

# AGENDA

**Meeting:** Amesbury Area Board  
**Online Meeting:** [Access the online meeting here](#)  
**Date:** Thursday 14 January 2021  
**Time:** 6.30 pm

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## Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Kevin Daley, Till and Wylde Valley  
Cllr Mike Hewitt, Bourne and Woodford Walley (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr John Smale, Bulford, Allington and Figheldean  
Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Amesbury West  
Cllr Graham Wright, Durrington and Larkhill  
Cllr Robert Yuill, Amesbury East (Chairman)

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	Time
<p>1 <b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>To welcome those present to the meeting.</p>	6.30pm
<p>2 <b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>3 <b>Minutes</b> (<i>Pages 1 - 8</i>)</p> <p>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2020.</p>	
<p>4 <b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>5 <b>Chairman's Announcements</b> (<i>Pages 9 - 14</i>)</p> <p>To receive the following announcements through the Chairman:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Healthy Us Weight Management Programme</b>  Healthy Us is a free 12 week course open to anyone living in Wiltshire, aged 18 or over, with a BMI of 28 or above. Referrals for the virtual courses starting in January 2021 are now being taken. Please see <a href="https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-weight-adults">https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-weight-adults</a> for more information or email <a href="mailto:health.coaches@wiltshire.gov.uk">health.coaches@wiltshire.gov.uk</a>.</li> <li>• <b>COVID-19 Community Packs</b>  Wiltshire Council has created an updated community pack of information to help support communities during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it contains information and advice on issues such as restrictions, testing and support. Find the pack online here: <a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus#community-pack">www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus#community-pack</a></li> <li>• <b>Census 2021</b>  Census day will be on March 21, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March. The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. We encourage everyone to take part. See <a href="https://census.gov.uk/">https://census.gov.uk/</a> for more information.</li> <li>• <b>Local Plan Review Consultation</b>  As part of the Local Plan Review consultation, taking place from Wednesday 13 January to Tuesday 9 March 2021, Wiltshire Council are planning to host a series of live online</li> </ul>	6.35pm

consultation events for communities and other stakeholders. The Amesbury event will be held online at 7.00pm, Thursday 21 January. For more information or to book your place please go to <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy-local-plan-review>.

6 **Updates from Partners and Town/Parish Councils** (Pages 15 - 24) **6.45pm**

To receive updates from the following partners:

- Wiltshire Police
- Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service
- MOD/Military Civilian Integration
- A303 – Highways England
- Healthwatch Wiltshire
- NHS Wiltshire
- Town and Parish Councils

7 **Community Status Report** (Pages 25 - 40) **7.05pm**

To receive an update from Jacqui Abbott, Community Engagement Manager on the Community Status Report. The report aims to identify issues and priorities for the community for 2021.

8 **Area Board Re-Naming** **7.20pm**

To discuss the re-naming of Amesbury Area Board.

9 **Update from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG)** **7.30pm**

To consider any updates from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG).

10 **Health & Wellbeing Group** **7.35pm**

To receive any updates on the Amesbury Health and Wellbeing Group and to note the following applications for Health and Wellbeing funding which have already been awarded via the delegated authority of the CEM:

- Figheldean Parish Council. £300.00 towards helping the vulnerable.
- Winterbourne Stoke Village Preservation Society, £313.30 towards their Elderly Parishioner Welfare Package.
- Durrington Over Sixties, £300.00 towards their Durrington Over Sixties Post COVID Celebration.
- Durrington and District Day Centre, £300.00 towards their Gifts for members at Christmas project.

Further details can be found in the grant report at item 11.

11	<p><b>Area Board Funding</b> (<i>Pages 41 - 46</i>)</p> <p>To determine the following application for Community Area Grant funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shrewton Cricket Club, £1,500.00 towards a Ride on Outfield Triple Mower.</li> </ul> <p>To determine the following application for Youth Grant funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Army Welfare Service, £2,000.00 towards School Holiday Activities and Trips.</li> </ul>	<b>7.45pm</b>
12	<p><b>Urgent items</b></p> <p>Any other items of business which the Chairman agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.</p>	
13	<p><b>Future Meeting Dates and Close</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Amesbury Area Board will be held on 18 March 2021 at 6.30pm.</p>	<b>8.00pm</b>



# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Amesbury Area Board  
**Place:** Online Meeting  
**Date:** 19 November 2020  
**Start Time:** 2.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 3.40 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Mike Hewitt (Vice-Chair), Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Robert Yuill (Chairman), Cllr John Smale and Cllr Kevin Daley

### **Also present:**

Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Jacqui Abbott (Community Engagement Manager), Dominic Argar (Assistant Multimedia Officer), Kieran Elliott (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Tara Shannon (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

### **Town and Parish Councillors**

Amesbury Town Council  
Durrington Town Council  
Figheldean Parish Council  
Shrewton Parish Council  
Stapleford Parish Council  
Winterbourne Parish Council

### **Partners**

Wiltshire Police  
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service  
MOD

**Total in attendance: 30**

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<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
47	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Amesbury Area Board, invited the Cllrs to introduce themselves and ran through the procedure for remote meetings.</p>
48	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vicky O'Brien from Abri</li> </ul>
49	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting on 24 September 2020 were presented for consideration. It was noted that in minute number 43, Kathryn Cook was referred to as a councillor for Amesbury Town Council when in fact she was not, Ms Cook had helped with the Amesbury Community Hub and volunteer response to COVID-19. It was;</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>To approve the minutes as a correct record subject to the amendment of minute number 43 to remove the reference to Kathryn Cook as an Amesbury Town Councillor.</b></p>
50	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
51	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman gave the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>COVID-19</b> The latest case rates and figures regarding COVID-19 were given to the meeting and government advice regarding staying safe was reiterated. It was stated that further information and links to support if required could be found on the Wiltshire Council website <a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk">www.wiltshire.gov.uk</a></li> <li>• <b>A303</b> It was noted that A303 Stonehenge tunnel had been given approval and the Chairman referred the meeting to the written update from highways England in agenda supplement 3.</li> </ul>
52	<p><u>Updates from Partners and Town/Parish Councils</u></p>



Updates were received from the following partners:

- **Wiltshire Police**

Dean Knight, who was standing in for Liz Coles as the Amesbury Neighbourhood Inspector gave an update to the meeting. It was stated that when you compared October 2019 to October 2020, reported crime in the area was down 16%. COVID-19 patrols were being undertaken in areas where gatherings had occurred, however there had been very few breeches. The public were urged to report any breeches they observed. Proactive drugs work and youth engagement had been taking place and the rural crime team had been revamped resulting in an increase in staff who were working jointly with the MOD. It was hoped that issues such as poaching and hare coursing could be reduced as a result.

In response to questions it was stated that PCSO's now had the powers to issue parking tickets for cars parked on double yellow lines. Issues regarding parking outside some of the schools would be passed on to the PSCO's so they could enforce.

- **Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service**

Matthew Maggs gave an update to the meeting. National Road Safety Week had recently taken place and the DWFRS was targeting schools in order to hopefully reduce fatalities in the future. This was being undertaken via virtual tours and further information could be found in the written report in agenda supplement 3. The DWFRS was providing assistance to the ambulance service by helping to drive ambulances. The DWFRS were still available for home safety checks.

- **MOD/Military Civilian Integration**

The Chairman referred the meeting to the written report in agenda supplement 2. Lt Col Nick Turner (Garrison Engagement Officer, Tidworth) was in attendance and stated that he could pass on any questions to Neill Page (DIO Army Basing Programme Delivery Lead). It was stated that Garrison Commander Jamie Balls had now commenced his resettlement and his successor was named as Rupert Whitelegge. There was also a new Chief of Staff, Major Kurt Vines.

New plaques had been installed on the Tedworth Park Heritage Trail which were sponsored by Lovell.

Following reports that the road to Netheravon Airfield Camp was in a bad state of repair it was confirmed that this had been looked in to and works would be undertaken in due course. It was also noted that one of the perimeter fences was not secure and people had been walking their dogs there. Whilst this would be resolved and additional signage put in place, people were reminded that this was still an active airfield and it was not safe to walk there.

