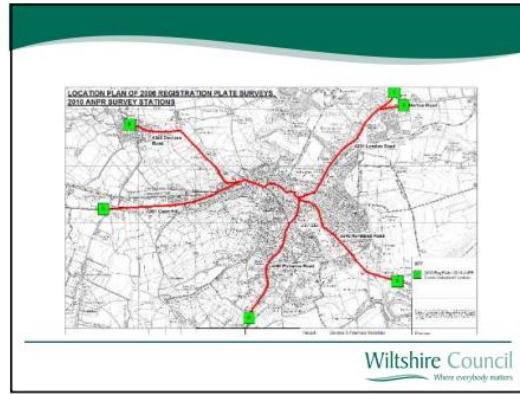
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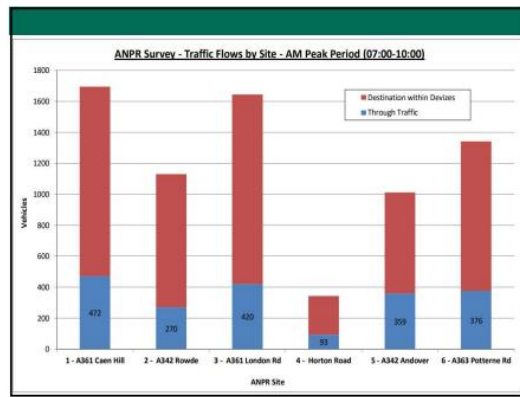
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ANPR Results - AM Peak Period (07:00-10:00) - ALL VEHICLES

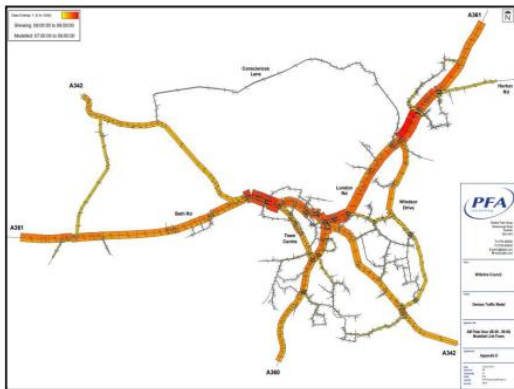
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1 - A361 Caen Hill	0	52	224	37	152	26	472	1095	28%
2 - A342 Rowde	37	0	19	13	116	85	270	1129	24%
3 - A361 London Rd	140	21	0	0	93	157	420	1644	26%
4 - Horton Road	42	12	0	0	16	23	93	343	27%
5 - A342 Andover	126	115	91	6	0	20	358	1012	35%
6 - A360 Pottenne Rd	38	74	207	20	35	0	376	1342	28%
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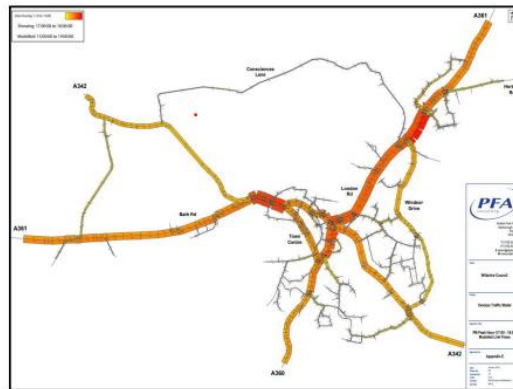
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DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD REPORT

Community Safety Plan

DWFRS Community Safety Plan can be found on the DWFRS website;

<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

Prevention

We are committed to making a real difference to the lives of people in Dorset and Wiltshire. Our aim is to reduce the level of risk and harm to our communities from fire, targeting those most at risk. We do this primarily through our Safe and Well visits.

A Safe and Well visit is **FREE** and normally lasts about one hour covering topics such as:

- Using electricity safely
- Cooking safely
- Making an escape plan
- What to do if there is a fire
- Keeping children safe
- Good practice – night time routine and other points relevant to you
- Identifying and discussing any further support the occupier may need

Are you or anyone you know:-

- Over the age of 65?
- Need a smoke detector?
- Have a long-term health condition?
- Suffer from poor hearing or sight loss?
- Would you struggle to escape in the event of a fire?

If you can answer yes to more than one of these questions, then please call us on 0800 038 2323 or visit <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>



Protection

On-going interaction by Protection Team members with Local Authorities, Private landlords and tenants regarding fire safety-related matters: external cladding systems; fire detection and warning systems; fire resisting doors (& self-closers); combustibility/fire resistance of construction materials; commercial and residential sprinklers systems and water-mist suppression systems

General Enquiries

If you have a general fire safety enquiry regarding commercial property, please email fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk and the Fire Safety Team will respond in office hours.

Fire Safety Complaint

If you wish to tell us about fire safety risks in commercial premises, such as locked or blocked fire exits, you have three options:

- You can email the fire safety department at enforcement@dwfire.org.uk
- Call 01722 69 1717 during office hours (9am-5pm).
- Call our Service Control Centre on 0306 799 0019 out of office hours (5pm-9am)

On Call Recruitment

Have you always wondered if you could join the fire service, but haven't had the opportunity to find out more? Have you found yourself seeking your next challenge, keen to give back to the local community or wanting to learn new skills including leadership and teamwork? Then becoming an on-call firefighter is for you.

As a paid position, on-call firefighters commit anywhere between 60 to 120 hours per week, during which time they must be able to respond to the station immediately.

Many have 'normal' jobs during the day, then upon their return home make themselves available overnight or during the weekends. Some of our crew respond from their workplaces during the day, and we are very grateful to their employers for releasing them to perform their vital duties.

Anyone over 18 years old can apply (although you can also apply once you are 17½) you must be able to respond and attend the fire station within 5-8 minutes, you have a good standard of physical fitness (i.e. you are generally active), and you must have the right to work in the UK.

Further information on becoming an On Call Firefighter can be found at www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/ or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.

Recent News & Events

Communities are well protected as Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is graded as one the highest performing fire and rescue services in England, inspection confirms

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) continues to serve its communities well whilst managing and monitoring its efficiency in a highly effective manner, His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary & Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) confirmed today (20 January).

To read the full article please visit <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/news/communities-are-well-protected/>

Staying warm safely



It's important that everyone stays warm this winter – there are lots of ways to do that, but many of them also increase the risk of fire starting in the home.

Please do take extra care when using any of these, and don't be afraid to ask for help if you're not sure about something. You can call us FREE on 0800 038 2323, just leave a message and we will call you back.

You can also take a look at the [Warm Spaces website](#), which is mapping public-accessible places where people can go to be warm, rather than using heating at home.

For further information please visit <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/save-safely/staying-warm-safely/>



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Fire Calls for Devizes Fire Station for period: Nov 22 – Jan 23

Category	Total Incidents
Deliberate Fires	1
Accidental Dwelling Fires	4
AFA Domestic	24
AFA Non Domestic	12
RTC	4
Total	45

**Robbie MacPherson
Station Manager**

**Email: Robbie.macpherson@dwfire.org.uk
Mobile: 07770 813988**

Patients' feedback sparks overhaul of hospital complaints process

Feedback from patients who made a complaint about their care at Salisbury District Hospital is being used to overhaul its complaints handling process.

Healthwatch Wiltshire's latest report highlights the findings of a survey which heard the views of people who had been through the hospital's complaints handling process between April and June 2022.

Patients and their families told us of feeling lost in the system, that they weren't listened to and had little confidence that changes would be made following the issues they had raised. These experiences have led to a review of the way the hospital handles complaints by Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust, which manages it.

What did people tell us?

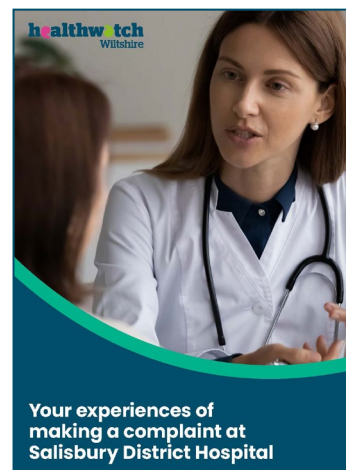
Our report reveals that people found it difficult to find information on how to make a complaint and didn't fully understand the role of the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) at Salisbury District Hospital.

We also found:

- People didn't feel they were kept properly informed of where they were in the complaints process, timelines were not always adhered to, and updates not always provided.
- There was a lack of signposting to additional support, such as advocacy services.
- Staff sometimes seemed reluctant to take ownership of a complaint.
- People felt disempowered and that they could not challenge decisions made by the hospital Trust.
- People thought that points or questions

they raised were not properly addressed.

- Apologies did not feel meaningful or sincere.
- People were not confident that the outcome of their complaint would help to drive improvements.



What's next?

The findings of our report will form the basis of a new Complaints Handling Policy, which is due to be launched by Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust in April 2023.

Victoria Aldridge, Head of Patient Experience at Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We have welcomed the opportunity to work with Healthwatch Wiltshire.

"The Trust acknowledges and accepts the findings from this project and strongly supports the identified areas for improvement... with the findings shaping both our new Complaints Policy and improving the processes associated with this."

Guy Patterson, Projects Lead at Healthwatch Wiltshire, said: "We're delighted to see how patient feedback is shaping the improvements the Trust are intending to make. We're also very pleased to see how committed they are to ensuring the patient voice is heard. We will revisit this project later in the year to see what progress has been made with the introduction of the new policy."

[Read the report](#) on our website.

