

Item 11:

An informal consultative session to discuss how the area board helps communities live well in Southern Wiltshire, channelling its funding and time to the right priorities.



Round Tables: Tell us what you think

- What is the best thing about where you live?
- What is the worst thing?
- What ideas do you have for new activities, or initiatives to help the community you live in?
- What help can you offer to make these happen?
- What is already happening where you live that you would like to help with?
- What would you like the Area Board to do more / less of?

Best Things included: strong community spirit, a good range of community activities and initiatives, lovely place to live and opportunities to explore and enjoy it, strong examples of parish and village group collaboration, neighbourhood plans are developing well

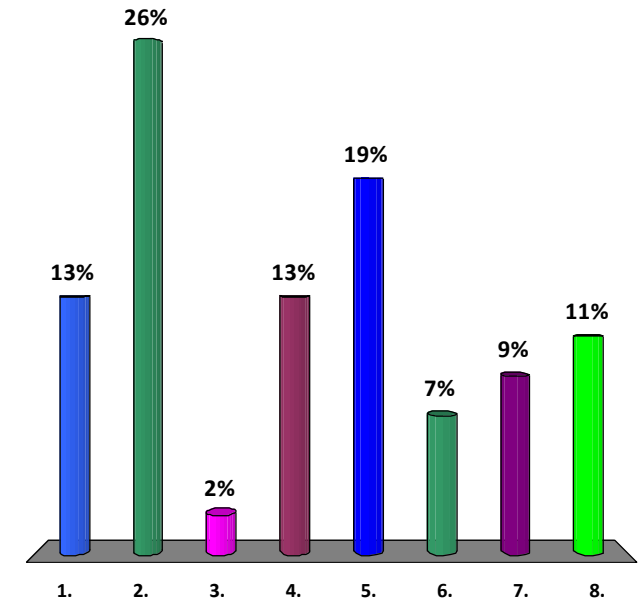
Worst Things included: bus/rural transport services, lack of volunteers, ASB, speeding traffic and congestion, especially A36, challenge to get doctors appointment from Three Chequers Medical Practice, disengaged young people causing disquiet

New ideas and offers of help included : parish councils in same/neighbouring/nearby villages to ask how they can each support youth clubs and activities, local parish/village organisation run 'involvement days' to help the community help itself, facilitate collaboration and innovation with local schools on the Roundbarrow Farm project

Area Board to do more/less of ..: more networking and social events, and less formal top table events, so that parishes and village groups can share/promulgate strong examples and effective initiatives that work for them; improve communications of opportunities facilitated by the area board; more youth support especially where ASB is happening

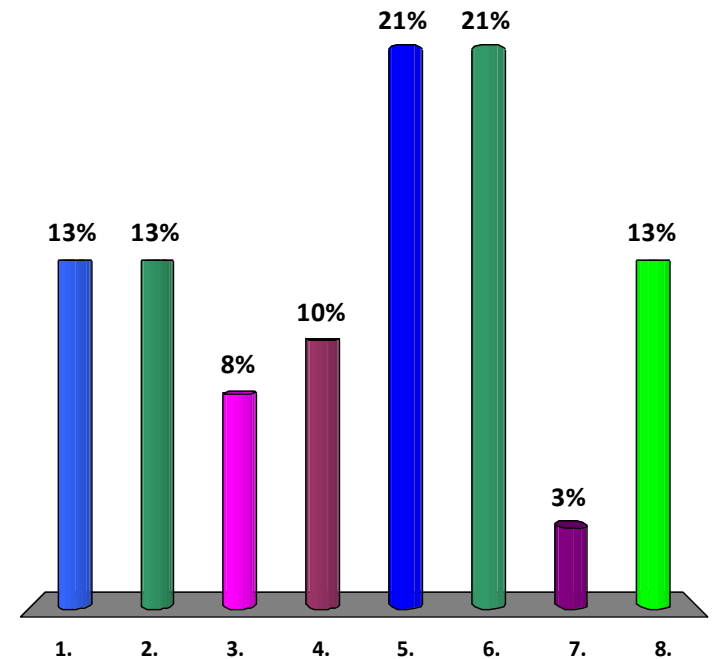
Which comes first? - vote for your top 3

1. More support for older persons activities, including dementia support
2. New youth clubs and activities
3. More area board meetings/socials outside of working hours
4. More footpath maintenance and litter picking
5. Recruit more volunteers to support existing and new community groups and village led initiatives
6. Better promotion of activities and initiatives
7. More information about area board and other funding sources, and better support in making bids
8. New initiatives to tackle climate change



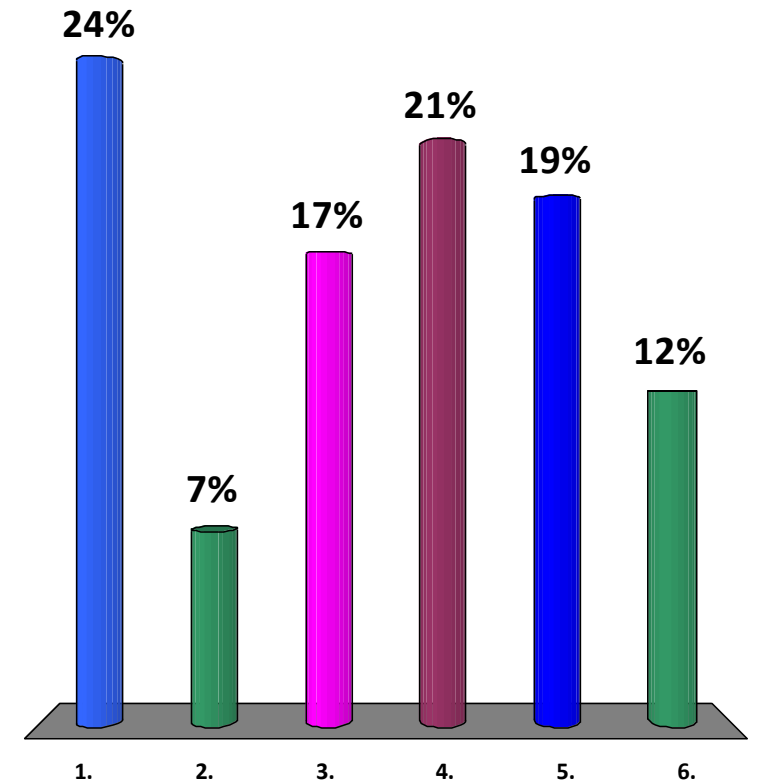
How can you help? – vote for as many or few as you wish

1. Could you help out at a village youth club?
2. Could you help out at a village club for older people?
3. Could you be part of a new group to deliver more dementia support initiatives?
4. Could you help join a local group to help with footpath maintenance?
5. Could you help join a local group to help with litter picking?
6. Would you like to be a part of a new area board environment group?
7. Could you be one of the counties new volunteer tree wardens?
8. I could help, but would like more guidance as to how please



Topics for future area board meetings - vote for your top 3

1. Funding advice and support for existing and new community groups and initiatives
2. Tackling climate change
3. How best to help local people and families living in deprived areas of southern Wiltshire
4. Highway maintenance and improvement
5. Support for local shops and businesses
6. Something totally different!



More new thoughts...vote for your top 3

1. Change the day / time of area board meetings to bring more people together
2. Take the area board to new venues
3. Set up a shadow youth area board
4. Do something completely different!

