

AGENDA

Meeting: Stonehenge Area Board
Place: Figheldean Village Hall, Pollen Ln, Figheldean, Salisbury SP4 8JR
Date: Wednesday 13 December 2023
Time: 6.30 pm

Including the Parishes of: Amesbury, Berwick St James, Bulford, Durnford, Durrington, Enford, Figheldean, Fittleton cum Haxton, Great Wishford, Milston, Netheravon, Orcheston, Shrewton, South Newton, Stapleford, Tilshead, Wilsford cum Lake, Winterbourne Stoke, Woodford

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Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Graham Wright, Durrington (Chairman)
Cllr Robert Yuill, Amesbury South (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Avon Valley
Cllr Kevin Daley, Till Valley
Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Amesbury West
Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Amesbury East and Bulford

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Items to be considered		Time
	<u>Welcome and Introductions</u>	6.30pm
	To welcome those present to the meeting.	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	To receive any apologies for the meeting	
2	Minutes (Pages 1 - 12)	
	To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2023.	
3	Declarations of Interest	
	To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.	
4	Chairman's Announcements / Information Items (Pages 13 - 78)	6.35pm
	The Board is asked to note the following Information items:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSW Together (Integrated Care System) update • Healthwatch Wiltshire update • Community First update • Wiltshire Age UK update • Archaeology Service Annual Newsletter 2023 • Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site updates - Home page of Stonehenge & Avebury WHS (stonehengeandaveburywhs.org) • Independent Visitor Scheme Update • Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Report 2022-23 • Cost of Living update 	
5	Open Floor - including updates from Partners and Town/Parish Councils	6.45pm
	Open floor session with updates from partners, parishes and free flow discussion.	
	<u>Verbal Updates</u>	
	To receive any verbal updates from representatives, including:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Police • DWFRS • Town and Parish Councils 	
6	Stonehenge Area Board Priorities	7.05pm
	To receive updates from lead councillors for the local Area Board priorities (where not covered by other agenda items).	

The Stonehenge Area Board Priorities are:

- Supporting health and wellbeing (Cllr Monica Devendran)
- Supporting young people (Cllr Mark Verbinnen)
- Our environment (Cllr Rob Yuill & Cllr Kevin Daley)
- Parish engagement (Cllr Graham Wright & Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling)
- Addressing social and economic deprivation (covered over all priorities / All Cllrs)

7 **Community Area Grants** (Pages 79 - 84)

7.25pm

To determine the applications for Community Area Grant funding.

Remaining Budgets:

Community Area Grant
£18,357

Community Area Grants:

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1457	Area Board Initiative	Stonehenge area Board	Amesbury Health and Wellbeing Group Christmas Concert	£500.00	£500.00
ABG1458	Area Board Initiative	Stonehenge area Board	Rural Youth Outreach Project	£10000.00	£5000.00
ABG1353	Community Area Grant	Tilshead Village Hall and Playing Field Committee	Zip Wire Tilshead Playing Field	£18784.00	£5000.00
ABG1386	Community Area Grant	Figeldean Village Community Events	Figeldean Parish History Project	£3221.72	£1610.86
ABG1402	Community Area Grant	Figeldean Working Mens Club	FWMC Accessible Toilet and Baby Change Facility Project	£4590.45	£2295.22
ABG1450	Community Area Grant	Amesbury history centre	Education at Amesbury History Centre	£5120.00	£2560.00
ABG1451	Community Area Grant	Netheravon Working Mens Club	Installation of disabled toilet	£5500.00	£2750.00
ABG1453	Community Area Grant	Amesbury Bowls Club	Amesbury Bowls Club Purchase of a New Mower	£11910.00	£5000.00

Delegated Funding

The Board is asked to note any funding awards made under the Delegated Funding Process, by the Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager, between meetings due to matters of urgency:

- [ABG959](#) – AB Initiative, Cost of Living, Support Flyer - £500 (Older & Vulnerable budget)

8 Positive Activities for Young People

8.00pm

To receive an update on youth activities and consider any applications for youth grants.

Remaining Budget:

Young People
£12,414

Young People Grants:

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1373	Youth Grant	Durrington Town Council	Durrington Youth Services	£18620.00	£5000.00

9 Health & Wellbeing Group

8.10pm

To receive an update on the Health and Wellbeing group and consider any applications for Older and Vulnerable Adults grants.

Remaining Budgets:

Older & Vulnerable
£5,700

Older & Vulnerable Grants:

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1142	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Shrewton Paths Project	Shrewton Footpath Guide	£2000.00	£1000.00
ABG1462	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	The Durrington and District Day Centre for the elderly	Durrington Day Centre for older residents lunch club	£2000.00	£1000.00

10 Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) (Pages 85 - 110)

8.20pm

To note the minutes and consider any recommendations arising from the last LHFIG meeting held on 15 November 2023, as set out in the attached report.

Further information on the LHFIG process can be found [here](#).

Close and Future Dates

8.30pm

Future Meeting Dates (6.30pm to 8.30pm):

- 29 February 2023 - Antrobus House, 39 Salisbury Rd, Amesbury, Salisbury SP4 7HH

For information on applying for a grant or grant application deadlines for these meetings, contact the Area Board Delivery Officer, karlene.jammeh@wiltshire.gov.uk

MINUTES

Meeting: Stonehenge Area Board
Place: Phoenix Hall, High St, Netheravon, Salisbury SP4 9PJ
Date: 14 September 2023
Start Time: 6.30 pm
Finish Time: 8.10 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Graham Wright (Chairman), Cllr Robert Yuill (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran and Cllr Mark Verbinnen

Wiltshire Council Officers

Graeme Morrison – Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager
Tara Hunt – Senior Democratic Services Officer
Dominic Argar – Assistant Multimedia Technician

Partners

Police and Crime Commissioner – Philip Wilkinson (OBE)
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner – John Derryman (Head of Strategy, Performance and Oversight)
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – District Commander Mark Hillier