	<p>Cllr Smale requested an update on the quartering at Netheravon and Cllr Yuill queried whether the pandemic had increased fly tipping on MOD land. Lt Col Turner stated he would follow up on both these issues with Cllrs after the meeting. Cllr Ian Blair Pilling stated that he was present at the meeting as he was standing as the Avon Valley candidate at the election in May and if elected would therefore become a Member of Amesbury Area Board (assuming that the Area Board Boundary recommendations were adopted at Full Council). Cllr Blair Pilling confirmed that Wiltshire Council was working with the MOD and the housing association to try to resolve the housing issues that had occurred at Netheravon and he was following this up as part of his Cabinet role.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Healthwatch Wiltshire</b> The Chairman referred the meeting to the written update in the agenda.</li> <li>• <b>NHS Wiltshire</b> The Chairman referred the meeting to the written update in the agenda.</li> <li>• <b>Town and Parish Councils</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ David Hassett of Shrewton Parish Council advised that the B3083 had been resurfaced and that Shrewton Parish Council were pleased with the works. However, this had increased traffic speeds and the parish council were unable to undertake Community Speed Watch at the present time. There was also a resurgence of military vehicles travelling through the high street despite the signage stating no military vehicles.</li> <li>○ Phil Osment of Amesbury Town Council stated that there had been a few travellers camping on the Stockport Road and thanked Highways for helping to resolve the issue.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for their updates.</p>
53	<p><u>Remote Meetings/Parish Council Views</u></p> <p>The Chairman invited those present to feedback on how remote meetings were working for them and to see if there were any suggestions for future agenda items.</p> <p>David Hassett of Shrewton Parish Council stated that their Zoom meetings were working well, however they were slightly concerned that public attendance was lower than usual.</p> <p>Cllr Kevin Daley stated that some of his Parish Councils were still holding meetings face to face in a socially distanced way. However, for those that were happening over Zoom they seemed to be going well.</p> <p>Charles Penn of Winterbourne Parish Council felt their remote meetings were reasonably effective and seemed to be slightly shorter than face to face</p>

	<p>meetings, however he also felt that public attendance was down.</p> <p>The Chairman invited anyone with views they would like to share on remote meetings or ideas for future agenda items, to send these to the Democratic Services officer for the meeting, Tara Shannon on <a href="mailto:tara.shannon@wiltshire.gov.uk">tara.shannon@wiltshire.gov.uk</a>.</p>
54	<p><u>Stay Safe Online</u></p> <p>The Chairman invited Alan Brown of the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust to give an update to the meeting regarding Staying Safe Online.</p> <p>The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust was a charity working in partnership with Wiltshire Police and had been operating for around 20 years providing free home security services and more recently online safety advice as well. In order to qualify for support you have to be a resident of Wiltshire or Swindon and over 60, or over 18 and registered disabled.</p> <p>Some cyber crime statistics were given with over 17 million incidents in the UK in 2017 and over £4.6 billion taken. This involved everything from global organised crime, government entities and lone hackers. The main aim of cyber crime was to get information and money from individuals by means such as phishing, malware, ransomware, fraud and identify theft.</p> <p>It was stated that individuals should be wary of any unsolicited emails and if unsure do not click on links. Contact the company directly if concerned. Any concerning emails should also be reported to the Police and this could be done via an online form.</p> <p>Individuals should also always ensure to be use a trusted system, on a secure network and have a firewall installed. So, one should not do anything private on an open network such as the free wi-fi in shops or at airports. All applications and software should be kept up to date. Different passwords should be used for each account and it was best to use 2 step verification. It was also important to keep information backed up.</p> <p>It was always best to have a healthy dose of scepticism and common sense.</p> <p>Further information could be found at the following links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/">https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/">https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware/home">https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware/home</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/">https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/">https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://getsafeonline.org/">https://getsafeonline.org/</a></li> </ul>
55	<p><u>Update from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p>

	<p>The Chairman invited Cllr Mike Hewitt as the Chairman of CATG to give an update. Cllr Hewitt stated that there had been a successful CATG meeting on 30 October 2020 and the minutes of those meetings were attached to the agenda pack.</p> <p>Several priority items had been completed. It was stated that there was still funding left for CATG and therefore people were encouraged to contact their Parish Council in order to raise any issues to the CATG.</p> <p>It was;</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>That Amesbury Area Board approve the minutes of the CATG meeting held on 30 October 2020 and approve the recommendations detailed within those minutes.</b></p>
56	<p><u>Community Engagement Manager Update</u></p> <p>Jacqui Abbott, Community Engagement Manager (CEM) gave an update to the meeting.</p> <p>The CEM stated that she had been in touch with many of the COVID-19 support groups in the area and most were still up and running. Although demand was down there were also less volunteers as more people were back at work. Further information and support could be found through the Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub at <a href="https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus">https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus</a> or by calling 0300 003 4576 or email <a href="mailto:wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk">wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p>A Youth Forum Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 25 November to network, plan for the future and identify issues for the next year.</p> <p>It was explained that a Community Status Report was being produced which would come to the Area Board at the January meeting. The CEM was meeting with stakeholders, partners and parishes to identify key issues in the community area.</p> <p>Organisations were encouraged to apply for grants as there was still funds available at that time. Contact <a href="mailto:jacqui.abbot@wiltshire.gov.uk">jacqui.abbot@wiltshire.gov.uk</a> for further details.</p>
57	<p><u>Health &amp; Wellbeing Group</u></p> <p>The Chairman handed to Cllr Graham Wright as Chairman of the HWBG to update the meeting. Cllr Wright referred the meeting to agenda supplement 3 which contained the notes of the HWB meeting held on 17 November 2020 and introduced the HWB grant applications. After considering the grant applications which had all been recommended for approval by the HWBG it was;</p>

	<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To grant Wiltshire Council, £900.00, towards Durrington Tennis Court Safety Measures</b></li> <li>• <b>To grant Salisbury older people's champion, £500.00, towards taking afternoon tea to isolated older people</b></li> <li>• <b>To grant Farley's Malone Community, £1500.00, towards a Virtual Christmas Party Celebration and ongoing weekly virtual lunches</b></li> <li>• <b>To grant Abri, £300.00, towards their Gardening Outreach Project</b></li> </ul> <p>Cllr Wright also invited all parishes to apply for HWB grants, including small grants of a few hundred pounds to help people through COVID and the Christmas period.</p>
58	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>Cllr Fred Westmoreland introduced the applications to the Community Area Grant Scheme as detailed in the agenda.</p> <p>Representatives of the organisations applying for grants spoke in support of their applications.</p> <p>The board considered the applications for Community Area Grant funding and Youth Grant funding and it was;</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>Community Area Grants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To grant Durrington Town Council, £4988.50, towards their Safer Durrington project.</b></li> <li>• <b>To grant Amesbury After School Kids Club, £950.00, towards Amesbury Kids Club Equipment.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Youth Grants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Buzz Action Foundation, £3000.00, towards the Element Cafe and Amesbury Youth Cafe COVID project.</b></li> </ul>
59	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>The Chairman advised that there was one additional item, published in agenda supplement 1 to consider and discuss the possibility of re-naming the Amesbury Area Board. This had been proposed as some other Area Boards had considered re-naming their boards and in order to be more inclusive of the area represented and as a result of the boundary review changes.</p> <p>During discussion views stated included that Amesbury Area Board represented</p>

	<p>the board well. Alternatively, others felt that Stonehenge Area Board may be a good alternative suggestion. It was also suggested that the views of the parishes and residents of the community area should be consulted.</p> <p>It was determined that the parishes should be consulted, councillors should discuss the matter further and that the issue should be brought back to the next meeting of the area board for further consideration.</p>
60	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates and Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and announced that the next meeting of the area board would be held on 14 January 2021 at 6.30pm.</p>

# Agenda Item 5

## Chairman's Announcements

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Healthy Us Weight Management Programme Launch</b>
<b>Web contact:</b>	<a href="https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-weight-adults">https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-weight-adults</a> .