Update for Wiltshire Area Boards

February 2023

Neighbourhood Collaboratives

Work continues with the Neighbourhood Collaboratives programme, the Steering Group is now established, and our second Steering Group workshop was held on the 1st of Feb 2023. Partners with a broad scope of expertise from organisations within our locality, including representatives from the Area Boards, met to discuss some of the key issues required to roll out the model across the Neighbourhoods. This included reaching an agreement on the Readiness Review, a baseline assessment that will support Neighbourhoods to determine their readiness to create this new approach to working. The programme's launch events will be reviewed and agreed by the Steering Group at our next meeting on 8th March 2023.

The workshop on the 1st of February offered an opportunity to respond to some of the points raised in our initial meeting in December 2022. The Steering Group was provided with examples of successful projects within Wiltshire that helped inform the Neighbourhood Collaborative model. The event was also used to share the work starting at our pathfinder site in Bradford on Avon & Melksham. The pathfinder will be the pilot from which to learn and share how a Neighbourhood Collaborative will function. Partners were asked to review a version of the Readiness Review, completed by the site, and discuss how their organisations could contribute ideas and expertise to this collaborative approach. Early interrogation of the data by the pathfinder suggests that falls and falls risk factors will be central to the plan that develops from this partnership.

Feedback following the workshop was very positive and the information provided on the day is currently being shared with Bradford on Avon & Melksham. We intend to bring all those offering support to the pathfinder together at the beginning of March 2023 to review the data and define the cohort within the community that will benefit the most from this Neighbourhood Collaborative project.

Covid-19

After Sunday 12 February, any person aged between 16 and 49-years-old and not in a clinical risk group will be unable to get the initial Covid-19 booster, which for most people would have been their third vaccination for coronavirus.

This date is also the last opportunity for people over the age of 50 to come forward for the autumn booster vaccine, which was rolled out to older people, as well as those who are considered vulnerable, at the end of 2022.

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, which acts as an independent adviser to the Department of Health and Social, has indicated that the

offer of having the two primary Covid-19 vaccines at any time will also change during 2023, with the overall vaccination campaign being refocused to target those most vulnerable.

A number of Covid-19 vaccination centres across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire have closed in recent weeks. The vaccination centre at Bath Racecourse closed in December 2022, and was followed in January by Salisbury City Hall and the Steam Museum in Swindon.

Chippenham Lions – Auction of Promises

The Chippenham Lions Club Auction of Promises will take place on Saturday 15th April 2023 (7.30pm) at Sutton Benger Village Hall.

Event attendees can bid for a range of fantastic items which can be found in the online catalogue on the Chippenham Lions website (see link below) from 13th March. This includes carriage driving, a gypsy caravan experience, golf and much more. Money raised through the event will be donated to support fun days for young carers in the Chippenham area (through our Wiltshire Young Carers Service) as well as Julia's House Children's Hospice and other Lions charities.

The event organisers are looking for items to include in the catalogue e.g. quirky items, experience days, services, pub meals, crafts, artwork and similar items. If you are able to donate an item, or know a person or organisation who can, please email: jeff@chippenhamlions.org.uk (Auction Organiser)

For more information visit: <https://chippenhamlions.com/>

New Activities Offered Through Get Out Get Active (GOGA) Programme

Community First is a delivery partner for the Get Out Get Active (GOGA) Programme in Wiltshire, led by Wiltshire and Swindon Sport. We have been working with sector partners and colleagues to support the delivery of new activities and programmes to help people become more active, with a number of new activities launching in Spring 2023.

Community Gardening at Arundells (Salisbury)

A new, free community gardening project will soon be launching at Arundells in Salisbury. This includes fully accessible gardening activities for people of all abilities. For more information, please contact Helen Akiyama (hakiyama@communityfirst.org.uk).

Multi-Sports & Fun Activities (Calne)

Free, weekly multi-sports sessions will begin from Monday 27th February 2023 (11am-12.15pm) at Calne Leisure Centre. All ages and abilities are welcome. For more information or to register your place, email sportsdevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Youth Action Wiltshire Minibus Appeal

Youth Action Wiltshire is currently fundraising for a new minibus to support delivery of the service in 2023 and beyond. The 'Destination Adventure' appeal has currently raised £2,586, with an additional £1,600 in pledged donations for a total of £4,186.

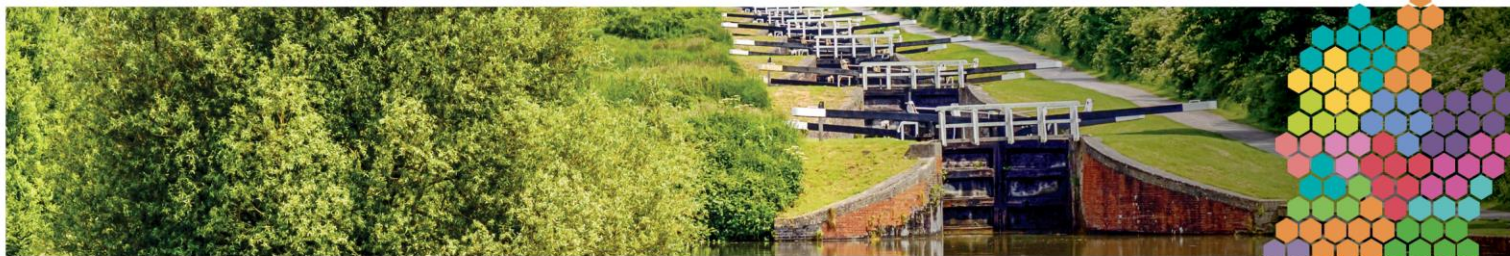
We are still a little way off our target of £30,000 and we would be very grateful for any support which local businesses and organisations can offer to help us reach our goal.

For more information and how to donate visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/yaw-minibus> or email fundraising@youthactionwiltshire.org.uk

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21st February 2023



Cheverell Magna Parish Council update – Devizes Area Board

Headlines/Key Issues

- Cheverell Magna filled its Casual Vacancy by Co-option at the last Parish Council meeting and Roland Gray was appointed.
- A new Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer has been appointed and will take up the post on 1st March. Councillors are delighted to have a permanent officer in place and will welcome Jacqui Abbott to the post at the next Parish Council meeting due to be held on 6th March.
- Plans for the Coronation have started, and an evening event is to be held at The Pavilion with popular band Purple Fish who have been booked. The Soap Box Committee will run a bar and BBQ.
- A request has been made to the Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group at Wiltshire Council to ask for an engineer to visit the village and advise on any traffic measures that might be appropriate to improve the current situation. The Parish Council are awaiting confirmation that this has been added to the agenda for future discussion. White lining on the High Street needs updating and this is expected to be completed in Spring 2023. The white lining is vital to encourage vehicles to stop getting too close and damaging residents' properties and one of the reasons why an engineers visit might be appropriate.
- The village hosted a very successful public meeting to discuss the closure of the village shop. 50 members of the public attended to air their views and the meeting welcomed village shop managers from Urchfont who briefed everyone on their experiences in setting up a new facility. The Parish Council is grateful to Councillor Dominic Muns for facilitating the evening.
- The Parish Council will run a Craft Fair/Fete on Saturday 16th September at The Pavilion. Planning is in full flow and more details will be published in the coming weeks.

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Organisation name: Cheverell Magna Parish Council

Date: 22/02/23

Devizes and District Foodbank

Update for Devizes Area Board meeting 6th March 2023

- Devizes and District Foodbank supported over 2500 people from January to December 2022, which is more than since the food bank opened in 2007.
- On the community organising side, the first meeting of the Feeding Wiltshire Partnership, a collective of food-based organisations across Wiltshire, was held at the end of January. The aim of this partnership is to work collaboratively to address food insecurity in Wiltshire, similar to partnerships in Salisbury and Swindon. Quarterly meetings will be held on different practical and policy-based topics. If you are a food-based, or adjacent, organisation, and would like to get involved, please email alex@devizesanddistrict.foodbank.org.uk.
- A round table discussion was held between Danny Kruger MP, local voluntary sector organisations (VSOs), and members of Devizes community in mid-February. This collaborative discussion on the Cost of Living covered topics such as:
 - The potential exclusion of people living on itinerant houseboats from the Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Fund, the £400 payment from the Government towards energy bills for households that do not have a direct relationship with domestic energy suppliers (also including van dwellers). If houseboats are not included in this fund, they will have to apply for a different fund through Wiltshire Council instead. Danny Kruger offered to continue asking BEIS, the Government department responsible for the fund, to make sure it informed houseboaters how to apply for the payment by 27th February. It was also raised that the Canal and River Trust has a database of all houseboats paying license fees, so the £400 could be taken off of license fees.
 - Barriers to accessing local support such as Local Welfare Provision, including complex forms; and the general inflexibility of the social security system, including the five week wait for Universal Credit (UC), the effects of the taper rate on people not working full-time, and the effect of sanctions for missing UC appointments that might not always be possible to attend. Attendees discussed how to make the social security system more holistic, person-centred and localised, for example trialling collaboration between Jobcentres, GPs, schools and VSOs, similar to the Homes and Money Hub of [Barking and Dagenham](#), but on a smaller scale.
 - Cash-first approaches to support schemes, which provide dignity and agency, and allow a choice of what the money is used for, unlike vouchers and goods. The idea of trust towards recipients was also mentioned as an important effect of cash-first schemes. This could be applied to Local Welfare Provision, and has already been put in place

for the current Household Support Fund, some of which was given out as bank transfers. The suggestion of a cash-first Local Welfare Provision scheme was raised at the last Area Board meeting in December. Danny Kruger offered to raise in Parliament the possibility of more funding for the Household Support Fund, which is more flexible and localised in its uses, and can be given out as cash.