Total in attendance: 30

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
31	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>There were no apologies for absence. However, it was noted that Cllr Kevin Daley may be slightly late, due to a parish council meeting clash.</p>
32	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were presented.</p> <p>It was;</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
33	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
34	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements / Information items</u></p> <p>The Chairman referred the meeting to the information items within the agenda pack.</p> <p>In addition, the Chairman stated that further details on the Wiltshire Local Plan Review would be given later in the meeting.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Chairman announced that the Older People and Vulnerable Adults grants would be taken early, following the Chairman's announcements.</p> <p>The Chairman gave details regarding an event he had attended that morning, at the Gul equine assisted and outdoor therapy centre in Shrewton. The Chairman had been present to represent the Area Board, and the Dutches of Edinburgh had also attended the centre to view the work undertaken there. The Dutches had been very friendly to staff, attendees and volunteers and had even recognised one of the late Queen Elizabeth's old horses who now resided there.</p>
35	<p><u>Open Floor - including updates from Partners and Town/Parish Councils</u></p> <p>The Board received the following verbal updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS). District Commander Mark Hillier was in attendance to represent the DWFRS rather than Station Manager Chris Wood as stated on the agenda. The DWFRS written update could be found in agenda

supplement 1. The service undertook a lot of work on prevention, particularly aimed at those considered most at risk. This was mainly undertaken through their Safe and Well visits. Anyone interested in fire safety should get in touch and further details could be found at <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits/>. The service was also undertaking business fire safety checks.

Recruitment was ongoing, further details could be found at <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/>.

Building works were underway at Amesbury Fire Station. The station would soon be fully crewed during the day, and on call fire fighters would cover the night.

Incidents with E-bikes and E-scooters were highlighted, in relation to risks with the batteries failing or 'exploding' when being charged, which could rapidly lead to a fire. The advice was to not leave them charging unattended, particularly overnight. Full details could be found here: <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safety-at-home/causes-of-fires/e-bikes-and-e-scooters/>.

The representative also announced that very sadly one of the Amesbury fire fighters, Dean Hardy, had passed away suddenly at his home in August. The entire service was shocked and saddened, and thoughts went out to his family.

Incidents of interest were stated to include a large fire in flats in Sandell Place in Amesbury and a collision on the A303 were very sadly an 11 year old boy lost his life.

In response to questions regarding the recent fire at Sandell Place, the representative stated that the fire was being treated as deliberate and started in a rubbish heap. However, the investigation was ongoing and therefore he could not comment further on the matter.

- **Wiltshire Police – Inspector Ricky Lee**

Inspector Lee had been unable to attend so there was no update from the police, other than the written update in the agenda pack.

- **Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner – Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson (OBE)**

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) gave an update regarding where the force were in terms of getting out of special measures and the 'engage' process, and on the [Police and Crime Plan](#) which he produced 2 years ago based on the concerns of residents. The PCC's role was to hold the Police Constable to account.

The PCC detailed how, when he was elected, the force contained some

great police officers, however it had been led by Committee, with around 40 boards. He was very robust in his challenges in terms of the huge improvements needed. Then, His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS), Police Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy (PEEL) inspection took place, the results of which led to the force being put into special measures, reinforcing his observations and enabling him to push harder for improvements. The PCC stated that he would never stop pushing for improvement, even when the force came out of the engage process. It was thought that in March 2024 the force would be rated 'adequate' and he would continue to push for improvements until the force was rated 'outstanding'.

Under the first priority of the Police and Crime Plan: 'A police service that meets the needs of its communities', the PCC was working on engaging with the community and on improving the contact centre response, in particular the response to 101 calls. Two new mobile police stations had been acquired, bring the total to four. The PCC hoped to see these make regular appearances at town and village locations. The Chief Constable was revising the shift pattern for officers, reducing bureaucracy and introducing new technology, so that officers could spend more time investigating crimes.

Under the second priority 'Reduce violence and serious harm', the PCC stated that he had collaborated with other South West police forces to address county lines drug dealing. 'Operation Scorpion' had been underway for two years and tackled drug related crime. Wiltshire Police was now the top force in the country when it came to county lines disruption. Also under this priority were rape and serious sexual offences. Wiltshire Police had previously had the lowest successful outcome rate in the UK for these offences (approximately 2%). They were now in the top quarter, however this still only equated to 11% successful outcomes, so he would work further to improve this.

Under the third priority 'Tackle crimes that matter most to local communities', a lot of work had been undertaken regarding Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). Extra funds had been acquired from government to help tackle this. When there was a spike in ASB in an area, the PCC would convene local stakeholders who would all work together to tackle not just the symptoms but also the causes of ASB. ASB was down by 48%. Rural crime was another important issue. The number of officers in the rural crime team had been increased, and they now had infra-red night vision equipment and drones. 'Operation Ragwort' had been underway and addressed serious rural crime by organised crime gangs. The PCC wanted the police to be proactive and a new intelligence structure was being set up, using the skills the PCC had used in the military to tackle terrorism.

The fourth priority was 'Improve the experience of victims and deliver

justice'. A lot of money had been put into this, in particular to support the victims of rape and serious sexual offences through the criminal justice process. Likewise, the work to improve the contact centre would help to improve experiences, but there was still a lot of work to do.

A question was asked regarding gypsy/traveller illegal encampments, and why those from the encampment who were known to be committing crimes were not arrested, and why they were not prosecuted over the mess left behind at these sites. In response the PCC stated that he felt those committing crimes should be arrested, and he was trying to implement cultural change within the force so that they were more proactive. He also noted regarding the mess left behind, that Wiltshire Council could enforce for fly tipping.

A question was asked regarding the planning application submitted for the new police station at High Post, as it was for a three storey building which would be visible from Old Sarum and there was a large amount of local objection to the proposal. The PCC responded that they were perusing four different options for the police station. He would not close down any option at this time. All of the sites were facing more and more complex issues. The PCC stated that everyone wanted a police station in the south of the county, but no one wanted it to be near them. The site at High Post would go through the planning process, which was a democratic legal process.