Following a successful pilot, Wiltshire Council has launched Healthy Us, a group weight management programme on 9 November.

Healthy Us is a free 12 week course open to anyone living in Wiltshire, aged 18 or over, with a BMI of 28 or above. Courses will be held throughout the year and will be delivered virtually over Microsoft Teams. We plan to run face to face group courses across the county when circumstances allow and it is safe to do so. We are now accepting referrals for the virtual courses starting in January 2021.

Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cabinet Member for Public Health said; "The programme is designed to give participants the tools they need to make small but sustainable changes that can be maintained long term, so that participants lose weight and maintain their weight loss.

We are excited to be working with Wiltshire IAPT service who are delivering two sessions during each course looking at emotional eating and wellbeing."

Each interactive session is one hour and covers topics such as balanced nutrition, portion sizes, eating out, physical activity and healthy habits for life. Participants will be supported to eat well, move more and feel better.

Healthy Us is one of three services that form the recently launched Wiltshire Health Improvement Hub, a single point of access for referrals to the Health Improvement coaches (adult health and mental wellbeing service), Healthy Me (child and family weight management service), and Healthy Us.

More information about the Healthy Us and how to calculate your BMI can be found on our website at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-weight-adults>.

Alternatively, to join a course people can email the Health Improvement Hub [health.coaches@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:health.coaches@wiltshire.gov.uk) or call 0300 003 4566 – select option 1.





## Chairman's Announcements

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>COVID-19 Community Pack</b>
<b>Web contact:</b>	<a href="mailto:communication@wiltshire.gov.uk">communication@wiltshire.gov.uk</a>

Wiltshire Council has created an updated community pack of information to help support communities during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the current national restrictions.

The council previously created a community pack in March which was very well received, and with Individuals and community groups continuing to provide vital support across Wiltshire, the council has again collated all the key information in one place.

The new community pack features current guidance on key information, resources and contacts. This should help communities to make sure everyone in Wiltshire, including the most vulnerable, have access to the right support and know where to turn.

It contains information and advice on issues such as:

- The current restrictions, self-isolating and health advice
- How to access a COVID-19 test and the test and trace scheme
- What communities can do to support themselves
- The local support available
- Business support.

Leader of Wiltshire Council, Cllr Philip Whitehead, said: "Thank you to all of our communities supporting others and looking out for each other, and for playing their part in keeping as safe as possible. We continue to be humbled by the spirit and togetherness shown. We know 2020 has been tough, but it's important not to become complacent. We need to keep going.

"We will continue to work hard to protect our communities and provide them with the information they need to access vital support and services. We are sharing this updated version of our community pack with all of the key information in one place, and we hope our communities find it useful.

"Please share this far and wide with your community to support each other as much as possible during this time."

The pack can be found at the council's dedicated COVID-19 webpage at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus#community-pack](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus#community-pack), alongside updates and the latest advice.



# CENSUS 2021

Households across the local authority area of Wiltshire, will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021.

The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

“A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed,” Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

“This could mean things like doctors’ surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That’s why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them.”

Census day will be on March 21, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March.

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

For more information, visit [census.gov.uk](https://www.census.gov.uk).

If you need help to promote the census, visit our [Downloadable resources](#) page.



## Share your experiences of health, care and community services

Healthwatch Wiltshire is launching a new survey to find out about your experiences of health, care and community services during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Since March, NHS and social care services have had to change the way they work to meet coronavirus safety guidelines, while voluntary and community groups have stepped up their support to help local people through the pandemic.

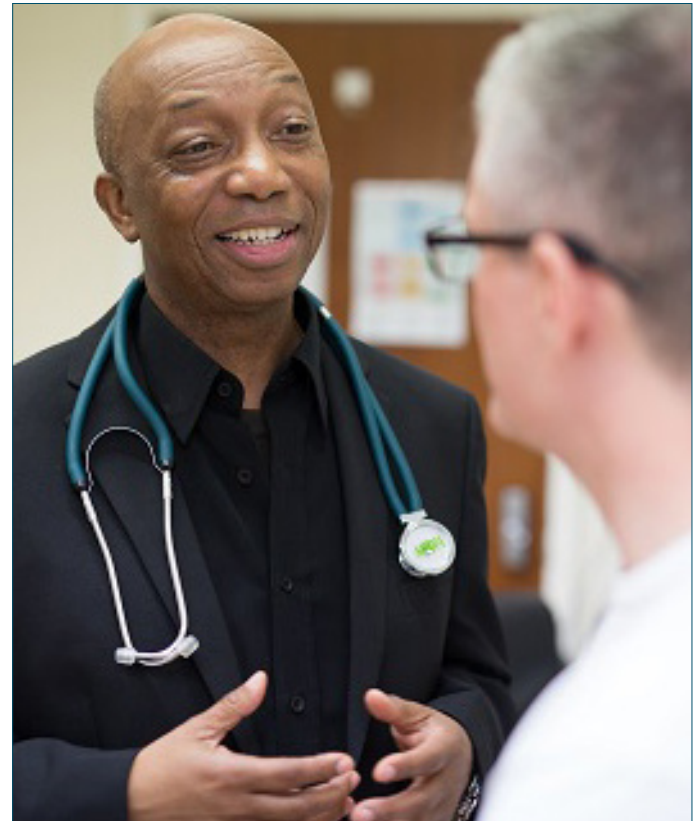
We now want to understand how these changes have been working for you, what's been good and what could be better.

We would also like to hear what you think should be Healthwatch Wiltshire's priorities for next year.

**Guy Patterson**, Projects Lead, said:

“As the pandemic continues, it's really important that people keep on using health, care and community services if they need them.

“We want to know how people feel the changes in these services are working for them



and if they have any ideas for how things could be improved.

“Everything we hear will be shared with the people who plan and run services in Wiltshire, so no matter how big or small the issue, we want to hear about it.”

### Three ways to have your say

1. Fill in our online survey at [smartsurvey.co.uk/s/HealthwatchWiltshire-Experiencesofhealthandcareservices](https://smartsurvey.co.uk/s/HealthwatchWiltshire-Experiencesofhealthandcareservices)
2. Request a paper copy of the survey by calling 01225 434218 or emailing [info@healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk) and we will post the survey out to you.
3. Complete the survey over the phone. Please call us on 01225 434218 to arrange.



## Update for Wiltshire Area Boards

December 2020

### **Coronavirus vaccination**

We continue to work with primary care and our hospitals across the region to support the delivery of the anticipated coronavirus vaccination.

Following government guidance on priorities our first focus is on vaccinations for older residents in care homes, all those over 80 years of age and health and social care workers.

Arrangements will depend on which vaccinations become available and when, as storage and transport options differ across the different vaccines.

### **Flu vaccination**

The number of people getting their flu vaccination is up in all groups – between 15% - 40% higher compared to the same time last year. This is thanks to the hard work of our GP practices, often with the support of the council to use local facilities for large scale vaccination clinics.

Free vaccinations for 50 – 64 year old people will be available from 1 December and people in this group will be contacted by their GP surgery when they are ready to begin vaccinating.

### **COVID-19 oximetry@home service**

The COVID-19 oximetry @home service has launched in Wiltshire and across the BSW region. The service provides an enhanced package for monitoring of symptoms and oxygen saturations for patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 who are at risk of future deterioration but are not unwell enough to need immediate hospital admission.

Appropriate patients will be identified following clinical assessment (face to face or remote) and invited to join the service. They will be provided with a pulse oximeter to monitor their condition and information on how to operate it. The patient will be set up with the GoodSAM app to submit their readings or be supported by the clinical team to share their oximetry readings if they are not able to use the app.

Results will be monitored and patients will be advised on what to do if their condition deteriorates.

The service will be managed by a multidisciplinary clinical team (nurse, paramedics, GPs, Advanced Nurse Practitioners) who will provide clinical support and advice to patients throughout the time they are being monitored.