- VSOs attending were Devizes and District Foodbank, Age UK, Citizens Advice, Sustainable Devizes and Devizes Opendoors. **If you are a VSO and would like to be involved in the future planning of projects to address the above issues, please contact Alex Montegriffo on alex@devizesanddistrict.foodbank.org.uk.**

- As part of an ongoing campaign around school uniform affordability, school uniform swap shops have been set up in Devizes, in the Children's Centre, and at regular events held by Sustainable Devizes. These are available for any family to take or give good quality, pre-loved uniform. Work with schools is ongoing to ensure uniform is affordable in the first place, so any school governors or trusts that are interested in being involved in the conversation should contact the above email address.

Cost of Living Update – February 2023

The following briefing note summaries sources of information and support, and actions that have been taken by the Council and partners.

For a summary of the resources and recent announcements, take a look at the Council's [dedicated Cost of Living page](#). This includes links to information for sources of national and local support.

The [interactive community directory](#) which helps people to search for warm spaces and community food providers in their area, also lists the easiest bus routes to help people find help more easily.

Free sims and mobile data from Wiltshire libraries

Wiltshire Libraries are working with the Good Things Foundation to distribute free SIMs and mobile data to people in need. The [National Databank scheme](#) is supported by UK mobile networks including Vodafone, O2 and Three.

The free SIMs and mobile data are available from Chippenham, Devizes, Salisbury, Trowbridge and Warminster libraries.

To be able to access the National Databank you must be 18+ years old and from a low-income household. One or more of the following must also be true:

- You have no or poor access to the internet at home.
- You have no or poor access to the internet away from home.
- You can't afford your existing monthly contract or top-up.

If you meet the criteria, [contact](#) Chippenham, Devizes, Salisbury, Trowbridge or Warminster libraries to find out more and to book an appointment.

Bus fare reductions over winter

Wiltshire bus users can now travel on most routes in the county for just £2 or less for a single fare until 31 March.

The fare price reduction has been funded by the Government and is aimed at getting more people to use buses across the country during the current cost of living challenges.

As part of the promotion, many single bus fares in Wiltshire have been capped at just £2 for both adults and concessions. If the single fare was originally less than £2, it will remain at the reduced price, and many day return tickets have also been reduced.

Vital help with energy bills for more homes – the Energy Bills Support Scheme (EBSS) Alternative Funding scheme

The EBSS Alternative Funding is a one-off £400 non-repayable discount to eligible households who have not received the main EBSS payment automatically to help with their energy bills between 1 October 2022 and 31 March 2023, but are still facing increased energy costs. Individuals will need to apply for the EBSS Alternative Funding via a Gov.UK portal which has yet to go live.

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) expects eligible households to include those with a commercial landlord or intermediary, such as park home residents and some housing association tenants. The EBSS Alternative Funding is expected to reach a significant number of vulnerable people, including self-funding residents in care homes. DESNZ is expecting approximately 900,000 households in Great Britain (around 3%) to be eligible for EBSS Alternative Funding. No household will be eligible for both the EBSS payment and an EBSS Alternative Funding payment.

Details of the scheme have yet to be published by the Government, and the Government portal is not yet live, but we expect it to be so in the last week of February. We will publish information on the website as soon as we know more.

Support for Council House Tenants and Housing Associations

The council's tenancy sustainment team has been supporting tenants through the ongoing cost-of-living crisis by assisting them to get access to more than £600,000 in new and backdated benefits, external grants and third-party debt cleared.

In addition, following funding received from the Government's Green Homes Grant, the Council has been improving the energy efficiency of 100 properties. This work has been received well by those who have benefited from it, particularly the fact that homes are being made more energy efficient amid the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. The council is currently focussing the project on those with the greatest potential increase in energy efficiency.

The Household Support Fund has also allocated funding to the Housing Service for outreach work to rough sleepers, and to support Council House tenants to combat hardship through the allocation of vouchers. This is building on the strong engagement work of this team, who under the people they work with well to provide the most effective support.

Through partnership working, and the sharing of information, we are highlighting to housing associations how their tenants can access support. We are confident that their tenants have been able to access services as, for example, Housing Association tenants made up 42% those being supported in the Wiltshire Installs project with 16% being Wiltshire Council tenants, Owner Occupier 28% and Privately rented 14% .

Households to get new cost-of-living payments from spring 2023

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) announced on the 3rd of January, more detail on the payment schedule for the next round of cost-of-living support unveiled in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement on 17 November.

The £900 payment for over eight million eligible means-tested benefits claimants (including those on Universal Credit, Pension Credit, and tax credits) starts in spring. Payments will go directly to bank accounts in three payments over the course of the financial year. There will also be a separate £150 for over six million disabled people and £300 for over eight million pensioners on top of their winter fuel payment.

Payments will be made automatically if individuals are eligible and there will be no need to apply. Claimants who are eligible for any of the cost-of-living payments and receive tax credits, and no other means-tested benefits, will receive payment from HM Revenue and Customs shortly after DWP payments are issued.

Exact payment windows will be announced closer to the time but are spread across a longer period to ensure a consistent support offering throughout the year. They will be broadly as follows:

- **£301** – First Cost of Living Payment – **during Spring 2023**
- **£150** – Disability Cost of Living Payment – **during Summer 2023**
- **£300** – Second Cost of Living Payment – **during Autumn 2023**
- **£300** – Pensioner Cost of Living Payment – **during Winter 2023/4**
- **£299** – Third Cost of Living Payment – **during Spring 2024**

Those eligible will be paid automatically, and there will be no need to apply. For more information, please visit [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

Winter Fuel Payment videos

The DWP has also created some short videos answering key questions about Winter Fuel Payments. The videos are now also available in British Sign Language version

We would encourage you to share these videos:

[Winter Fuel Payment - British Sign Language](#) and [Winter Fuel Payment Information](#)

Most of those eligible do not have to claim their Winter Fuel Payment, as it is awarded automatically.

People who have not been paid by 13 January 2023 are encouraged to check their bank account before contacting the Department's [Winter Fuel Payment Centre](#).

Energy support for businesses

The **Energy Bill Relief Scheme** launched in under Liz Truss and Jacob Rees-Mogg was Business and Energy Secretary for an initial period of 6 months end at the end

of March. On January 9, Government announced plans to replace the scheme, from the start of April, with a new **Energy Bill Discount Scheme (EBDS)**.

While the old scheme capped energy prices in a blanket fashion, businesses can only benefit from the new scheme when prices are at or above £107 per MWH for gas and £302 per MWh for electricity.

At this point, bills will automatically be reduced. This reduction applies to businesses, charities and public sector bodies and is less generous than previous support provided.

Higher discounts are on offer for energy-intensive businesses such as steelmakers and manufacturers. The threshold at which the discount kicks in is also lower for these firms

The EBDS will run for 12 months from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Warm & Safe Support

Wiltshire Council's friendly library staff are continuing to play their part too, by working with Warm and Safe Wiltshire and The Rural Communities Energy Support Network, to assist residents seeking basic energy advice and make referrals to experienced energy advisors in all but its smallest libraries. All libraries can signpost people to community partners and agencies that can support people through the rising cost of living. Libraries are also collection points for Warm Packs, which includes a hot water bottle and blanket, for anyone who would benefit from some free essentials. In all but the smallest libraries there are at least two energy champions who are trained to offer advice and support people to access help.

There are no criteria for anyone who might need to use the library as a warm space, staff and volunteers will be friendly and welcoming so that people feel as comfortable as possible. There are also opportunities to spend more time in the library to take part in board games, colouring, jigsaws and tea and chat where these are part of a local library programme.

The council is always looking for volunteers to support library services, so if anyone has time to spare and wants to join a friendly team this winter they should email libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk or visit [Libraries](#).

Rural Communities Energy Support Network

The Rural Communities Energy Support Network, delivered as a partnership between the Council and the Centre for Sustainable Energy, is looking to recruit people from local communities would like to be able to offer people in their community more support around staying warm and keeping the bills down

Volunteers would gain access to training and resources so they can offer energy saving advice.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, or you know someone else who might be, please go to www.cse.org.uk/rcesn or email warmandsafe@cse.org.uk

Warm and Safe advice service

The service has continued to play a prominent role in Wiltshire's cost of living support to low-income households, by providing energy, debt, bill advice, small grants, insulation advice and referrals. Since the beginning of October, the service has received **1009 enquires**, made **144 heating and insulation referrals**, **87 Priority Service Register sign ups** and provided **£26,000 in food and fuel vouchers** and distributed **£30,328 of Surviving Winter Grant** to Wiltshire households.

Boater Support

Public Health working alongside Economic Development secured UK Shared Prosperity Funding (UKSPF) to support the boater community, who find themselves disproportionately affected by the cost-of-living crisis. The funding has allowed Public Health to mobilise an outreach programme with Julian House to support our boating community with emergency fuel and food vouchers, within an extremely tight timescale to ensure the boaters secured the funding at a time of great need. The project was delivered throughout the 3-week cold period in December and helped **71 Boaters and 4 Roadside Travellers** with both fuel and food vouchers. Households were identified by Julian House based on eligibility criteria: low income, health condition, single parent and children with health condition.

Wiltshire Installs project

The Wiltshire Installs project is delivered by Warm and Safe Wiltshire and has been particularly busy this winter. The scheme aims to provide new boiler/repairs, Fuel and food voucher support to households that can demonstrate that they comply with the strict eligibility criteria: low income, have a health condition, their energy needs are off the mains Gas network and have a prepayment meter. The scheme has supported **209 households** since the beginning of October 2022, through a mixture of prepayment meter and food vouchers, in addition **11 new boilers** have been fitted where households have had a no heating situation.