- **Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner – John Derryman (Head of Strategy, Performance and Oversight)**

Mr Derryman explained that he undertook a lot of work on Community Speed Watch (CSW). Across Wiltshire and Swindon there were over 100 CSW teams with over 1000 volunteers. They wanted to make better use of the data collected by Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). They were the first police force in the UK to accept data from SIDs into their system. There had been around 117 submissions since July with over 5 million journeys logged. That data was then analysed to identify hot spots so that targeted enforcement could take place. Data regarding enforcement could be seen on the PCC website: <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/your-pcc/campaigns/road-safety/> and local data could be seen on page 65 of the agenda pack. Mr Derryman thanked everyone involved and encouraged any parishes with a SID that was not registered, to get it registered. A Road Safety Partnership Manager had recently been recruited who would help to strengthen the use of data.

A member of the audience highlighted that speed and safety assessments had taken place in their villages, which sometimes gave inaccurate results regarding the number of accidents, as only accidents where someone was injured were recorded. This was felt to be a problem and that all accidents should be included.

	<p>Mr Derryman stated that the Road Safety Partnership Manager role would hopefully improve this. They were aiming to get to a point where on the website, you could put in a postcode and it would tell you about accidents, enforcement and the safety profile for that postcode. Data was collected from the police, fire service and ambulance service, but it was acknowledged that better data was required, which needed to be available more quickly and be available online for residents to view.</p> <p>An audience member queried which were the best SIDs, as some were now available where you could download the data via Bluetooth, and whether advice could be given regarding that. Mr Derryman stated that any SID from which you could download data was good. The EVOLIS SIDs seemed to be most compatible with the police systems. Data needed to be downloaded in csv files. However, it was noted that other SIDs were available.</p> <p>In response to questions about the placement of SIDs, it was explained that they would check the placement of a SID prior to accepting data from it. If a SID was placed too close to where a speed limit changed, for example where a 60mph limit goes to a 30mph limit, then it may pick up people outside of the 30mph limit and it would seem that they were speeding, when they were not. This would essentially give false data. Hence the location checks that took place to ensure they were placed correctly, and that data fed into the system was sound and accurate.</p> <p>The PCC highlighted that they did not want to penalise motorists but wanted to deter them from speeding. It was hoped the effect of robust enforcement was that people would be deterred from speeding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town and Parish Councils There were no updates.
36	<p><u>Stonehenge Area Board Priorities</u></p> <p>Our environment</p> <p>Cllr Graham Wright gave an update on the Wiltshire Climate Strategy, which was adopted in February 2022.</p> <p>The council were on the path to carbon neutral (net zero) and would try to achieve this by 2030.</p> <p><u>Transport</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council had installed 10 replacement and 6 brand new Electric Vehicle (EV) charge points. Most of the fast-charging units would be replaced by mid-2023. • Town and Parish Councils had applied for grant funding to install public EV charging infrastructure in their communities.

Sustrans and Wiltshire Council Schools Project.

- These helped to explore transport and climate change and helped schools to develop an Active Travel Plan.
- A toolkit for all Wiltshire schools had been available since July.
- A film had been created by Sustrans and school students.

Climate Action Planning for local councils

- Several events had taken place, including a workshop on 27 March 2023, and a follow up event on 17 May 2023.
- An ongoing network was being developed to share learning and progress. Communication was key.

Solar Together

- The Solar Together scheme was highlighted with approximately 700 installations in 2022.
- Residents, community organisations and businesses could sign up to by solar panels, the volume of customers would lead to a bulk buy discount for all.
- Another Solar Together scheme had been launched in June 2023.

Attendees were encouraged to look at the Wiltshire Council climate webpages for further information <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/climate-change>.

Community Engagement

Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling gave an update on how the board was engaging with the community, in particular in relation to the Wiltshire Local Plan Review consultation.

It was explained that the Local Plan was a document which governed all decisions related to planning. It was a large document which contained numerous policies. Cllr Blair-Pilling suggested that anyone with an interest in housing, protecting the environment, biodiversity and many more housing related issues should look at the draft Local Plan. It was a vitally important policy document which would shape Wiltshire's future for 15 years to come. Wiltshire Council would soon be consulting on the draft Local Plan. The consultation would open on Wednesday 27 September 2023 and run to Wednesday 22 November 2023. The council was holding various drop in events and a webinar (see pages 43 – 45 of the agenda for details) and there was information available on the website: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/8037/The-Local-Plan-review>.

As part of their community engagement, the Area Board also wanted to hold presentation events for people in the area. Cllrs could explain in detail what the process was, what the plan consists of and to highlight principal themes such as affordable housing and biodiversity. It was noted that the event would not be a debate, as this was not the time to express views, that was what the

	<p>consultation was for. However, it would help to ensure that everyone had an understanding of the plan and the process involved. Cllrs advocated that as many people as possible attended and then take part in the consultation in order to ensure their views were heard.</p> <p>Two events would be held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 4 October 2023, 7pm, Durrington Jubilee Pavilion, Recreation Road SP4 8HH • Wednesday 11 October 2023, 7pm, Durrington Jubilee Pavilion, Recreation Road SP4 8HH <p>Cllr Wright would send an email out to parishes personally inviting them.</p>
37	<p><u>Supporting Young People</u></p> <p>Cllr Mark Verbinnen gave an update as Area Board lead on supporting young people.</p> <p>A LYN meeting had been held on 7 September 2023, which was well attended, and a good discussion was had about activities local youth groups had undertaken over the summer.</p> <p>Prior to the summer holidays an event had been held at the Avon Valley Academy, where the Red Devils (British Army Parachute Display Team) parachuted in, this was really successful and enjoyed by all. Whilst there the children were surveyed on what they wanted, and the results of the surveys would be analysed.</p> <p>There were no applications for youth grant funding, so Cllr Verbinnen encouraged youth groups to apply for funding.</p> <p>Cllr Wright also detailed a free, fun event, for children aged 11 and over, which would be taking place on Tuesday 10 October 2023, from 5pm to 8pm at the Durrington Recreation Ground. The event would include Zorb's, cooking, henna tattoos, sports, arts and crafts, with free hot dogs and drinks.</p>
38	<p><u>Health & Wellbeing Group</u></p> <p>Cllr Monica Devendran, as the Area Board Health and Wellbeing lead gave an update to the meeting.</p> <p>The next Health and Wellbeing group meeting would take place on 28 September.</p> <p>The group were also hoping to hold another Christmas Concert in partnership with Celebrating Age. Last years event had been very successful and details for this years event would be available soon. Depending on demand it was possible that 2 events would be held.</p>