### **Parkinson's services in North Wiltshire**

Earlier in the year we tackled variation in care for Parkinson's patients in North Wiltshire by jointly investing with Parkinson's UK in additional Parkinson's nurses to provide a one stop service for residents through Great Western Hospital.

The service started in April and initially offered virtual clinic reviews. Consultant reviews and subsequent referrals that could not be offered in April are now gradually increasing and the service has now set up fortnightly clinics in Savernake and Malmesbury from October 2020 and a clinic in Calne is to start in November.

A helpline has also been set up and receives calls from patients, carers, care providers, GPs and acute staff. Calls are responded too consistently within 72 hours and early feedback from patients is positive

### **Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub**

We are continuing to work with the Wiltshire Council as part of the Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub.

The hub provides support and guidance to anyone who needs it during these difficult times, including those who are self-isolating or don't have a support network to access help.

Opening hours:

9am – 5pm Monday to Friday

10am – 4pm Saturday and Sunday

People can call 0300 003 4576 or email [wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk)

### **Think 111 First**

We already promote NHS 111 as the place to go when someone is unsure of what healthcare is right for them, encouraging them to go online or call to be directed to the right service.

From 1 December 2020 if you have an urgent but not life-threatening health problem and think you need to go to an emergency department, you should contact NHS 111 first. This can be done either online or by phone 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and the service is free to use (including from all mobiles).



An experienced health advisor will talk to you to find out more about your health problem and get you to see the right local service. This could be your GP, a pharmacy, a local minor injuries unit or urgent treatment centre.

If it looks like you need to go to the emergency department, you'll speak to a senior medical professional who will be able to arrange a timed arrival slot for you at the emergency department if necessary.

Think 111 First aims to reduce the number of people who walk in to emergency departments, where overcrowding and long wait times can be common, especially during winter. Current social distancing and infection control procedures mean that there is less waiting space and fewer people can be seen so we need to steer people who could be treated safely elsewhere away from our busy hospitals.

Those who genuinely need emergency treatment must still be seen safely, and the ability to arrange a timed arrival slot through Think 111 First will allow us to manage some of the flow of people through the emergency department.

People with life-threatening emergencies should always call 999.



## Update for Wiltshire Area Boards

January 2021

### **Coronavirus vaccination**

December saw the start of the roll out of the coronavirus vaccination in Wiltshire by our Primary Care Networks. Initially, local vaccination centres were set up in Devizes and Chippenham, with sites in Westbury, Ramsbury, and Melksham vaccinating in the following weeks.

Following government guidance on priorities our first focus is on vaccinations for older residents in care homes, all those over 80 years of age and health and social care workers.

### **Approval to become an Integrated Care System – BSW Partnership**

In December health and care organisations in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) were confirmed by NHS England and Improvement as meeting the criteria to become an Integrated Care System.

An Integrated Care System (ICS) is a way of working across health and care organisations that allows them to work closer together to take collective responsibility for managing resources, delivering care and improving the health and wellbeing of the population they serve.

The ICSs will integrate:

- primary and specialist care
- physical and mental health services
- health and social care.

Across BSW, hospitals, GP surgeries, community care providers, local authorities, a mental health trust, an ambulance trust and voluntary sector organisations have been working together since 2016 as part of the BSW Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP).

Working together as the new BSW Partnership, health and care partners will prioritise issues that matter to local communities as well as managing health and care provision during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

The BSW Partnership is also responsible for setting the strategy and goals for improving health and care in the area and overseeing the quality and safety, decision making, governance and financial management of health and care services. It will also provide clinical and professional leadership for the whole area.

For more information, visit [www.bswstp.nhs.uk](http://www.bswstp.nhs.uk).

### **Devizes Integrated Care Centre -update**

The Full Business Case for the Devizes Integrated Care Centre will be discussed at the BSW CCG Governing Body meeting on 21 January 2021.

Construction is scheduled to begin in 2021 with the new building opening in 2022.

### **Trowbridge Integrated Care Centre - update**

The Full Business Case for the Trowbridge Integrated Care Centre will be discussed at the BSW CCG Governing Body meeting on 21 January 2021.

Construction is expected to start towards the end of 2021 with the new building opening in 2023.

### **Medequip retained as provider of community equipment and continence services in Wiltshire**

Following a tender process, Medequip has been awarded a new five year contract with Wiltshire Council and the CCG to manage Community Equipment and Continence Services for Wiltshire, continuing a 15 year working relationship in the region.

Medequip is planning significant innovations and service enhancements to further improve community equipment services provision for the people of Wiltshire. The operational site will remain at Calne and will be totally redesigned and extended, implementing a new layout to facilitate increased capacity, throughput and efficiency.

### **Care in the community - Home First and a new rapid response service**

We have seen a significant increase in referrals to the Home First programme over 2020. Home First is an established joint health and social care pathway delivered by Wiltshire Health and Care and the Local Authority. The service aims to speed up the discharge process from hospital, increasing the number of people who need no additional ongoing care and supporting them to regain their independence.

We have agreed to fund an expansion in the Wiltshire Home First capacity to support the increase in referrals and to increase the community capacity for winter. Recruitment is now underway to employ more support workers and therapists.

In addition to the Home First expansion, we are also going to fund a rapid response service across Wiltshire. The service will provide short-term, responsive and reactive interventions for people whose health suddenly deteriorates at home, making sure

they are safe and getting the support they need at home or in community settings to prevent further escalation or hospital admission.

In addition it can respond to a patient who has attended A&E or been seen by an ambulance crew to prevent emergency admission to hospital by providing care in the community setting. Patients should receive services within two hours in a crisis and a two-day referral for reablement care.

The service will be implemented in a phased approach initially boosting response capability within existing community services. The impact of Phase 1 will be reviewed by June 2020 in order to inform future phases of development.

### **New model for mental health services being developed**

We are finalising a new model for mental health services to deliver at pace revolutionary change to the community provision of support for people over 18 years of age across emotional wellbeing and mental illness.

The proposed new model has been co-created across the system, involving people with lived experience, third sector providers and the local authority, and will be based on a Primary Care Network geographical footprint. A total of £10.3million is available for BSW across three years to support delivery which will include investment in the third sector, primary care, community and secondary mental health provision.

We are currently awaiting approval of our plans and will update you further in coming months.



### Community Area Status Report for Amesbury

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

- I. To present to members a status report that summarises the key issues for the community area as a result of analysing local data and discussions with local stakeholders.
- II. To recommend that the Area Board endorses the report and agrees to consider what part it can play in addressing the issues. An action plan will follow this report.
- III. To share the findings to our partners and invite them to target resources & work with the Area Board in addressing the issues.

#### 2. Background

Every 3 to 4 years, Wiltshire Council's public health department, working with key partners and organisations, undertakes a thorough analysis of the data available in order to provide a summary of the current and future needs of people in Wiltshire. This information which is called the "Community Area Joint Strategic Assessment" (JSNA) is broken down to and presented around Wiltshire's 20 community areas.

Previously, the information has been used to help local communities in their prioritisation and decision making. A key feature of this has been a series of events to bring representatives of the local communities together so that they can be presented with a summary of the information and through discussion agree upon what should be the top local priorities to address.

In late 2019 and early 2020, the latest JSNA process was undertaken and a series of events were organised to take place from March 2020 onwards. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these had to be cancelled.

Although, the JSNA data was released in early summer 2020 and can be viewed on the <https://www.wiltshireintelligence.org.uk/> two questions remained. Firstly, how can the impact of COVID-19 upon our communities be captured and reflected in the key issues and priorities within our local area. Issues such as mental health, debt, employment, young people and many others have been adversely affected by the pandemic. Secondly, how can we enable the community to engage with this process and to feed in their own data, knowledge and experiences.

At the same time, the Wiltshire Community Resilience Group had been set up to oversee one of the 4 recovery strands. They were seeking to establish a better understanding of

the impact of COVID-19 and looked to the Area Boards to help gather local information and concerns.