Support for households that rely on life saving equipment.

Warm and Safe Wiltshire has worked in partnership with both Integrated Care Board and Adult commissioning to identify households that rely on life saving equipment, who are disproportionately affected by the high energy prices. Through November families have been offered support through the provision of food and prepayment meter vouchers, to date **13 families** have been supported.

Community Case Worker

This winter we have increased the ability to support Council, Primary Care, NHS and Voluntary and Charitable organisations with outreach work through the Community Case Worker project (Warm and Safe), which has allowed us to deliver 24 events, outlining the Warm and Safe service and the referral routes available to organisations to allow households ease of access into the service. In addition, this role has allowed us to provide 1 to 1 support and advocacy to people in crisis.

Wiltshire's Wellbeing Hub is available to help advise people through the cost-of-living crisis

As well as specific and general telephone contacts, the Council is making their Wellbeing Hub phone line available for people who may be worried about the cost-of-living crisis and needing some information and advice.

The hub was originally set-up at the start of the pandemic to provide information and advice. Anyone can access the hub and it can provide confidential advice, information, and signposting from the council's friendly team in relation to the current high cost of living.

People can call the hub Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm and Friday from 9am to 4pm on 0300 003 4576 or email wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk. The opening hours will continue to be regularly reviewed depending on what the demand is for the service.

Promoting Fundraising Campaigns

As part of our work with our Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise partners, Wiltshire Council is helping to promote the Wiltshire Community Foundation's [Cost of Living Appeal](#) through our networks.

Building on the work of previous appeals where people who can afford to are encouraged to donate any surplus winter fuel allowances, the wider community is being asked to help generate vital funds to help grassroots voluntary groups and charities in Swindon and Wiltshire who are supporting families and individuals in the face of escalating rent, food, and energy prices.

The money raised through this joint appeal will fund a new grants programme to support projects which are keeping people fed and warm and provide additional practical support and advice to help people cope throughout this period of great hardship.

You can donate to the appeal [here](#) or call the donation line on 01380 738989 from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

LHFIG Minutes - Meeting on 17 January 2023

Previous Status	Project ID	Town / Parish	Project Title	Project Proposal	Most Recent Actions & Recommendations	New Status
Awaiting Slot	NA		All Areas Existing parking and waiting Restrictions which moved to LHFIG upon formation	Prior to the formation of LHFIGs, previously Parking & Waiting Restriction requests were processed centrally. Following Cabinet's approval for the formation of the groups, these requests will be at the discretion of the groups to prioritise. The group must decide on whether to proceed with progression of these or to abandon.	This separate list of tasks was approved for implementation by LHFIG in 2023/24	Awaiting Slot
HIGH PRIORITY PROJECTS						
In Progress	6120	Lydeaway	Lydeaway Request for speed limit reduction (Priority No.01)	The speed limit or rather the lack of on the A342 road between Lydeaway and Stert village entrance. When exiting the entrance of The Clock Inn Park the visibility is poor in both directions. Seeing that a lot of money has been spent on the work carried out in recent months on the renovation of the pathway between The Clock Inn Park and the entrance to Stert village which means more of the people from The clock Inn Park are using the pathway some of which have mobility scooters are finding it very difficult in crossing the road because of the speed of traffic which in some cases is in excess of the 60 miles per hour limit. In the last year there has been one accident of a car exiting The Clock Inn Park which in this case no one was hurt the police were not informed but both cars were written off. There are slow signs on the road and also illuminated 'slow down' signs before the 's' bends and the entrance to Stert village these do not seem to be effective.	This task has been completed and will be removed. It will not feature in the agenda for the next meeting.	Complete
In Progress	6675	Bromham	Bromham A342 Speed Restriction (Priority No.03)	Bromham Parish Council would like to put in motion a speed restriction on the A342 from South of the Calne A3102 50/40mph speed restriction to the St Edith's Marsh 30 MPH restriction. This length of the A342 is now a 60MPH road with frequent occurring accidents which can be backed up by local police and a freedom of information request for the crash map information for accidents. This stretch of road starting at the Calne junction has the following: Farm shop, Residential properties, Chittoe junction - poor visibility. The Audi Garage, Residential properties, The A3102 Melksham junction with Collins Veg. Shop - minor accidents happen here on a regular basis not always police recorded- V P Collins Vegetables at 81 Devizes Road can support this. ACCIDENT SPOT; Double bends. ACCIDENT SPOT; New Farm and Digester entrance to A J Butlers Farm -between the double bends. Cross road junction to Highfield village centre and Roughmoor. Roughmoor 9 residential properties plus A J Butlers main Farm access and Open Reach telecom building. ACCIDENT SPOT; Cross road junction to Yard lane and The Pound village centre. ACCIDENT SPOT; Hawkstreet junction. A speed restriction has been requested on two previous occasions but without response. Bromham Parish Council ask that this request is seriously considered by that appropriate team.	RH confirmed budget contributions have now been agreed by the PCs. The group promoted this task to "In Progress". GR suggested that this would be implemented in the next 12 months.	High Priority

In Progress	06-20-21	Devizes	Devizes Request for 20mph Limit – Area 3 (Priority No.04)	<p>Access through this residential area is often used as a rat run, as it bypasses traffic congestion in New Park Street leading to rat run mentally. Commercial Road from the junction at the Sainsbury Mini Roundabout to Rotherstone, the whole of Couch Lane, the whole of New Park Road and the whole of Victoria Road all have high concentrations of pedestrian and frequent parking manoeuvres, therefore a 20mph speed limit would be more appropriate for this area. We would call this Zone Three, 20mph speed limit. See attached plan.</p> <p>Further zones will be handled at the same time to save money (See rows below)</p>	<p>Draft Traffic Orders are being prepared ahead of formal consultation.</p> <p>Initial survey drafting has been completed. To be reviewed shortly before passing to TRO for progression with consultation.</p>	High Priority
NA	06-20-22	Devizes	Devizes - Request for 20mph Limit – Area 1	<p>Long Street, St Johns Street, the Highstreet, Market Place and Station Road are access to the town centre but are often used as a rat run, as it is shorter route to get through the town than preferred arterial route of New Park Street, which in turn leads to a rat run mentally. All these roads have high concentrations of pedestrian and frequent parking manoeuvres, therefore a 20mph speed limit would be more appropriate for this area. We would call this Zone One, 20mph speed limit. See attached plan</p>	Handled as part of task 06-20-21 above	
NA	06-20-23	Devizes	Devizes - Request for 20mph Limit – Area 2	<p>The whole of Bridewell Street, the whole of Hare and Hounds Street, the whole of Sheep Street, the whole of Sidmouth Street, the whole of Maryport Street and the whole of Monday Market Street are either within the main shopping area of the town or are the feeder road into this area and as such all have high concentrations of pedestrian and frequent parking manoeuvres and therefore a 20mph speed limit would be more appropriate for this area. We would call this Zone Two, 20mph speed limit. See attached plan</p>	Handled as part of task 06-20-21 above	
NA	06-20-24	Devizes	Devizes - Request for 20mph Limit – Area 4	<p>There has been a 20mph zone implemented for the Brickley Lane area for time, however Church Walk was missed off that scheme. It meets all the same criteria as Bickley Lane and is a feeder road into this wider scheme, therefore we believe it should have its speed limit reduced to 20mph. We would call this Zone Four, 20mph speed limit. See attached plan</p>	Handled as part of task 06-20-21 above	
In Progress	06-21-09	Bishops Cannings	Bishops Cannings Horton Road Speed Limit Reduction (Priority No. 07)	<p>The current speed limit between the Cannings Hill roundabout and a point just beyond Marlborough Close, is 50mph. Given the built-up nature of the road at this point, the parish council believes that the road should be restricted to 30mph.</p> <p>The 50-mph restriction in question is approximately 737 metres in length. Along this there are 24 streetlamps more or less evenly spaced, so there is an average of approximately 31 metres between them. s.82 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 defines a restricted road as one where "there is provided on it a system of street lighting furnished by means of lamps placed not more than 200 metres apart" and s.81 of the Act states "it shall not be lawful for a person to drive a motor vehicle on a restricted road at speeds exceeding 30-mph."</p> <p>The default position on this stretch of road would therefore be 30-mph, except that Highways have chosen to impose a higher limit.</p> <p>Consultants recommendations have been published with a 40mph recommendation.</p>	PW confirmed that BCPC have approved the budget contribution.	High Priority