	<p>Cllr Devendran introduced the applications for Older People and Vulnerable Adults Grants (these were taken earlier in the meeting after Chairman’s announcements).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silver Salisbury Group, Silver Stonehenge intergenerational reminiscence project requested £500.00. <p>Irene Kholer of Silver Salisbury, spoke in support of the application.</p> <p>Cllr Monica Devendran proposed that the grant be awarded in full, this was seconded by Cllr Robert Yuill.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Silver Salisbury Group was awarded £500.00 towards their Silver Stonehenge intergenerational reminiscence project.</p> <p><i>Reason - The application met the Older People and Vulnerable Adults Grants Criteria 2023/24.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Music Centre, Celebrating Age project, requested £1,500.00. <p>Rebecca Seymour of Celebrating Age Wiltshire, spoke in support of the application.</p> <p>Cllr Monica Devendran proposed that the grant be awarded in full, this was seconded by Cllr Graham Wright.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Wiltshire Music Centre was awarded £1,500.00 towards their Celebrating Age project.</p> <p><i>Reason - The application met the Older People and Vulnerable Adults Grants Criteria 2023/24.</i></p>
39	<p><u>Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p>The Board considered the report and funding recommendations arising from the last LHFIG meeting held on 16 August 2023.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr Graham Wright, seconded by Cllr Monica Devendran, it was;</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To note the discussions of the Stonehenge LHFIG meeting held on 16 August 2023.</p> <p>To approve the LHFIG funding recommendations to the following</p>

	<p>schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-22-14 Amesbury Salisbury Street signage review, £0 • 1-23-2 Beverley Hills Park entrance dropped kerbs Amesbury, £2275 • 1-23-3 Stonehenge Road Amesbury SLA, £2175 • 1-23-4 Holders Road Amesbury school signs £750 • 1-23-5 Trinity grain LTD Shrewton Signs £0 • Batch 002 Waiting restrictions batch 2023/2024 £7000 • 1-23-7 Kilford Close Streetname plates Amesbury £1125 • 1-22-16 Figheledean sign and lining improvements £2175 • 1-23-15 Pedestrian crossing assessment Larkhill £2175 <p>Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling gave an update on the speed limit trial that would take place in Netheravon. A speed assessment had been undertaken, as residents wanted the speed limit reduced from 50mph to 40mph. The response from experts stated that people do not slow down when speed limits are reduced, and this was one of the reasons why the change was refused. The Netheravon Parish Clerk questioned this and with the support of Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling it had been arranged that Netheravon would undertake a trial reduction in speed limit from 50mph to 40mph. This would be monitored for a year to see if it was effective. The Transport Regulation Orders had been completed and the new 40mph signage would be installed hopefully in the first week of November. In order to monitor the trial, there was a new Community Speed Watch (CSW) team in Netheravon. Three Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) had been purchased and would be installed when the correct positions were identified. The data from these would be downloaded. The police would also undertake some speed checks. Netheravon Parish Council were keen to support the trial and Cllrs would follow the trial with interest.</p>
40	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>Cllr Robert Yuill introduced the Community Area Grant applications. The Board noted the budgets remaining for allocation at the meeting and heard from representatives in attendance who gave a brief overview of their project followed by any questions or comments by the Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Transport South Wiltshire, Amesbury HOPPA Community Bus Engine Replacement, £2,500. <p>A representative from Community Transport South Wiltshire spoke in support of their application.</p> <p>Cllr Yuill commented that the service was very well regarded.</p> <p>Cllr Yuill proposed that the grant be awarded in full, this was seconded by Cllr Graham Wright.</p> <p><u>Decision</u></p>

Community Transport South Wiltshire was awarded £2,500 towards Amesbury HOPPA Community Bus Engine Replacement.

Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24

- The South Newton and Stoford Community Speed Watch (CSW) Team, purchase of Speed Indicator Device, £1,404.

Steve Black, co-ordinator of the CSW team spoke in support of the application.

Cllr Yuill, seconded by Cllr Kevin Daley, proposed that the grant be awarded in full.

Decision

The South Newton and Stoford Community Speed Watch (CSW) Team was awarded £1,404 towards the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device.

Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24

- Woodford Village Hall, installation of infra-red heaters in Woodford Village Hall, £1,320.

Graham Parks, the building manager, spoke in support of the application.

Cllrs queried whether the hall was affiliated with the Parish Council. It was explained that although the Parish Council used the hall on occasion, they were a separate organisation and therefore were not affiliated.

Cllr Yuill, seconded by Cllr Wright, proposed that the grant be awarded in full.

Decision

Woodford Village Hall was awarded £1,320 towards the installation of infra-red heaters on Woodford Village Hall.

Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24

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Update for Wiltshire Area Boards

October 2023

Winter Planning

As our health and care system continues to experience unrelenting demand challenges and operational pressures, we are continuing to work with our partners to deliver existing demand management and capacity improvement plans.

We are monitoring the impact of these plans at both a System and Place level and will take the learning into the development of our plans for the coming winter.

Operationally there continues to be significant joint working in the locality under our Home is Best programme of work which supports patients to remain at home, aims to reduce our reliance on bed-based care and improve patient outcomes and experience.

This approach helps to enable us operationally to manage the system challenges and pressures and, together, we continue to maintain a good flow of people from our acute hospitals to community settings or home.