As a result, it was agreed that each community area board would lead on the creation of a short “Community Area Status report” to capture and reflect what the main messages are from the local data and the community discussions. A template was produced by the Community Engagement Team and agreed by both the resilience group and the Area Board Chairs.

### 3. **Process**

Whilst each community area is different, and each status report will reflect this, there are elements that all have in common. These are:

- I. A record of local data that has been obtained – This information has been mainly obtained from the JSA data but also includes other sources to reflect changes since the pandemic began. These include consultation meetings in Amesbury and discussions with key partners.
- II. A record of those meetings with organisations and stakeholders where consultation has taken place. These include:
  - a. MOD engagement and welfare meeting
  - b. Youth activity providers
  - c. Town and Parish Councils
  - d. Amesbury interagency meetings
  - e. Area Board & Councillors
- III. A record of the key issues that have emerged.

The community engagement manager has led on this process and tried to be as inclusive and as comprehensive as possible including trying to capture specific concerns affecting BAME or minority groups. Despite this, it is recognised that this report is not an exhaustive summary of all the issues and everything that is happening. It is a work in progress and as new information is obtained and changes occur, the report can be updated in response. Individual or very local issues such as road junctions or a play area are not included in this report. There are alternative procedures in place to address these.

The overarching aim of this document is for Amesbury and its partners to add to our understanding of where improvement is required and see how with our communities, businesses and organisations we can start to address them. The report will also be link this to the work of Wiltshire Council, it’s partners and agencies, so that collaboratively we can tackle issues including those arising from Covid-19

### 4. **Next steps**

The status report has been produced by the area board but is intended as a resource for all those within the community area. No single organisation can or should be expected to do everything and sustained improvement will only be through all of us working together with the community taking the lead.



If the status report is adopted, the proposed next steps are:

- I. The area board to consider the report and produce for itself a work plan outlining which of the priorities it will focus upon and what it is able to do to help address them. Each action will have assigned to it clear outcomes and outputs. This decision will be influenced by factors including urgency, opportunity and resources.

This work plan to be brought back to a future Area Board meeting for agreement. It will subsequently be a standing item at future area board meetings utilising a traffic light system to offer a simple visual indicator to monitor progress.

- II. As many other groups and organisations as possible are to be encouraged to also consider the report and ask themselves where they can make a difference and what they can do to support local action.
- III. Where issues are common across multiple community areas, the area board team will collate these and look to see if it is better to address these collectively across multiple community areas. Where there seems to be a Wiltshire wide concern, a more strategic approach will be considered.

It is proposed that the Area Board will use its strategic influence and delegated powers to shape the delivery of local services and actions. It will also direct its delegated resources to facilitate and support community-led projects and local initiatives that specifically address the identified priority issues.

It is recognised that some issues will be easier to tackle than others and it is important to target areas where tangible outcomes and progress can be delivered. Successes should be celebrated and the contribution from volunteers recognised and valued.

## 5. Recommendations

- (1) That the Area Board approves and adopts the Community Status report
- (2) That the Area Board produces a rolling action plan including up to 5 priority actions at any one time to demonstrate where it will contribute to addressing the identified issues.
- (3) That the Area Board will prioritise its resources including funding upon those issues identified in the status report.
- (4) That the Area Board requests the Community Engagement Manager to work with key partners, agencies and community groups to encourage them to consider where they are best placed to take actions around the priorities identified.

- (5) That regular updates are submitted to the Area Board on progress made in relation to its own action plan.
- (6) That the Area Board expresses its thanks to those who gave their time to help bring this report together

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## Amesbury Community Area Status Report

### “What Matters in Amesbury”

#### Executive Summary

This paper captures the most up to date information about communities living in the Amesbury community area including data associated with the economy, environment, housing, education, health and wellbeing, community safety, transport and eventual recovery from Covid-19.

The Amesbury Community Area covers 314.22 km<sup>2</sup> of mainly rural countryside in the south-east of Wiltshire. There are a number of settlements, the largest and oldest being Amesbury itself situated on a hill overlooking the valley of the Salisbury Avon.

The area currently consists of Allington, Amesbury, Berwick St James, Bulford, Cholderton, Durnford, Durrington, Figheldean, Great Wishford, Idmiston, Milston, Newton Toney, Orcheston, Shrewton, Stapleford, Steeple Langford, Tilshead, Wilsford Cum Lake, Winterbourne, Winterbourne Stoke, Woodford and Wylke.

The villages of Bulford and Larkhill have a strong army presence and the community area is dotted with military sites. The army plays a key role in the area's economy and prosperity. Durrington, Larkhill, Bulford and Shrewton are the larger villages in the area.

62% of the population in Amesbury are of working age, this is higher than the Wiltshire average and is a reflection of the military presence across the community area and the type of economy which is predominantly MOD, professional, technical and scientific with some retail and hospitality.

Wiltshire does not have the levels of deprivation that some other areas of the country experience, with 70% of Local Authorities being more deprived than Wiltshire. Nevertheless, there are pockets of deprivation concentrated in geographical areas. This can be seen in the Amesbury community area, in particular in the Amesbury East North Central LSOA (Lower-Layer Super Output Area), which is amongst the 40% most deprived in the country.

A community survey undertaken early this year for the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) process, found the following top 5 priorities within the Amesbury community responses:

1. Anti-social behaviour and crime
2. Highway infrastructure and maintenance
3. Accessible, positive activities for all ages
4. Waste and recycling
5. Mental Health and wellbeing

The Amesbury area board sets local priorities every 3 years. This document will support this process over the next 6 months, in conversation with parish councils, community groups, schools, businesses and residents. It is vitally important that the issues summarised above, and the further detail below is used to inform how those priorities are reshaped, and even more importantly, how they are tackled along with our partners.

This status report is a dynamic document and will be amended according to feedback. All in Amesbury are encouraged to engage in this priority resetting process, and in helping us to collectively tackle these issues.

Many of the contributors to this report have suggested projects and initiatives to solve the issues raised, such as a Men's Shed, village celebrations or fayres for small businesses. In addition, there are hundreds of projects already operating across the community area which are tackling these issues, albeit in a slightly reduced way due to the pandemic. However, this report focusses on identifying the key issues. The production of an associated **action plan will take place at a later stage in the New Year.**

## Background and Context

The overarching aim of this document is for the Amesbury Area Board to understand how to support local responses from communities, businesses and organisations and link this to the work of Wiltshire Council, it's partners and agencies, so that collaboratively we can tackle issues including those arising from Covid-19.

The Amesbury community area has seen an incredible response to the COVID19 pandemic with volunteers leading the response and strategic partners working collaboratively to support our communities. Every person within the area has access to support from one of the many community groups that were set up, some of which are continuing to offer additional support.

As we now look ahead, this short document provides a summary of information that can be utilised to help inform the local community response. It brings together the differing data and information sources from across the community area that will help us to understand the state of our community and the impact of COVID-19. It also highlights communities that may have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic and it considers how the actions, projects and plans that are emerging will be collated and supported.

Over time this document will be regularly updated in response to changes, new information and actions undertaken.

Through a mutual exchange of support and facilitated dialogue since the start of the pandemic, town and parish councils and neighbourhood volunteers and Wiltshire Council continue to work together to rebuild our local communities. Whilst the impact

of COVID-19 is considerable, it is recognised that some local issues already existed and that these will need to be tackled as well.

Whilst it is natural to focus on the issues that require improvement, it is important to recognise and build on the positives that have arisen during the pandemic. These include the closer working between organisations, increased community cohesion, new volunteers and the wider use of the internet / social media.

## Community data and information

Local data is being collected from a range of sources to provide an overview of the current situation within our community. This is being combined with the outcomes of consultation and discussions on the impact of COVID-19 to inform the key issues emerging and where resources should be focussed.