In Progress	06-21-08	Worton	Worton SID Posts and Sockets	<p>There is a large volume of traffic exceeding the speed limit driving through Worton. This is confirmed by the Community Speed Watch figures. In just 11 hours monitoring during April – May, they reported 67 motorists to the police for driving 36 mph and over; a further 228 were found to be driving at less than 36 mph but still breaking the speed limit . During May – June in just 12 hours, 79 motorists were reported to the police for driving 36 mph and over; a further 306 were found to be breaking the speed limit.</p> <p>Worton Parish Council would like permission to install at least two Speed Indicator Devices at locations to be confirmed</p>	<p>All work is complete and PC to be invoiced.</p> <p>Close and remove issue from next agenda.</p>	Complete
In Progress	06-21-12	Bromham	Bromham New Road - Request for 30mph Repeater signs	<p>There is no 30MPH signage at the school end of New Road in Bromham. Some drivers get confused and mistake the road for a national speed limit.</p> <p>Several school children live along the road and walk to school unfortunately there is no pavement present, so they must walk on the road. One of the children that commute to school is also in a wheelchair and there have been multiple issues with cars travelling too fast.</p>	<p>Scheme has been added to the programme and awaiting engineer to be allocated.</p> <p>GR hopes end of March 2023 for completion.</p>	High Priority
In Progress	06-21-13	Devizes	Devizes Eastleigh - Request for Bus Stop Clearway	<p>The bus stop outside of 49 Eastleigh Road is often blocked by parked cars, particularly at peak times when the chip shop is open. Buses must pull up in alternate locations which causes issues for people with reduced mobility as the door does not then align with the paved surface designed for wheelchair users. There are no road markings to discourage drivers from parking here. The matter is further exasperated given that the lamp standard supporting the bus stop signage has recently been replaced following a collision, and whilst the timetable notice has been replaced, the Bus Stop sign is missing therefore there is nothing at all to indicate to drivers that this is a bus stop. It has been an issue for some time; however, the Town Council is now being lobbied by wheelchair users who find accessing public transport at this location a significant challenge, thus adding additional difficulties to their mobility.</p>	<p>Work has been ordered and is with contractor.</p> <p>Awaiting amenable weather conditions.</p>	High Priority

In Progress	06-21-02	West Lavington	West Lavington Duck Street - Parking restrictions	<p>There have been ongoing parking issues in Duck Street and in particular around Dauntsey's Care Home for a period of time but has become more challenging over the last 6 months. The current inconsiderate parking extends to the end of Duck Street where it meets the main road and therefore at times visibility at the junction is compromised.</p> <p>Relationships between the home and residents has broken down in terms of communication and the impact being that there is inappropriate parking occurring regularly. The parish council receives complaints from residents and also local farmers who are unable to pass through the road to get to their fields. During April a nurse who came to visit the home had her car damaged whilst it was parked in Duck Street.</p>	<p>Scheme has been added to the 22/23 programme for progression.</p> <p>PC have provided details on the location and extent of the waiting restrictions.</p>	High Priority
In Progress	06-22-02	Devizes	Devizes Roundway Park - Request for Street Lighting	<p>The streetlights in Roundway Park are decades old and mounted on quite low columns resulting in the light that is being emitted illuminating very small areas, leaving long tracts of the pavement completely in darkness.</p> <p>Many of the homes in the residential area of Roundway Park and Gardens are occupied by has a significant number of older single people or older couples. Councillor Oliver has received requests from residents of 24 households seeking improvements to the level of street lighting in the area.</p> <p>Additional concern is that the pavement in the area is in relatively poor repair, and coupled with poor lighting, the chances of trips and fall is greatly increased. Increasingly, residents will not leave their houses during the hours of darkness as the fear coming home on foot from bus stops or walks may result in a fall.</p>	<p>All works are complete and an invoice is to be raised.</p> <p>Close and remove issue from next agenda.</p>	Complete
In Progress	06-22-04	Devizes	Devizes Opendoors / Southbroom Centre - Request for direction signs	<p>Devizes Opendoors has moved to Southbroom Centre, Victoria Road and, despite clear information on their website and on leaflets, many visitors find the premises difficult to find. Staff from agencies coming from other towns as well as the homeless and vulnerable people we serve, have commented on how difficult it is to find us. Pedestrians need informing that access is not via Southbroom House driveway but via the path that leads from London Road to the end of Victoria. Drivers need reassuring that Southbroom Centre is at the far end of Victoria Road because many think there is nothing beyond the circle of grass surrounded by flats.</p>	<p>All works are complete and an invoice is to be raised.</p> <p>Close and remove issue from next agenda.</p>	Complete
In Progress	06-22-03	Devizes	Devizes Byron Lane / Green Lane - Request for Give Way Signs	<p>Increased traffic from the football academy and Inadequate Road signage on this junction is causing numerous near misses with cars driving straight out of the Green Lane academy and ignoring junction markings on the road.</p> <p>Give way signs need to be installed to reinforce the junction markings on the road</p>	<p>Scheme has been ordered – Awaiting contractor to implement.</p>	High Priority

In Progress	06-21-16	Wedhampton	Wedhampton Highstreet - Change to road layout	<p>Very poor visibility when exiting the High Street, Wedhampton from the south east junction with the A342, has resulted in a number of accidents both recently and over the longer term. Traffic travels along the A342 at high speeds, and the bend just north west of the junction obscures any view of oncoming traffic, which makes it an exceptionally dangerous junction, and it is only a matter of time before there is a fatality.</p> <p>I walk from Urchfont across to Wedhampton regularly, and have witnessed the aftermath of two accidents in the last two months.</p> <p>It has been suggested by Wiltshire Councillor Philip Whitehead, that the aforementioned junction should be entrance only into Wedhampton. This can be achieved with One Way signs at the entrance, and corresponding No Entry signs a short way before the current exit from the High Street.</p>	Scheme has been added to programme – Anticipated that formal consultation will take place early in the next financial year.	High Priority
In Progress	06-21-11	Rowde	Rowde A342 - SID Infrastructure	<p>The Parish Council would like to purchase a Speed Indicator Device (S.I.D) for use on the A342. The Parish Council is looking for assistance from CATG with the infrastructure to support a Speed Indicator Device: posts and sockets.</p>	Works have been ordered with contractor and will be implemented by March 23.	High Priority
In Progress	06-22-07	Seend	Seend A361 - Request speed limit reduction	<p>Speeding traffic both east and westbound, coupled with safety issues as drivers slow to turn into Seend Cleeve junction and the risk of being rear ended by vehicles behind not slowing down enough. There is also a safety issue for pedestrians crossing to get to the bus stop on the other side of the road. There is a school bus pick up and drop off each day, with children needing to cross this busy road. A metro count was taken in November 2021, the results of which have shown that there is a proven issue of speeding both east and west bound. A copy is attached to this application. There is short section of the road, after you leave Seend High Street and past the Bell crossroads, where it increases from 30mph to 60mph for a couple hundred metres before it reduces to 50mph close to the Seend Cleeve junction and continues at 50mph through the Baldham Bends to just past Littleton (before the Semington roundabout). We believe the reduction to 50mph was introduced by a TRO in 2013. The 30mph was extended further down the A361 by a TRO in Nov 2018 as part of road safety improvements at the Bell crossroads. So it goes from 30 to 60 to 50mph in a fairly short length of road.</p> <p>We would like a speed reduction from 50mph to 30mph to extend past the Baldham bends, which is already a re-known accident black spot. We believe that drivers are more likely to slow down earlier if there is a more significant drop in speed limit from 60mph to 30mph. We would also like to see double white lines, which would restrict overtaking whilst a car is turning into the Seend Cleeve junction.</p>	Scheme has been added to programme and will be progressed in due course.	High Priority

APPROVED PROJECTS AWAITING HIGH PRIORITY SLOT

<p>Approved - Awaiting High Priority Slot</p>	<p>09-21-01</p>	<p>Poulshot</p>	<p>Poulshot Townsend - Request for new footway</p>	<p>As an issue of safety it is requested that a pavement be built between the Church and Townsend farmhouse. After a request from several parishioners, the Parish Council discussed the idea of a new pavement because of the safety issue of pedestrians using the roadway between the Church and Townsend Farmhouse. There has been a site meeting with Andy Cadwallader resulting in a preliminary costing of £19,000. The Parish Council has also has looked at the costing and other ideas.</p> <p>The following has previously been provided to Issue at Melksham CATG by Highways Officer: Construction length is approximately 75m. New Footway with kerbing costs approximately £265 per metre and therefore a ballpark estimate is £20K. This does not allow for temporary traffic management and establishment of site welfare facilities. A road closure might also be required.</p>	<p>Plan of action is needed from the PC. Is there appetite to continue this project?</p>	<p>Awaiting Update</p>
<p>Approved - Awaiting High Priority Slot</p>	<p>06-22-08</p>	<p>Seend</p>	<p>Seend A A361 / Bollands Hill - Request for small signing alterations</p>	<p>Despite the road safety improvements carried out in 2018 at the Bell Crossroads under the 'Local Road Safety Scheme' by Wiltshire Highways and the additional signage put in place in Bell Hill in Autumn of 2020, the Parish Council is still concerned with the high number of accidents occurring at the Bell crossroads, as some drivers are not stopping at the top of Bollands Hill and Bell Hill.</p> <p>We would like to ask for the support of CATG to look at what else can be done at these crossroads to improve driver awareness of the need to give way at these junctions. Following a useful meeting with Highways, it was suggested that some small scale measures may be possible to improve signage and visibility making drivers more aware of the cross roads and the need to give way. Whilst, we have been told, the cross-roads do not meet the DfT criteria for a Stop sign, we would ask if there is any discretion on this, as many people feel a stop sign and continuous white line would help reduce the number of accidents.</p>	<p>PC confirmed Bollands Hill as a second priority. LHFIG budget now likely to be exhausted on tasks ahead in the queue and group is aware.</p>	<p>Awaiting Slot</p>
<p>Approved - Awaiting High Priority Slot</p>	<p>06-22-14</p>	<p>Wedhampton</p>	<p>Wedhampton Request for 20mph Limit</p>	<p>Residents have long complained about speeding through the village, and they request that the current speed limit is reduced from 30mph to 20mph. A recent Metro Count showed that 1.1% exceeded the speed limit on average. The average speed was 17.3mph and the 85th Percentile was 22.8mph.</p>	<p>PW confirmed that BCPC have approved budget contribution. Promoted to High priority.</p>	<p>High Priority</p>