Working in partnership across health and social care, we are on track to deliver our plans to deliver against targets including reducing the number of the non-criteria to reside in our acutes - currently maintaining a position below our trajectory of 30, significantly reducing our number of discharge to assess beds by 40 per cent, we are currently at 31, exceeding our target of 36.

We have also continued to increase our use of virtual wards - a flagship BSW scheme. A key focus for the coming months is on increasing referrals to the Virtual Ward step-up model through continuing to raise the profile of service.

We will work through the implications of pressures being relieved in one part of the system with pressure then arising in another part of the system. We have key workstreams in place to work through this jointly.

Community Investment Fund

Good progress has been made with our Community Investment Fund. BSW ICB has been working with five BaNES-based third sector organisations and has awarded grants to Southside Hardship Fund, Julian House, Citizens Advice Bureau, Age UK and West of England Rural Network.

These grants will help some of our most vulnerable communities with cost-of-living support, food and clothing and warm home grants.

This is a key part of our strategy on health inequalities and a demonstrable example of how BSW ICB is working directly with our communities at a local level.

Autistic people tell of their struggles to find mental health support

Autistic people, and their families and carers, have told us of their desperation and frustration at not being able to get support they need for their mental health.

People said they felt isolated and misunderstood, falling between the gaps in services which aren't designed to meet their needs and where staff lack training and awareness to support them.

These are the stark findings of our work hearing the experiences of autistic people, and their carers, who have accessed mental health services in Wiltshire in the last three years.

In a joint project with Wiltshire Service Users' Network (WSUN), which runs the Wiltshire Autism Hub, we listened to feedback from more than 50 people to understand what is good and what could be better about local mental health services.

What did people tell us?

- Most people went to their GPs first to get help, but faced a long wait to be referred on to other services. Some said they could not get any support at all.
- Autistic people did not find services helpful. They didn't think talking therapies were suitable for them and sometimes made symptoms worse.
- Mental health staff lack training, awareness and understanding of autism. Sometimes this has resulted in misdiagnosis and inappropriate treatment, or no support.
- Thresholds for getting mental health help are very high or inappropriate for autistic people.
- Some people said they had used expensive private consultants or therapists in an attempt to get help.
- Carers said the Child and Adolescent Mental

Health Service (CAMHS) was overwhelmed and the waiting times very long.

- Waiting times for an autism diagnosis were seen as unacceptable, with little support or guidance post diagnosis.
- Communication difficulties, coupled with a lack of flexibility from services – such as only offering phone calls rather than face to face appointments – creates a barrier for autistic people to be able to access help.

Stacey Sims, Healthwatch Wiltshire Manager, said: "It is clear that autistic people and their carers have struggled to access support for their mental health in Wiltshire, and this has had a serious impact on them and their families.

"I want to thank everyone who took part for the experiences they've shared with us, and for suggesting ways to improve local services. We'll be monitoring how these services are developed in the future so they can better support autistic people, and those who care for them."

Louise Rendle, CEO of WSUN, said: "Research has shown that autistic people are much more likely to have anxiety, depression, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) and eating disorders than non-autistic people. This report highlights how important it is that mental health services have specially trained staff with awareness in autism.

"Adaptable services that provide reasonable adjustments will help ensure that autistic people and their families have equal access to high quality mental health provision. Too many autistic people still struggle to get appropriate support and we see through the Autism Hub the impact this has on people's lives and that of their families."

Look out for the report on our website.

Community First - Annual Review and Celebration Video

The Community First Annual Review 2022-2023 is now available to view and download on our website. The Annual Review contains a summary of our work with people and communities over the last 12 months. This includes updates from our programmes and services, a general outline of our priorities and a summary of financial information for the year ending 31 March 2023.

<https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Annual-Review-2022-2023-FINAL-VERSION.pdf>

Alongside the Annual Review, we have also produced a Celebration Video with a summary of our work in 2022-2023 which you can view using the following link:

https://youtu.be/l_7JRAxZJGE?si=ueZugKZJx4hwWb6u

Community First AGM & Awards Celebration 2023

The Community First Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Awards Celebration took place on Wednesday 11th October at Devizes Town Hall. Thank you to everyone who attended the event as we celebrated our achievements in 2022-2023. The Community First Awards recognises and celebrates the outstanding achievements of groups, organisations, individuals and young people who give so much of their time and enthusiasm to support our charity and its services.

Full List of Winners

We are sure you will join us in congratulating our winners for their well-deserved awards, many thanks also to Community First President Sarah Troughton for presenting each of our winners with a trophy and certificate.

Award Name	Winner
The Michael Jones Award for Inspirational Link Scheme or Community Minibus Volunteer	Janice Vincent (Malmesbury Link Scheme)
Community Project Funded through the Landfill Communities Fund	Roger Baker (Ashbury Village Hall)
The Martin Hamer in Special Recognition Award	Alan Fox
Most Innovative Community Run Project or Service	Darry New (Community Bus, Haydon Wick)
Robbie's Endeavour Trophy	Winterslow Youth Club
Young Carers Achievement Award - Under 12 years	Charlie
Young Carers Achievement Award - Over 12 years	Hannah

Project Inspire Achievement Award	Edward
Splash Achievement Award	Sam
Splash Volunteer Award	John Wyeth
Community First Young Leader’s Achievement Award	Will
Building Bridges Outstanding Achievement Award	Dorcas Obeney
The Arthur Laflin Volunteer Award	Jacquie Henly (Hilmarton Parish Council)

Youth Action Wiltshire - Carols by Candlelight

Youth Action Wiltshire invites you to Carols by Candlelight to celebrate the 25-year anniversary of Wiltshire Young Carers Service. The event will take place on Friday 8th December 2023 (7pm) at Malmesbury Abbey. Drinks and canapes will be served following the service.

Proceeds will fund a programme of exciting and fun respite activities for Wiltshire Young Carers, including music and songwriting, workshops, art, wildlife and adventure activities.

To request tickets, please complete the ticket application form using the link below (a copy is included with this briefing pack) or email Ginnie Keen: ginniekeen@gmail.com.