- [JSNA local data sets](#) (collected in winter 2019)
- [JSNA 2020](#) – Demography and overarching indicators
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment October 2019 survey findings
- [Children and young people mental health needs Assessment](#)
- [Gypsy, traveller and boater populations health needs assessment Wiltshire](#)
- [Office for National Statistics](#)
- COVID19 support groups discussions – (April - July 2020)
- Amesbury Area Board discussions and with Councillors (ongoing)
- Consultation with Town and Parish Councils- (Nov & Dec 2020)
- Meeting of COVID19 support group leads (Nov 2020)
- Meeting with Amesbury Youth Forum (Nov 2020)

- Health and Wellbeing group meetings (every month ongoing)
- Amesbury Co-ordinating meeting (Dec 2020)
- Meetings with strategic partners (every month ongoing) (includes police, housing associations, care homes, Wiltshire Council colleagues, MOD, voluntary sector).
- Meeting with MOD (Nov 2020)
- Local survey to be undertaken with MOD on lived experience

Additional Partner organisation data:

- I. Business Community
- II. Link scheme data
- III. Wiltshire Money
- IV. Citizen's Advice Wiltshire
- V. Wiltshire Community Foundation
- VI. Town and Parish Council plans / Neighbourhood Plans
- VII. Carer Support Wiltshire
- VIII. Age UK
- IX. Alzheimer's Charities

## Additional local information and the impact of COVID-19

### Context

This section is a brief summary of some of the data and feedback that we have received to aid our understanding of where improvement is required and where and to whom the impact of COVID-19 has been felt the most. It is therefore important to read this with the following in mind:

- The Amesbury Community area is an excellent place to live and work. It is recognised that a tremendous amount of good work and substantial improvement has taken place over the past few years due to the dedication and hard work of so many within our community and the Amesbury Area Board wishes to thank everyone for their continued hard work to make the Amesbury area the best it can be for all.
- Some of the areas highlighted from the JSNA data where the Amesbury Community is not doing so well, needs to be looked at in the context of the findings. For example, Wiltshire is consistently one of the **safest**

counties in the country and there are no areas where there are significant safety concerns. Equally the variance between data in all community areas may not be of any great significance and the reality on the ground can seem at odds with data presented.

- Further investigation will be required with some of the data as they may not tell the whole story. Equally in some cases the most recent data available is a few years old. The report provides an indication of the issues but may not be the complete story.
- It needs to be recognised that due to COVID-19, some of the issues highlighted are not just a local problem but of concern nationwide. Debt and financial challenges are examples of this.

## **Economy**

- 62% of the population in Amesbury are of working age, this is higher than the Wiltshire average and is a reflection of the military presence across the community area and the type of economy which is predominantly MOD, professional, technical and scientific with some retail and hospitality.
- Amesbury has the highest percentage of people working within professional, technical and scientific jobs with 33.4% in this category (10.2% Wiltshire-wide).
- The Amesbury area sees 444 per 10,000 apprentices which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in Wiltshire – probably a reflection of the type of work available described above. This is most certainly a positive and it is hoped sustainable post COVID-19.
- The impact of COVID-19 on retail and hospitality in the area is uncertain as yet but there are likely to be casualties which will impact on the economy and potentially cause financial vulnerability. Some evidence for this is already appearing in the increased number of people contacting the Citizen’s Advice Bureaux from the area.
- The impact of COVID-19 to remote businesses is often underestimated as it is assumed that they are already set up from home working. However, issues around clients including uncertainty, orders being cancelled and an inability to pay for services have all had a substantial impact.
- Businesses have and continue to require support to ‘COVID proof’ themselves and adapt to new ways of working. In some cases that means transformation to home working whilst for others altering their offer or business environment
- Some businesses, particularly smaller ones, are looking for support in areas such as business transition and marketing. Advertising is also expensive and small businesses may not be able to afford it. Consultation with the business community has seen suggestions of business fayres to aid publicity.
- There are also some positives that have resulted from the pandemic. Many businesses have helped others by sharing their knowledge and

expertise. Not all support is financial and is required to come from central or local government. In addition, the pandemic has resulted in a level playing field with meetings taking place on Zoom rather than the boardroom. Consequently, businesses have grown in confidence to approach one another and work together. Some businesses have transitioned well adapting their offers to suit the new markets and their business needs and many small businesses, especially online, have been created.

- Businesses see the benefit of a Lifestyle Card and encouraging local shopping including on-line
- The Army basing programme means that many former MOD employees may be looking for civilian roles. This is also true of military wives. Spouses of serving personnel who are looking for employment have additional pressures around childcare and transport which can act as barriers to obtaining a job.
- Bulford and Larkhill, part of the Tidworth Garrison are also interested in supporting the families of serving personnel families to find employment.

## **Community Resilience**

- Before the current pandemic, anti-social behaviour was reported as slightly below the Wiltshire average (13 incidents per 1,000 people as opposed to 14 on average in Wiltshire). Similarly, hate crime and domestic abuse figures are slightly below the Wiltshire average. Reports from the police suggest that crime and anti-social behaviour has reduced in the Amesbury community area over the pandemic. There seems to be a perception within Amesbury that anti-social behaviour is more prevalent than the actual figures show. This may be due to sporadic and sometimes historic incidents around the town centre of Amesbury. Respondents in the recent JSNA survey chose anti-social behaviour as the top priority for the area.
- The MOD are refurbishing the community centre & community café in Bulford to be open for all and there is a new ICT suite at Larkhill. The MOD also wish to see their other facilities including sports pitches used by both military and civilian.
- Most village halls are not operating due to COVID restrictions, but it is expected that they will continue once restrictions are lifted.
- The leisure offer in Amesbury consists of Durrington swimming pool and Amesbury leisure centre, with many independent sports organisations. The leisure centre, along with the Redworth Centre is in need of refurbishment. A leisure review is in progress and will be included in this report in due course.
- Bus services within the community are generally considered good. Salisbury is the nearest rail station. The volunteer link scheme may need support including recruiting volunteers. The Amesbury Hoppa service is well used by the local community.
- The Pandemic has acted as a catalyst to remote working and meetings. Whilst there are many advantages of this, certain sectors of our



community are being excluded. The lack of a suitable laptop or tablet, access to affordable broadband, a fear or lack of understanding of how to use this technology all contribute to this. Those excluded are often the people who need support the most.

- The villages have all responded well to the pandemic and put support in place for residents. The Amesbury community hub had over 300 volunteers during the first lockdown and continue to offers help and support to vulnerable people.
- A strong theme that emerged from local conversations is that a fresh approach to volunteering may be required. Volunteers are vital for a resilient community, but they need to be valued, achievements celebrated, and opportunities offered that are appropriate to modern life. The MOD have also raised concerns that those serving who wish to volunteer are finding it difficult to do so.
- Amesbury community area has a relatively large BAME population and with the recent army rebasing programme, this has almost certainly increased. The largest group are the Nepalese. They are well organised an had their own COVID support group during the pandemic. Other BAME groups include Fijian, Ghanaian, Indian, African, and Rastafarian, particularly associated with the MOD.
- There are some health issues that affect BAME groups disproportionately. It is recognised that it is important for appropriate information and education that acknowledges cultural differences and overcomes language barriers especially amongst the more elderly residents.

## **Children, education and young people**

- Young people in the area face additional mental health difficulties which have been exacerbated through interruption to school and uncertainty about the future. A reduction in being able to meet up and attend regular activities has caused additional stress, loneliness and isolation. Parents of younger children have reported difficulties with behaviour. Families with children who have special needs have seen their support systems fall away during the crisis putting particular strain on them. The Amesbury area has 16% of pupils with Education and Health Care Plans (for special needs) opposed to 13% Wiltshire wide.
- The loss of teaching time, limitations on how they may operate, and lockdown of year groups has put added strain upon our local schools. The feedback received is that despite this they are managing well, attendance is good, and the measures put in place are working.
- The JSNA data suggests that educational attainment is slightly below the Wiltshire average. In 2019, the percentage of children who reached the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics at the end of primary school (Key Stage 2) was 62% in Amesbury and 64% in Wiltshire. Some schools have also reported a lack of ICT equipment to enable remote teaching.