UNAPPROVED PROJECTS REQUIRING PROGRESSION

Awaiting Update	06-21-15	Marston	Marston Request for Speed Limit Review	<p>Issue 1</p> <p>The speed limit through the village is designated 40mph – 30mph - 40mph and the national speed limit. Vehicles travel through the village at higher speed limits on a regular basis and residents are finding it unsafe to come out of their drives onto the highway, especially in the higher speed limit sections.</p> <p>We request an investigation by the highways department in order to find a solution to ensure the safety of all road users in our village. We would hope that such an investigation would lead to a uniform reduction in the speed limit throughout the village from Norney Bridge to the end of the inhabited village on the Coulston Road, rather than 4 different limits within 1 mile. (30 - 40 – 30 - 60mph)</p> <p>Issue 2.</p> <p>On Long Street a single-track road, with no passing places, the speed limit is 60mph. The Erlestoke end of Long Street has now been made up with road planings and cars regularly travel down the single-track road at speed, proving a hazard to other vehicles and Walkers on the common land, which is situated on either side of this single-track road.</p> <p>We request a reduction to 30 miles per hour on Long Street to 30 MPH.</p>	<p>PC were not present at October or January meetings to confirm 100% contribution.</p> <p>New queries raised requiring PC input.</p> <p>Task will remain in tracker for April meeting but will be removed if PC not in attendance.</p>	Awaiting Update
Awaiting Update	06-22-16	Devizes	Devizes Southbroom Road - Request for Residents Parking	<p>The residents of Southbroom Road between numbers 73 and 87, have written to Devizes Town Council, requesting that the Council consider supporting their ambition for a resident only parking zone to the front of their properties. The map below shows the proposed extent of the residential parking zone. There are a number of properties within Southbroom Road which have not been included within the request, such as 2 through to 20 to the southwest of the fire station, numbers 33 to 52 opposite the fire station and numbers 89 to 113 near the roundabout with Nursteed Road. It is not clear if there is an intention from those to making the request to include these additional properties.</p> <p>Devizes Town Council supports the broad principle of a residential parking zone in Southbroom Road; and that this request should be submitted to Wiltshire Council asking if this would be suitable for a residential parking scheme and if it is, what would be an appropriate consultation area for seeking residents views who would be affected, including those living beyond Southbroom Road.</p> <p>This is a request for a new residents' parking scheme in the Southbroom Rd, Estcourt Cres. area. RO and KN discussed the situation and area.</p>	<p>DTC has written to residents to canvas opinion. Response expected in October meeting.</p> <p>LHFIG still awaits update from DTC.</p> <p>Task will remain in tracker for April meeting but will be removed if DTC unable to progress.</p>	Awaiting Update

Awaiting Update	06-22-17	Devizes	Devizes Bath Road - Request for Pedestrian Crossing Improvements	<p>Currently there is no wheelchair access from the Avon Road side of Bath Road onto the canal. It is impossible for wheelchairs and extremely difficult for bicycles and push chairs to get down onto the relative safety of the canal tow-path to get in to town. Bath Road is a very busy and fast road and the small island crossing close to the Avon Road entrance and near the Prison Bridge end is too narrow to safely cross to the middle with a bicycle or pushchair and stay out of the flow of traffic.</p> <p>This request is about replacing an existing traffic island with a zebra crossing to make it easier for pedestrians to cross. This does have the TC's backing.</p>	<p>DTC was asked to consider the demand for this change and a response was expected in October meeting.</p> <p>LHFIG still awaits update from DTC.</p> <p>Task will remain in tracker for April meeting but will be removed if DTC unable to progress.</p>	Awaiting Update
Awaiting Update	06-22-18	Seend	Seend Bollands Hill - HGV Use	<p>The road is increasingly used by large vehicles (Lorry's / Coaches) resulting in confrontation when such vehicles converge on the narrow bends adjacent to this junction. This has led to some altercations and damage to private land</p> <p>Previously WCC Highways (October 2018) provided a written reply explaining why they would not consider diverting large vehicles away from this road (see attached correspondence). One of the reasons given was there had been no recorded damage to private property. As this is no longer the case, Seend Parish council would like to request CATG review the current situation whilst also taking a holistic approach to ongoing issues at the Bell Crossroads at the end of Bollands Hill to reduce the traffic volume attempting to join/cross the A361 at this junction.</p> <p>Since the 2018 report stating no damage to property, TJ stated there has been further damage and increased use by HGVs and larger vehicles. The PC require assistance in tackling the problem.</p>	<p>The PC was conducting an HGV study on the day of the October meeting and confirmed results would be brought to the January meeting.</p> <p>LHFIG still awaits update from PC.</p> <p>Task will remain in tracker for April meeting but will be removed if PC unable to progress.</p>	Awaiting Update
Awaiting Update	06-22-19	Urchfont	Urchfont The Croft - Dropped Kerb	<p>The Croft has a population of largely elderly residents who have difficulty taking wheelbarrows to the Allotments because of their having to mount a kerb. Access is likewise especially hard for those with mobility scooters and others with prams or buggies.</p> <p>We request that a 'drop kerb' is put in place opposite to the path leading in to the allotments.</p>	<p>PW confirmed that the PC has approved their budget contribution.</p> <p>Project approved and awaiting High Priority slot.</p>	Awaiting Slot

Awaiting Update	09-22-20	Devizes	Devizes The Market Place - Bollard Replacement	<p>The original "Keep Left" signage directing traffic around the central pedestrian refuge outside the Corn Exchange was damaged and removed over recent years, with temporary signs now being used. These temporary signs are out of keeping with the aesthetics of the town and therefore a permanent solution is needed, with advice on a good, enduring and attractive solution being requested from the Highways department.</p> <p>There needs to be a permanent replacement of the temporary signage by the Market Place pedestrian refuge, which reflects the importance of the aesthetic value of having good quality signs in this prominent location.</p>	<p>DTC asked to make a decision on bollard design alongside Matt Perrot and bring the request back to the October meeting.</p> <p>LHFIG still awaits update from PC.</p> <p>Task will remain in tracker for April meeting but will be removed if DTC unable to progress.</p>	Awaiting Update
Awaiting Update	06-22-24	Easterton	Easterton B3098 - Bus Stop Improvements	<p>The bus stop outside Halstead Farmhouse is located on a raised and rounded grassed stream bank. The height of the bank proves difficult for anyone with special access requirements to negotiate safely, especially in wet weather.</p> <p>A) construction of a dedicated alighting platform with an associated drop kerb Or B) Move the bus stop to the other side of the junction with Kings Rd where the existing footway is eminently suitable and has been unofficially used by sympathetic bus drivers considerate for their passengers ability.</p>	<p>PC has confirmed location but needs to confirm budget contribution.</p>	Awaiting Update
Awaiting Update	06-22-22	Little Cheverell	Little Cheverell B3098 - Speed Limit Assessment	<p>We would like to request a speed limit review for the length of the B3098 which runs through the village of Little Cheverell. Approaching from the Westbury direction, the speed limit is 40mph. It decreases to 30 mph at the corner where School Lane joins the road from the left. It stays at 30 mph for the remainder of the road as far as the junction with the A360. Local residents believe that the traffic travels through the village on the B3098 at speeds in excess of the statutory limits for this road. We are requesting metro counts in to ascertain if this perception is correct. The request for a speed limit review has arisen because there are now young families who live in row of houses alongside the B3098 within the 40mph. The speeds of cars as people come out of their homes is making crossing the road hazardous. In addition, there are now children who need to cross the road in the mornings to catch the school bus and in the afternoons, when they are dropped off.</p>	<p>PC has agreed to await metrocount results and form a CSW group before applying for LHFIG support for speed related infrastructure.</p> <p>Task to be removed until results are known when it can be reinstated.</p>	Remove

Awaiting Update	06-22-25	Worton	Worton Various requests	<p>See details in Column G for extensive background.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Widen the pavements and ensure kerbs are dropped sufficiently – This is technically possible but would require a site survey and careful consideration of the group’s budget. 2. Put in place a Weight Restriction as is already in place on the C20 towards Market Lavington (7.5 tons except for access) and we note also that something similar is to be put in place in Stowford on the C283. – This is unlikely to happen due to the shift of HGVs to even more unsuitable roads. 3. Signage: “Unsuitable for HGVs” or a HGV symbol with a line through, at Seend Crossroads and Black Dog Crossroads – This is technically possible to dissuade HGV drivers, however, is it the right approach given comments above? 4. Signage in the village for Horse Riders – This is technically possible although not encouraged within the 30mph restriction. 5. Signage “no overtaking” – This isn’t appropriate for the village location. 6. Road markings: new 30MPH roundels or red tarmac perhaps. - This isn’t technically possible where a system of street lighting is in place. 7. Improved street lighting as we have some black spots - This is technically possible 8. Crossings outside the school - This is technically possible although alternatives should be discussed with the school via the Taking Action on School Journey initiative. 9. Pavements in Mill Road - This is technically possible but would require a site survey and careful consideration of the group’s budget. 	<p>PC indicated they would prioritise Task 1.</p> <p>PC to confirm prioritisation and generate a rough plan / description of the dropped kerb location(s) for April meeting.</p>	Awaiting Update
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NEW PROJECTS RECEIVED AT MEETING