Ticket prices are as follows:

- Adult ticket - £20
- Child ticket (14 years and under) - £10

Ticket application form: <https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Carol-2023-application-form-v2.docx>

The Big Give Christmas Challenge - Wiltshire Young Carers Service



This year Community First is participating in [The Big Give Christmas Challenge](#) in support of our Wiltshire Young Carers Service.

We currently hold open cases for Wiltshire young carers, of which 14% are recognised as the most vulnerable with some in the safeguarding system. As well as the pressures of their caring role and having to balance their own school and relationship pressures alongside the additional caring role, the recent pandemic has increased stress and worry. A national survey carried out by Carers Trust showed 58% of young carers were caring for longer and 40% said their mental health was worse.

Funds raised through The Big Give Christmas Challenge campaign will provide respite activities and support plans for 15 young carers, 30 Young Carers will access remote group webinars and a further 15 young carers can access structured one-to-one mentoring and coaching programmes with our Young Carers Support Workers. This will help them with their mental health and wellbeing. With increased investment, we can receive up to 15 new young carer referrals from our partner agencies.

Your gift will help more young people feel less alone in their caring role, they will see that home life has improved, they will feel included, be better at attending school, and feel happier.

Through this national campaign, we are aiming to secure up to £4,000 in pledges from supporters and donors which will be match-funded for 7 days between **28th November to 5th December 2023**. This is a fantastic way to help make a difference for young carers in Wiltshire and one small donation e.g. £5 will have *twice* the impact during this period.

More information about our how to support our Big Give Christmas Challenge will be available on our website and social media channels from mid-November.

Landfill Communities Fund - Wiltshire and Swindon Highlights 2022-2023

Community First manages and administrates the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) in Wiltshire and Swindon. The LCF offers capital funding for local community, heritage and environmental projects in areas where local landfill operator sites or depots are located.

Funding for the LCF in Wiltshire and Swindon is received from landfill operators The Hills Group Ltd and Crapper & Sons Landfill Ltd. Over £5.5m of funding has been distributed through the LCF since 2002.

Entrust is the regulator of the Landfill Communities Fund and has produced statistical highlights for the LCF in Wiltshire and Swindon in 2022-2023. A copy of the PDF is included with this briefing pack and is summarised below.

- £329k - total LCF funds invested.
- 31 projects completed.
- 45 jobs were created as a result of funded projects.
- 298 people volunteer due to funding offered through the LCF in Wiltshire and Swindon
- 124,720 public visits.
- £5.77 of additional economic value for every £1 invested through the LCF.

For more information about the Landfill Communities Fund in Wiltshire and Swindon, please visit the Community First website: www.communityfirst.org.uk/grants

MiDAS - Minibus Driver Awareness Training

Community First offers accredited MiDAS (Minibus Driver Awareness) Training for organisations and groups, led by our fantastic Training Co-ordinator Martin Carter.

MiDAS is a membership-based scheme designed to enhance both driving and safety standards for drivers of minibuses. MiDAS is a nationally recognised standard for the assessment and training of minibus drivers. Community First is now taking new bookings for MiDAS minibus training with our Training Coordinator Martin Carter. Martin is a retired Police Advanced Driver with over 35 years' experience of driving minibuses.

The MiDAS training course includes a session on how to operate a minibus safely. This is followed by a 30-minute multiple-choice assessment with 20 questions. Trainees will need to answer 16 questions correctly to pass the theory test. Finally, there will be a practical test which incorporates a driving skills training session and an assessment drive which will last just over an hour, with the assessment taking 30

minutes. Upon completion of the theory and practical test, trainees will receive a certificate which is valid for 4 years.

Pricing is based on a minimum group size of 3 drivers per booking and starts at £105.00 per person. We are now taking new bookings for Winter 2023, early booking is recommended to secure a training place.

Please contact mcarter@communityfirst.org.uk for more information and how to book training.

A leaflet about MiDAS training is included with this briefing pack.

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YOUTH ACTION WILTSHIRE CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE 2023

To avoid disappointment please apply for tickets as soon as possible as numbers are limited.

There will be a glass of wine and canapes following the service.

Ticket Application form: Adults £20 and Children 14 years and under £10

Name:-

Address:-

Postal Code.....

Email address:- please write clearly.....

I would like to apply for..... adult tickets at £20 each

I would like to apply for.....children tickets . £10 -14 years and under

I would like to donate (optional) £.....

Total amount paid £..... online or by cheque

Gift Aid:- Gift Aid increases any donations (not your ticket price) by 25% at no additional cost to you. To gift Aid, please read the words below, then sign and date the form. Your address above is needed to confirm that you are a current UK taxpayer.

I agree to Youth Action Wiltshire (YAW) claiming Gift Aid on this and future donations I make to the charity. By signing this I confirm I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay the difference.

Signature.....

Date:-.....

To pay either:

Online Banking:- Youth Action Wiltshire
Sort Code:- 40-17-17
Account No:- 51448714 Reference carol service , with your name, please

or

Cheque:- Made payable to Youth Action Wiltshire, and sent to Ginnie, to the address below.

Please email or post this ticket form to Ginnie Keen at ginniekeen@gmail.com or post to Mrs D.Keen ,
The Firs Farm, Corston. Malmesbury SN16 0HB

Tickets will be emailed (or posted if you do not have an email)to you.