- The Amesbury area has the 4<sup>th</sup> highest level of childhood obesity in Wiltshire.
- The area has the highest rate of hospital admissions for young people due to accidental injury.
- Some children and young people have been affected by the additional pressures that parents have been under during the pandemic such as financial challenges and strained parental relationships. Some parents of younger children have been reporting difficulties with behaviour.
- Activities for young people including clubs and organisations have largely been unable to operate for most of this year. It is hoped that most will be able to start up again, but it is acknowledged that this may not be possible where there are financial obstacles or where there is a shortage of volunteers.
- Many young people in the area have and are likely to continue to face challenges such as finding employment, poor mental health and access to positive activities.
- Youth activities have struggled to continue during the pandemic. Amesbury youth café have been offering outreach support and socially distanced initiatives to support vulnerable young people. The Elements café which runs a club for vulnerable young people had just started running when the second lockdown was announced. It will be up and running again soon, following government guidelines. Durrington youth club have been offering street-based youth work wherever possible.
- Amesbury Youth Forum was recently re-established and has agreed to meet 4 times a year to network, work together and share resources and ideas.
- Bulford Community Centre is being refurbished and will offer a venue for a community café and regular youth activities.
- Similarly, the Larkhill community is operating youth activities and plans to expand this in 2021.
- Sports and arts groups are also offering youth activities such as the Newbourne Players and Amesbury Rugby Club, along with guides and scouts.
- Amesbury leisure centre is in need of refurbishment and the Redworth Centre is currently closed and some groups are therefore unable to start up again.
- There remains a need for further youth activity provision in the town and surrounding villages.
- Many local charities are reporting that they are facing financial pressures alongside increased demand for their services. For example, the Portage service for vulnerable families with young children now has a long waiting list.
- **Health & well-being of older and vulnerable people**
- A high level of community support has been offered to those who have had to self-isolate, particularly from the parish councils and Covid Support groups. However, amongst older residents, the need to stay at home as much as possible has had a negative impact on mental health, and an

increase in loneliness, isolation and some depression. Those living with dementia have been one of the most vulnerable groups along with their Carers. Not everyone has been able to embrace digital solutions for keeping in touch or shopping and there is an increasing need to make sure everyone can access services and support remotely.

- The area has the second lowest number of older residents 65+ due to the military community in the area.
- The area has the second highest number of hospital admissions due to accidents.
- Mental Health – there is plenty of evidence that mental health difficulties are increasing across the board and particularly in some groups such as older people and younger people as discussed above. The area has slightly higher numbers of people with depression at 12%, compared to the Wiltshire average of 10%. During the Pandemic, those adults suffering from some form of depression or mental health issue has doubled nationally so it is likely to have increased within the community area. Younger people, women, poorer families and those already living with a disability are proportionately more at risk.
- Substance misuse – there is evidence that some people have turned to alcohol during this time and some have become dependent or addicted resulting in severe ill- health for a few people.
- Prior to the pandemic, there were numerous clubs and activities for older and vulnerable people in the Amesbury area. These included regular day activities, Carers Cafes, lunch clubs, day centres and lunch clubs including the Redworth club for people with a learning disability. Almost all of them were shut down and have not re-opened at the moment. There is a strong need and desire to begin to open these clubs and activities in a safe way as soon as possible.
- There is a particular need for activities that enable men to get out and about and to socialise within the community. There are reports of older men and not so old men feeling isolated and lonely with fewer activities on offer for them to attend.
- The two surgeries in Amesbury are particularly keen on the social prescribing model that treats people holistically and have managed to provide excellent service whilst also addressing current issues such as a drive through flu clinic and preparations for the COVID-19 vaccination.
- The practises are organising a team of specialists to address both health and wellbeing. These include social prescribers, pharmacy technicians and first contact physiotherapists who are beginning to work with other partners and the community to provide holistic care
- The area is well served by the foodbank operating from the community shop in the town centre, along with the pantry partnership.
- Gambling is a known issue amongst some in the armed forces where those serving in the army nationally are 8 times more likely to have a problem than civilians. For those struggling financially, there is a knock-on effect for their families including housing, mental health, employment and other issues.

- The Coronavirus crisis has put many carers under even greater pressure than before both mentally and physically. Many people do not even consider themselves as carers and are not receiving the support they need and are entitled to. Carers Support operate a project called “Courage to Care” that covers the Amesbury area and is aimed at identifying and supporting those carers in the services including their families.

These are some of the issues emerging within the 4 key themes and further detail is given in the table below. Issues include the top 5 identified priorities from the recent survey.

Possible Emerging Issue	Impact of COVID-19	Supporting evidence source
Anti-social behaviour given as the <b>top priority</b> in the Community Survey. Community Safety – cyber crime.	Perception of high levels of ASB which is not always borne out by the data. Cyber crime has increased.	JSNA 2020 Community survey Police Amesbury Youth Forum
Highway infrastructure and maintenance - identified as a the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> highest priority</b> .	Some backlog.	CAJSNA 2020 Community survey results
Positive activities for all age groups – identified as the <b>3<sup>rd</sup> highest priority</b> from the Community Survey	Evidence that activities have decreased for older people and younger people alike due to Covid-19. Likely to be a corresponding impact to mental health in some. Amesbury leisure centre is in need of refurbishment. Durrington pool is well used. The Redworth Centre is closed at the moment and was used by local groups. The Youth Forum is now re-established.	Amesbury Youth Forum Health and Wellbeing group Strategic partners
Environment – fly tipping can be an issue. Community area is a wildlife rich area due to Salisbury plain. Waste and recycling is the <b>4<sup>th</sup> highest priority</b> .	Likely increase in fly tipping due to restrictions on recycling centres	CAJSNA 2020 Community survey results JSNA 2020 data
Mental health issues are likely to be increasing. This is identified as the <b>5<sup>th</sup> highest priority</b> .	Deterioration in mental health caused by COVID including isolation and loneliness –	Data from local agencies. Discussions with Covid-19

	affects young people and older people disproportionately	volunteers, area board and parish councils
Support for older people and carers, including those with dementia.	Significant impact	Health and wellbeing meeting. Strategic Partners.
High hospital admissions (accidental, self-harm and alcohol related) amongst whole population and children.	Covid-19 is impacting upon mental health. Reports of increase in substance misuse, particularly alcohol.	JSNA 2020 data Barcroft Medical Centre.
Serious injury or death on the roads is higher than the Wiltshire average.	Uncertain impact as yet. Roads are less busy but driver behaviour may have changed.	JSNA 2020 data
Mortality rate from preventable illness is higher in Amesbury than the rest of Wiltshire.	Likely to have a significant impact	JSNA 2020 data
Slightly lower educational achievement in the area with a higher level of special educational needs than rest of Wiltshire	Disruption in education due to closures and isolation likely to have an impact. Impact on families with special educational needs documented.	JSNA 2020 data Amesbury Youth Forum Strategic partners.
Business support and Employment – 444 apprenticeships per 10,000 16+ year olds compared to 139 as Wiltshire average	Unemployment may be rising and some business are struggling. Possible that apprentices are down but this could be a strength to build on the higher numbers	JSNA 2020 data
Library use – Only 19% of residents are members compared to 34% as Wiltshire average	Libraries currently closed (Nov 20) Opportunities to explore as reopening commences as a core community service	JSNA 2020 data
Broadband Capacity / Digital Inclusion is a reported issue	Increased use but not all people can access it, whether because of connectivity weaknesses or because of financial/other barriers	Health and Wellbeing group Strategic partners

It is important that this is an inclusive process as possible with special attention to ensure that the villages and minority groups have equal opportunity to feed in and partake in this recovery work. However, it is recognised that some may choose not to engage, and that work will take place that is not captured in this document.

## How local actions can be supported

The local response within the Amesbury Community Area is one of co-production recognising that to rebuild our communities, it is important that we work together, sharing information and resources where appropriate.