New Project	06-22-26	Poulshot	Poulshot Request for White Gates	<p>Speeding through the village, starting from the dual carriageway through to the other side of the village leading to Worton.</p> <p>At present we do not have access to community speed watch and the white lines highlighting the speed limits on the surface of the road have all but faded away. This has been logged separately with my wilts.</p> <p>Cars leave the dual carriageway as speed and do not slow down, until they hit the built up area of the village and even then its not always to 30mph. The road through the village is very straight so there are no natural bends to slow people down.</p> <p>We would like to investigate putting in white gates at 3 different points in Poulshot, in line with many other villages in the area. This will be the first step in addressing the larger issue of speeding through the village. However we hope this will help to give road-users the message that they are entering into a residential area and should drive with due care and attention and within the designated speed limit.</p>	<p>PC to confirm that an active CSW is in place before the project could be supported.</p> <p>Project will stay in the agenda for the April meeting and then be removed if necessary.</p>	Awaiting Update
New Project	06-22-27	Devizes	Devizes Waiblingen Way - Parking and Speeding	<p>For a number of years there have been parking issues in this road it has been exacerbated by the selling off garages and parking areas by Aster. We have been informed that cars speed down the main straight part of the street although we have not collected any evidence of this as yet. Cars park opposite one another causing a gap too small for larger vehicles to get through. We have identified areas that if the parking lay-bys were extended it would stop this in some Areas. Note a Waiting Restriction Request Form has also been received</p> <p>A consideration of a reduction in the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph or less this would take away the impression of speeding.</p> <p>A no though road sign at the start of the road would stop large lorries going down the road by mistake.</p> <p>DTC feel that more double yellow lines will make other areas more congested.</p>	<p>DTC to discuss a leaflet or poster campaign to draw attention to the problem.</p> <p>The Group doesn’t feel these issues can be resolved through LHFIF.</p> <p>DM recommended that this task be removed.</p>	Remove

New Project	06-22-29	Bromham	Bromham A3102 - Westbrook - Access Issues	<p>I have just moved into our house and to drive out of our driveway onto Westbrook Road is very dangerous. Traffic coming from Melksham drive at such a high speed (particularly motorbikes) that it is impossible to see them as the view is not clear and by the time we have gone out into the road, traffic has suddenly appeared, and a crash is inevitable. I need to find a solution. There are four big houses where we are but the speed limit for Westbrook, is 100 meters further on towards the Westbrook pub. Please can you help.</p> <p>I need the speed limit extended to cover these four houses which are in Westbrook, signs of warning that there may be traffic coming out of our driveway, a large mirror so we can see clearly.</p> <p>The Parish Council agree with these concerns and would like action to extend the speed limit, as this can take up to two years plus, the PC request some immediate action warning signs of an entrance, also 'slow' on the road warning and the permission or provision for of a highway mirror.</p>	<p>The density of housing does not support a reduction in the speed limit.</p> <p>DM explained that mirrors and signage could be installed on private land although the parish may feel it impacts the character of the village.</p> <p>DM recommended that this task be removed.</p>	Remove
New Project	06-22-30	Devizes	Devizes Bath Road - Dropped Kerb Request	<p>At a recent meeting of the Town Council's Planning committee, it considered are request for a dropped kerb in Bath Road by the Murco Petrol filling station, following the submission of a Highway Improvement Request Form from a resident of Mayenne Place.</p> <p>Within the request, the applicant states the pavement outside the petrol station on the A361 had no dropped kerb, so this is a serious problem for wheelchair users, especially because at this location there is no safe option to cross the road. The picture below shows the pavement in question.</p> <p>After considering the request, it was agreed there is an issues in the location that needs to be addressed and therefore the Town Council supports it.</p>	<p>DTC to confirm budget contribution and proposed location.</p> <p>This fits the LHFIG and wider Council criteria and objectives.</p>	Awaiting Update
New Project	06-22-31	Bulkington	Bulkington Mill Lane end Request for marked On Carriageway Footway	<p>In the absence of a pedestrian area on either end of the village, villagers are walking on the unlit road when going from one end of the village to the other.</p> <p>Councillors feel strongly that a pedestrian pathway marked with white road paint would make cars more vigilant, give a designated space to pedestrians and still allow wide farming vehicles to pass.</p>	<p>The PC to consider the effectiveness of this if cars will continue to park on the marked aread.</p> <p>If this is to proceed the PC will be asked to prioritise their tasks.</p>	Awaiting Update
New Project	06-22-32	Bulkington	Bulkington Chestnut Drive - Request for Dropped Kerbs	<p>There are slightly dropped kerbs at the end of the road . However these are sometimes obstructed by parked cars. The shaped curbs that do exist are unsuitable for manual wheelchair users.</p> <p>This is the only ramped access to the church (when cars are parked on the road for a service).</p> <p>The slightly dropped kerb to the right of the entrance is facing directly into the street sign – "Chestnut Drive" which makes it very difficult for motorised wheelchair users to negotiate onto the pavement as there is insufficient "turning access".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Dropped kerbs at road height to be fitted at the end of Chestnut Drive. •These dropped kerbs should be indicated as ramp access so that cars are aware that they are disabled access routes. <p>Parking restriction should be in place where there is ramp access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The street sign for Chestnut Drive should be relocated from the slightly dropped kerb 	<p>PC to confirm budget contribution and proposed location.</p> <p>This fits the LHFIG and wider Council criteria and objectives on accesibility.</p>	Awaiting Update
New Project	06-22-33	Bulkington	Bulkington Northfields - Request for Dropped Kerbs	<p>There are no dropped curbs so when walking or wheeling up the high street, you can't get up and down again from the pavements leaving into Northfields. The village has a lot of elderly, young children on scooters, parents with push chairs and wheelchair users. These areas make navigating their village very hard for them.</p> <p>Install a dropped kerb on both sides</p>	<p>PC to confirm budget contribution and proposed location.</p> <p>This fits the LHFIG and wider Council criteria and objectives on accesibility.</p>	Linked to task above

New Project	06-22-34	Devizes	Devizes Downlands Rd	Dropped kerbs (pedestrian access). Due to my recent lack of mobility I am in need of dropped kerbs to be able to cross the road and its become apparent that there are none in Downlands road. I believe the council have a responsibility to provide safe access for all residents regardless of physical ability.	DTC to confirm budget contribution and proposed location.	Awaiting Update
			Request for Dropped Kerbs	Dropped kerbs installed at intervals around Downlands Road to enable freedom of movement.	DM suggested that this task be combined with 06-22-30 above.	
New Project	06-22-35	Bishops Cannings	Bishops Cannings West End Rd - Request for Speed Limit Extension	The West End Road extends from the A361 in the west to the Bishop's Cannings crossroad at its eastern end. The length of this section of road is 725m. At a point immediately west of the entrance to the village car park, the speed limit increases from 30mph to the national speed limit. the section of the West End Road from the speed limit boundary to the A361 junction has 13 properties directly accessing the road. Two development changes are imminent on this section of road, the first is the introduction of a new farm shop at West End Farm, giving rise to additional traffic movements (of all types) onto the West End Road. The second is the proposed expansion in capacity of the village car park, again increasing vehicle movements in the West End Road. The Parish Council believes that traffic leaving the busy A361 and travelling east along West End should be limited to 30mph. Similarly, traffic travelling from the village west, should be restricted to the village speed limit to the point of the junction with the A361. This section of the road is identical in character to the road elsewhere in the village. The nature and width of the West End Road does not lend itself to traffic travelling at 60mph, in particular there is no footway for pedestrians. Developments along this road suggest that for the safety and convenience of all users, 30mph would be more appropriate for this setting.	GR outlined DfT guidance on property density on the edge of settlements and the appropriate application of speed restrictions.	Awaiting Update
				Move the speed limit boundary from its current location in West End Road to the junction with the A361.	West End Road does not meet the criteria as there are few properties, well spaced. Bringing a 30mph limit to this stretch risks raising speeds through the centre of the village.	
					DM suggested that the group revisit this task should the carpark project come to fruition and safety be a concern. DM is happy to leave this task on the agenda should BCPC come back with plans for the carpark at the next meeting.	
New Project	06-22-36	Devizes	Devizes Various Roads - Request for SID Infrastructure	There has been a steady increase in concern over the issues of speeding over several years, and in some areas the Town Council has already reported these concerns to the LHFIFG At a recent meeting of Devizes Town Council, it was agreed that an investigating into the possibility of installing Speed Indicator in Devizes (SIDs) should be undertaken. As part of that discussion, a number of roads were identified where such devices would potentially be suitable and are listed under the Location of Issue section in this report.	DTC to confirm that an active CSW is in place in each area before the project could be supported.	Awaiting Update
				•Bath Road, •London Road, •Nursted Road •Potterne Road•Windsor Drive, •Brickley Lane. •Dunkirk Hill	Project will stay in the agenda for the April meeting and then be removed if necessary. DTC might be asked to prioritise this over other tasks on the agenda.	