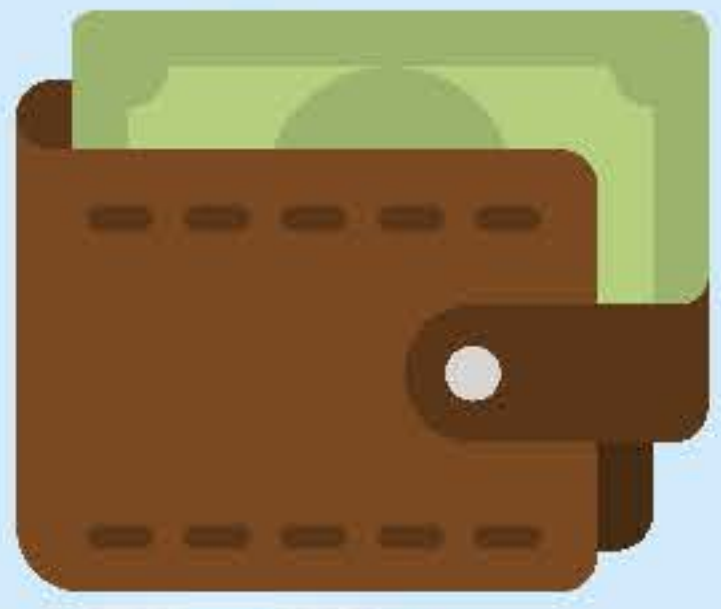
2022/2023 Statistical Highlights



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Bookings:

mcarter@communityfirst.org.uk

"Excellent course. Great trainer!"

MiDAS Training Feedback

MiDAS Pricing

Standard MiDAS induction £125.00
Accessible MiDAS induction £165.00
Standard MiDAS refresher £105.00
Accessible MiDAS refresher £125.00

Weekdays Only
Minimum 3 drivers per booking





Update from Age UK Wiltshire – November 2023

Sarah Cardy, CEO of Age UK Wiltshire has attended several community engagement events recently and seen the need for information from older people and their families. It has also been encouraging to hear positive feedback about our services.

Over the years, we've witnessed a significant growth in the demand for our services. The desire of older adults to maintain their independence and continue living fulfilling lives in their own homes has never been stronger. This is a testament to the much-needed work Age UK Wiltshire does but it also highlights the pressing need for continued support and expansion of our programs.

Surviving Winter Grants

We are currently promoting our Surviving winter grants, which can help vulnerable people experiencing fuel poverty.

The one-off grant available through Age UK Wiltshire is £200 and the scheme will run until April 2024 but may close early if all grants are allocated.

"The Surviving Winter grant will make an awful lot of difference, thank you." - Eve

The Surviving Winter Grant was introduced by Wiltshire Community Foundation over 10 years ago and has already helped 1000's of households in Wiltshire. It is a multi-agency approach working not only with Age UK Wiltshire but with Wiltshire Citizens Advice, Swindon Citizens Advice, Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living, and Wiltshire Warm & Safe to help people by providing grants towards fuel or other heating related costs.

There is eligibility criteria and an application process. More information on this can be found at www.ageuk.org.uk/wiltshire/our-services/surviving-winter/

Household Support Fund – hot food

We are also providing support for older people who need food, are in rural locations and are unable to get support. We will give support for a period of time whilst we provide holistic advice and support for a more sustainable solution. People can contact our meals team on 01793 279606 or email: communitymeals@ageukwiltshire.org.uk

Age UK Wiltshire Charity Shops

We have ambitious plans to have charity shop hubs across Wiltshire, and these are progressing which is very exciting. We've now signed the lease, and are working on our Salisbury site which should be open very soon.

It is an excellent opportunity for Age UK Wiltshire to have more of a town presence. These high street centres will include office space for our I&A advisors, providing the opportunity for residents to have accessible, face to face appointments.

We are also working hard towards the Marlborough and Devizes shops.

Although this is a great retail opportunity, the success of our charity shops is not just about selling items - it's about transforming generosity into tangible support for older people in our communities.



Melksham Community Support Scheme

Age UK Wiltshire is working together with Melksham Town Council, Melksham Without Parish Council and Melksham Area Board to improve the wellbeing of older people living in Melksham, by offering support, access to information and practical help.

“Sarah, (Melksham Community Support Senior Project Worker) who visited was brilliant and it was great to talk things through.” - Winifred

We have already seen the difference our support can make to the residents of Melksham but if your network has any referrals or would like more information, please contact us on 01225 809265 or email melksham@ageukwiltshire.org.uk

ARCHAEOLOGY SERVICE

WELCOME TO WILTSHIRE COUNCIL ARCHAEOLOGY SERVICE'S FIRST ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

The Archaeology Service identifies, records and protects the archaeology of all of Wiltshire, including Swindon wshc.org.uk. We provide archaeological advice mostly through the planning system, but also to landowners, universities, local groups and societies, and to the public. We also seek to inform on and promote the archaeology of the County. Our newsletter therefore aims to provide accessible and readable information about the work of the Service and some of the more notable archaeological and historical discoveries within the County in the last 18 months or so. There is also an annual Archaeology in Wiltshire conference in the spring. Keep an eye on the Wiltshire Museum's website for further details.

In this edition we have included recent archaeological projects in the County and within Swindon Borough Council that have resulted from our advice and guidance, as well as information about our Historic Environment Record, the Wiltshire Buildings Record, the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site Co-ordination Unit and the work of Wiltshire's Finds Liaison Officer.

Our team is based in the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre in Chippenham. This state-of-the-art, purpose-built, records office was opened in 2007 and cost £11 million, but it has brought together the archives service, local studies library, conservation and museums advisory service, archaeology and Wiltshire Buildings Record under one, modernist, roof.

The Archaeology Service holds thousands of archaeological reports, aerial photographs and other records, all of which may be accessed by prior appointment. Just email us in advance at archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk
We hope you enjoy our newsletter.

Archaeology Service
Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre
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Chippenham
Wiltshire SN15 3QN



TOP
The Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre, Chippenham. Home of the Archaeology Service. © Wiltshire Council



LEFT
Some of the Archaeology Service team at Stonehenge. © Wiltshire Council



BOTTOM
The fine farmhouse at 41 Green Road, Swindon. © Wiltshire Buildings Record

'SEEING THE MONUMENTS FOR THE TREES' – A PROJECT TO CLEAR VEGETATION FROM THREE OF WILTSHIRE'S ANCIENT MONUMENTS.



TOP: Cam's Hill ringwork before clearance looking towards Malmesbury. © Aerial-Cam. Reproduced with kind permission.