The Area Board covers the whole community area and is responsible for this document. It links local delivery to Wiltshire Council, the Police, Public Health and other partners. It is an accountable body with influence and powers. It has its own funding to help support local initiatives. The Area Board will use this document to support local recovery and also encompass issues that were existing prior to COVID-19.

Wiltshire Council's thematic approach to the county's recovery is structured around the 4 themes discussed above and it will be helpful to use these as we progress our local recovery in Amesbury:

The Area Board, working with existing and new sub-groups, leads from parish councils, community groups and organisations, will carry out further investigation on the community issues, themes and priorities from the table at section 3 above, bringing together work currently happening and identifying gaps.

The Area Board will have updates of how this work is progressing as a standing item at its meetings.

## Next Steps

- I. This report will be considered for acceptance by Amesbury Area Board at its meeting on the 14<sup>h</sup> January 2021
- II. An Area Board work plan will be presented to the Area Board at a subsequent meeting and reviewed following local elections.
- III. The CEM will engage with partners and stakeholders so that they understand the report and can consider how they will play their part in responding
- IV. Updates will be a standard item at future area board meetings

# Wiltshire Council

<b>Report to</b>	Amesbury Area Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	14/01/2021
<b>Title of Report</b>	Community Area Grant funding

**Purpose of the report:**

To consider the application for funding listed below and note the applications that have been awarded under delegated authority.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<b>Applicant:</b> Figheldean Parish Council <b>Project Title:</b> Helping the Vulnerable <b>AWARDED via delegated authority – to note</b> Health and Wellbeing grant <a href="#">View full application</a>	£300.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Winterbourne Stoke Village Preservation Society <b>Project Title:</b> Elderly Parishioner Welfare Package <b>AWARDED via delegated authority – to note</b> Health and Wellbeing grant <a href="#">View full application</a>	£313.30
<b>Applicant:</b> Durrington Over Sixties <b>Project Title:</b> Durrington Over Sixties Post Covid Celebration <b>AWARDED via delegated authority – to note</b> Health and Wellbeing grant <a href="#">View full application</a>	£300.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Durrington and District Day Centre <b>Project Title:</b> Gifts for members at Christmas <b>AWARDED via delegated authority – to note</b> Health and Wellbeing grant <a href="#">View full application</a>	£300.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Shrewton Cricket Club <b>Project Title:</b> Shrewton Cricket Club Ride on Outfield Triple Mower <a href="#">View full application</a>	£1500.00

## 1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance](#)

[The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

## 2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2020/21 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.

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

2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

## 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

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

The budget is as follows:

<i>Main Grants: Area Board Budget</i>	<b>£52,834.00</b>
<i>Roll forward</i>	<b>£0.00</b>
<i>Awarded</i>	<b>£15,944</b>
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>£36,890</b>

If funds are awarded today, the balance in the main capital grants will be **£35,390**.

<i>Health and Wellbeing Area Board</i>	
<i>Budget</i>	<b>£7,700.00</b>
<i>Roll forward</i>	<b>£0.00</b>
<i>Awarded</i>	<b>£5,313</b>
<i>Reallocated</i>	<b>£2,000</b>
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>£4,387</b>

## 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.

## 9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3952</a>	Figcheldean Parish Council	Helping the Vulnerable	£300.00
<b>Project Description:</b> In the first lock down we set up a community shop so we know which families within our parish needed our help we would like to do the same again for Christmas to bring some Christmas Cheer to these vulnerable families			
<b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b> Awarded via delegated authority. Small Health and Wellbeing grant.			
<b>Proposal</b> That the Area Board notes this award.			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3965</a>	Winterbourne Stoke Village Preservation Society	Elderly Parishioner Welfare Package	£313.30
<b>Project Description:</b> We have secured a grant from the Parish Council to arrange for Santa to visit the children in the village and we would also like to bring a little Christmas cheer to the elderly in our village by giving them a little bundle of warming Christmas themed treats.			
<b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b> Awarded via delegated authority. Small Health and Wellbeing grant			
<b>Proposal</b> That the Area Board notes this award.			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3959</a>	Durrington Over Sixties	Durrington Over Sixties Post Covid Celebration	£300.00
<b>Project Description:</b> To bring together our Members currently 39 in number from the Durrington			

Amesbury and Bulford area to share a meal hopefully in the early months of 2021 when government ruling allows. We have not been able to meet during the last 9 months and although we have kept in touch via the telephone and a newsheet during this time we feel it important to jump start our socializing again once we are allowed to. Normally we fund raise throughout the year and provide our members with a Christmas lunch and subsidized coach outings but obviously have been unable to do so this year so thought that a get together celebratory meal would bond everyone together again helping to alleviate the loneliness or isolation they may have been suffering from.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

Awarded via delegated authority. Small Health and Wellbeing grant

**Proposal**

That the Area Board notes this award.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3966</a>	Durrington and District Day Centre	Gifts for members at Christmas	£300.00

**Project Description:**

We are aiming to give our members at Christmas a gift to show that they are not forgotten during the pandemic where we have not been able to meet since March.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

Awarded via delegated authority. Small Health and Wellbeing grant

**Proposal**

That the Area Board notes this award.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3972</a>	Shrewton Cricket Club	Shrewton Cricket Club Ride on Outfield Triple Mower	£1500.00

**Project Description:**

Purchase of a Ride on outfield triple mower required for the new cricket ground to cut and maintain the grass on the new outfield

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

This club and grounds are important community assets for the village of Shrewton and supports all ages to keep active and healthy.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

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

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# Wiltshire Council

Report to	Amesbury
Date of Meeting	14/01/2021
Title of Report	Community Youth Activities Grants

## 1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Amesbury Area Board.

Application	Grant Amount	
<b>Applicant:</b> Army Welfare Service <b>Project Title:</b> School Holiday Activities and Trips	£2000.00	
<b>Total grant amount requested at this meeting</b>	£2000.00	
<i>Youth Activities Area Board Budget</i>	<b>£22,322.00</b>	
<i>Roll forward</i>	<b>£0.00</b>	
<i>Awarded</i>	<b>£4,565</b>	
<b>Balance :</b>	<b>£17,757.00</b>	
<b>(£15,757 if application awarded)</b>		

## 2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2020/21 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

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

Community Youth Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

### 3. The applications

<p><b>Applicant:</b> Army Welfare Service  <b>Project Title:</b> School Holiday Activities and Trips</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board:          £2000.00</p>	
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2020/21</p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b> In 2021 Army Welfare Service opens <b>Bulford Youth Club</b> with funding for equipment already secured we would like to be able to offer the YP who attend <b>military and civilian</b> the opportunity to take part in activities within the school holidays with little or no cost at all. Transport will always be provided free through the MOD depending on the COVID rules at the time. We always provide a range of activities during the holidays where parents can drop off and allow their children to enjoy new activities with their peers. A wide range will be provided inclusive to all.</p> <p><b>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:</b> By opening our doors to both military and civilian children we aim to improve community integration between the two populations of Young People who live within the area. As per Community Area Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for 2019/2020 the funding will allow opportunity for accessible positive activities and opportunities out of school term for ages 13 - 19 year olds organised and delivered by qualified youth workers and DBS cleared volunteers. By providing activities in school holidays we will reduce the amount of screen time young people have and it will promote new friendships to be build as well as improving mental health and well being. I work closely with Pippa from Wiltshire Police to identify those who come to their attention within our area and will target these group of young people to encourage engagement in positive activities in order to reduce anti social behaviour in and around Bulford. Pupils from Avon Valley Secondary School and Stonehenge Secondary School took part in our consultation project during 2019 and from that the Youth Club equipment has been purchased from their wants and needs and activities will be offered inside and outside the school term as they have stated this is a need in their area. For each trip or activity we hope to enrol between 10 - 20 Young People.</p> <p><b>CEM input:</b> The Army Welfare service is part of our newly launched Amesbury Youth Forum and we are all working together to provide youth activities to young people across the area, civilian and military.</p>		
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