New Project	06-22-37	Devizes	Devizes Avon Road - Request for Waiting Restrictions	<p>Recently there has been much concern about the inappropriate parking at the corner of Salisbury Street and Beauclerc Street with Avon Road. Cars on all streets park far too close to the junction, making it very difficult to turn safely from one street to another. Salisbury Street, Beauclerc St and the canal side entry to Avon Road have many more cars than those belonging to residence. These are suspected to be commuters who wish to avoid parking charges, or Bath Road residence unable to park safely outside their houses without any off-street parking.</p> <p>In addition a resident recently had a fire in her house, the fire brigade had great difficulty in getting into Avon Road via Salisbury Street because of the parked cars. In the end I believe they entered in from the canal side entry to the road which was also made difficult. On a number of occasions there have been near collisions where cars are unable to exit these streets safely as parked cars remove the line of sight.</p> <p>As previously stated, often motorists have to emerge from either Salisbury Street or Beauclerc Street with no clear vision on what traffic is moving along Avon Road, greatly increasing the risk of collision.</p> <p>DTC seeks assistance in tackling this problem.</p>	<p>DM raised the same concerns as with other tasks discussed - there is little that can be done in signage to stop inconsiderate or dangerous parking.</p> <p>DM suggested this should be addressed via a DTC awareness campaign. A suggestion was made to create flyers which could be periodically placed on the windscreen of offending vehicles.</p>	Remove
New Project	06-22-39	Market Lavington	Market Lavington High St / Church St - Request for Pedestrian Improvements	<p>Market Lavington has grown over the years in a linear fashion placing more and more houses “outside” the village centre with a need for pedestrians to walk along the pavements to access amenities. In the past, these narrow pavements were less used because the bulk of residents lived “inside” the High Street/Church Street area, now the opposite is true. The pavements are extremely narrow at the edges of the village, which places pedestrians in danger of coming into contact with vehicles. Pedestrian flow is also significant going out of the village in each direction and importantly, the majority of this foot traffic is to either the primary or secondary school. This places even more vulnerable pedestrians close to passing traffic. For parents with pushchairs, the pavements east and west in and out of the centre of the village are impassable, meaning pedestrians are often forced into the road. Likewise, wheelchair or mobility scooter users must leave the pavement and move onto the road to share it with cars, vans, HGV’s, buses, and large lorries in order to access shops, the schools or their home.</p> <p>The Parish Council have explored the widening of pavements away from the road, however, due to the presence of either listed buildings or walls within the curtilage of listed properties, this is not feasible. The only option is to widen the pavements into the road and reduce the carriageway to a single lane. We recognise there are issues with visibility at each end of the village which mean we risk cars stacking-up and becoming gridlocked if a chicane is introduced at either point. We can mitigate against this by installing traffic control signals to manage the stretches and ensure suitable traffic flow.</p>	<p>The group acknowledged the issue which impacts hundreds of residents. The lack of accessibility for wheelchair / mobility scooter users is a focus for WC.</p> <p>The cost of a substantive bid preparation project is likely to be £10,000-£15,000 which is 30-50% of the group's budget. DM has suggested that MLPC revisit their finances and CIL fund to see how they might increase their contribution to allow the group to support it.</p>	Awaiting Update
New Project	06-22-40	Market Lavington	Market Lavington Church St / The Spring - Request for SID Infrastructure	<p>Speeding and speed awareness has long been an issue in and around Market Lavington, and is something that local residents feel very strongly about. There is an active team of Community SpeedWatch volunteers operating at different locations in the village, and the Parish Council purchased and installed a Speed Indicator Device (SID) which is currently sited on Spin Hill back in 2020, which has proved very effective as a practical and visible way of highlighting speeds of on-coming vehicles, and prompting drivers to adhere to the speed limit. The Parish Council would now like to focus on using a SID at other locations in the village where speeding has been identified as an issue, starting with Church Street / The Spring.</p> <p>Could the Parish Council therefore please request support from the LHFIG committee for the supply and installation of a NAL socket, and post at this new location.</p>	<p>DM questioned whether the CSW group was active at the current time. The group would like to see community commitment to tackling the issue before funding additional methods.</p> <p>The PC was asked to prioritise tasks on the agenda. MLPC to return at the next meeting with confirmation of which project they will champion.</p>	Awaiting Update

New Project

06-22-41

Market Lavington

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B3098 - Request for lit school warning sign

St Barnabas Primary School on Drove Lane is located on the outskirts of the village, and there are concerns for the safety of parents, carers, and children as they walk to school.

Whilst there is a 'School' triangular warning sign with 'flashing' warning lights on the approach to Drove Lane from the centre of the village, there is only a 'School' triangular warning sign on the approach from Easterton. With the speed limit for vehicles being 40mph at the location of this warning sign, it is vitally important that every effort is made to ensure that drivers are aware of the approaching school, and likelihood of increased numbers of parents, carers, and children on the pavements at certain times of the day.

Could the Parish Council therefore please request support from the LHFIG committee to install some timed 'flashing' warning lights under the existing school sign on the Easterton approach to the village

DM reiterated the need for PCs to prioritise their own tasks so that they are never having to defend against no projects being in progress due to depletion of LHFIG budget. FD felt this was a third priority.

GR explained that if the school has a School Travel Plan they might be able to access separate funding to achieve this.

MLPC to discuss with the school and Ruth Durrant.

Remove

Report To	Devizes Area Board
Date of Meeting	Monday, 06 March 2023
Title of Report	Devizes Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Devizes Area Board. These could include; community area grants, health and wellbeing, young persons grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
Opening Balance For <u>2022/23</u>	£ 25,869.00	£ 22,320.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 23,645.50	£ 11,682.00	£ 5,257.50
Current Balance	£ 2,223.50	£ 10,638.00	£ 2,442.50
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 23.50	£ 145.04	£ 1,842.50

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG865	Community Area Grant	Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts	Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts Website	£4400.00	£2200.00

Project Summary:

We will use the Community Area Grant to fund a new website that can reflect the needs and aspirations of our organisations. The key areas the new site will address are the current design and usability issues, making it legally GDPR compliant, web accessibility compliant (so it is designed and developed so that people with disabilities can use it), new donation and fundraising interface and new volunteer portal that supports the way in which we work with our wider community. The new website will also enable us to use the annual \$120,000 google grant we have successfully secured but are unable to use until we have a compliant website that meets the above criteria.

ABG993	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Sian Rob Music CIC	Community Singalong Sessions	£1200.00	£600.00
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Project Summary:

Sian Rob Music CIC are seeking funding to be able to offer twelve live singalong music sessions to groups in the Devizes area with limited access to live music and with limited funding for the arts. Including, but not limited to, those living in sheltered housing, community lunch clubs, day centres, memory clubs and friendship groups tackling rural and social isolation and particularly people and their carers living with disability, dementia, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Disease. The funding would be used to pay the musicians their hourly rate of £100 for this service so that it could be offered at no cost to the group in question. If the group had a small budget to make a contribution we would be able to offer more sessions to more groups. The sessions would initially be offered to the following groups, though we would be open to requests from other groups if they meet the above criteria. The sessions would not be offered to residential care homes as these are private companies who already have funding for such activities. Nursteed Centre - Monday Club and Wednesday Club Market Lavington - Monday Club and Tuesday Club Bromham Pub lunch club Bromham Monday Club West Lavington - Friends on Friday Needham House, Devizes, Extra Care Housing Crammer Court, Devizes, Extra Care Housing Castle Court, Sheltered Housing The Ark, Sheltered Housing Erlestoke pub lunch club Bishops Cannings pub lunch club The benefits of music for participants include: personal - self expression and the acquisition of new skills social - through experiencing and interacting with music in the community of others, helping to strengthen communities and boost emotional, mental and physical well- being. Sian and Rob are professional musicians who have worked with vulnerable groups since 2016 and have many experiences of the power of music, including many with advanced dementia who are non- verbal and find it hard to sit and enjoy any other activity, joining in for an hour's entertainment - singing and dancing with others to the amazement of carers. Feedback from our sessions note that participants gain increased confidence, increased sense of relaxation, less worry or anxiety, increased energy and an increased sense of motivation.

ABG891	Youth Grant	Wiltshire Youth for Christ	Pop up cafe enhancement	£492.96	£492.96
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Project Summary:

We plan to deploy the Wiltshire Youth for Christ pop up cafe van in Devizes during the summer school holidays 2023. In preparation we have audited our equipment needs in view of recent deployments and the hot conditions in summer 2022. There are a number of additional items of equipment we require to make this activity sustainable and enjoyable for young people.

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1035	Youth Grant	Devizes Town Council	Devizes Community Outreach programme	£11550.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: We would like to help move local youth provision towards something permanent, perhaps building on some of the initiatives which have been running in the town. This might eventually be linked to a physical “safe space”. A key element of this will be to give agency to and advocacy for young people, so that they feel ownership of whatever emerges. Specific programmes could be developed around this, for example safe use of alcohol, healthy lifestyles, money management, employability skills and so on, dependent on local needs. However it is important to start by building relationships and trust, rather than launching a big project which may not be what actually engages the young people concerned. By creating agency for the young people themselves, we would hope to break the cycle of unhelpful influence from the slightly older group who are currently giving encouragement for some of the unhealthy lifestyles and antisocial behaviours which we are seeing. In addition, it is essential that we take action to combat issues such as “county lines”, which will inevitably pose an increasing threat to local young people in Devizes over time. The project also need to link to many of the existing opportunities that are already available for young people therefore detached youth workers will be able to signpost and young person, who may have an interest and skill to where they can explore this further.</p>					
ABG1045	Youth Grant	Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts	Event Tech Training For Youth with DOCA	£10000.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: We aim to provide training opportunities to young people between ages of 16 - 20 years, with particular emphasis on making the courses accessible and inviting to those with SEND or excluded from education. It will be focused around learning the vocational skills necessary to deliver the technological aspect of events, such as AV and live streaming. The specific opportunities will be decided by balancing the interests of the participating individuals and the way is which the culmination of their learning can be showcased in a way that will support and enhance events in the DOCA calendar. Once they have completed their showcase with us we will help signpost them towards employment opportunities that will utilise the skills the skills they have learnt</p>					

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council's website.

Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:

- ◆ Community Area Grants (capital)
- ◆ Young People (revenue)
- ◆ Health and Wellbeing (revenue)

The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young persons funding guidelines have been adhered to.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Grant funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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