BOTTOM: Cam's Hill ringwork after clearance. © Aerial-Cam. Reproduced with kind permission.

Wiltshire has some of England's most important and well-known ancient monuments. Many are designated as Scheduled Monuments, meaning they are legally protected due to their historical and archaeological importance. However, sometimes they can be harmed by natural processes such as tree and scrub growth, and burrowing animals, which can damage important buried archaeological remains and hide our history from view.

Last winter a community project, funded by Historic England, was organised by the Archaeology Service to remove the scrub over three of Wiltshire's ancient monuments. The first monument was an Early Bronze Age (1,800 – 1,500 BC) disc barrow, a rare monument type, on Burderop Down, near Chiseldon, Swindon. Large hawthorn bushes were removed from the monument so that it can now be seen in all its glory.

The second monument was a ringwork at Cam's Hill which is thought to be one of several siegeworks around the town of Malmesbury during the 'Anarchy' period, when Stephen and Matilda contested the succession to Henry I in the 12th-century. The monument has a 1.5m deep and 4m wide external ditch and a distinctive horseshoe shaped internal bank, 18m wide and around 1.8m high. It has never been excavated, although it bears close similarity to other monuments of this period in the south of England. Vegetation was cleared by volunteers in January and March 2023 and so the monument is now far more visible to those passing by on the adjacent public footpath. It is now hoped that livestock will graze the monument and deter re-growth.

The third monument was a group of four medieval lynchets at Southmill Hill, Amesbury, which survive remarkably well and are prominent features on the periphery of Amesbury. The lynchets are medieval in date and result from deliberate terracing of the steep hillslope for cultivation. The monument has been in steady decline for several decades due to unchecked scrub and tree growth, so over two days in February, volunteers, including the local scout group, cleared the scrub from one of the lynchets. It is hoped that the clearance work will recommence in autumn 2023.

The project was a great success and achieved what it set to do. As well as removing the risk of damage to these monuments from unruly scrub, all three monuments are now significantly more visible to those using public footpaths and other public rights of way. Thirty-eight volunteers participated in the project, and they all enjoyed the experience. The Archaeology Service therefore hopes to identify further monuments for clearance in the next few years...so if you would like to volunteer, we would love to hear from you!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Archaeology Service at archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk

BELOW: Volunteers at Southmill Hill, Amesbury. © Wiltshire Council.



THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE MARKET TOWN OF CALNE IS REVEALED.

Wiltshire is blessed with many historic towns and Calne is a particularly interesting example, lying on the A4, a major route to the west country before the M4 was built. The town was probably best known until the late 20th-century as the home of Harris' bacon factory which dominated the centre of the town until it was demolished in the mid-1980s. Documentary sources indicate that the town probably had Saxon origins and was a borough by the time of the Domesday Book in the 11th-century. It was an established town by the medieval period.

Archaeological evidence for the origins and historic development of the town has proved to be elusive, partly because there have been few opportunities for larger-scale archaeological investigations within the town. The demolition and redevelopment of Harris's bacon factory in the 1980s was not accompanied by any archaeological investigation, despite its location in the heart of the town.

The proposed redevelopment of a parcel of land to the rear of the Nos 8 – 13 High Street therefore provided just that opportunity. Exploratory archaeological investigation in 2016 demonstrated that medieval remains survived on the site and a detailed archaeological excavation was undertaken late in 2021 by Worcestershire Archaeology on behalf of Churchill Retirement Living.

The excavation identified a large Late Saxon (9th – 10th-century) boundary ditch, along with some lesser ditches. These are notable discoveries as it was presumed that the focus of the Saxon settlement lay around the Church of St Mary. Probably in the 11th-century, the boundaries within the site were re-aligned with the laying out of burgage plots for the medieval town, running back from the High Street. The site lay too far to the rear of the High Street to reveal the properties that the burgage plots served, but these back plots did reveal rubbish pits filled with medieval waste material. This included sherds of medieval pottery dating from the 11th- to the 15th-century and probably all locally made at kilns in Minety, Lacock and Crockerton. A notable find was a lead seal matrix, used for sealing important documents, probably reflecting the commercial use of the properties on the High Street. The remains of a lime kiln were also revealed and probably served in the construction of stone properties on the High Street.

The site was remodelled again in the 17th- and 18th-century as the fortunes of the town improved, largely based on the weaving industry, until the town became synonymous with pork and bacon with the opening of the Harris factories in the 19th- and 20th -centuries.



TOP RIGHT: Harris' bacon factory, Calne in 1924. © Historic England.

RIGHT: General view of the excavation at 8 – 13 High Street. © Worcestershire Archaeology, reproduced with kind permission.

ABOVE: The medieval lime kiln under excavation. © Worcestershire Archaeology, reproduced with kind permission.

TREE-RING DATING - THE HIGHS AND THE LOWS

With every historic building, the same question comes up at the end, how do you date it? When Wiltshire Buildings Record started in 1979 there was little to go on. The few books about vernacular architecture covered buildings in other parts of the country. We had help from the Salisbury office of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments but apart from emergencies they were recording only in the south-east of Wiltshire and buildings there had different characteristics from the north and west of the County. Since then, studies of vernacular architecture have increased enormously, especially, since 2009, with the assistance of tree-ring dating or dendrochronology.

The Wiltshire Dendrochronological Project started through funding provided by English Heritage (now Historic England) to train someone in the work. There were existing projects in Hampshire and Somerset which were well advanced, and Wiltshire was known to have similarly early buildings worth sampling. We already had a list of suitable medieval buildings and the project aimed to concentrate on base cruck, cruck and other early carpentry methods. This was Phase 1 of the project and we have now reached Phase 5 thanks to funding from various sources.

The results have been interesting. Overall, they have confirmed the dates we had assigned based on stylistic and documentary grounds. But they have often narrowed them down and highlighted the significance of small changes of carpentry method. There have been disappointments where the timber turned out to be elm rather than oak or came from fast-grown oak trees with a small number of wide rings which could not be matched with the master sequence.



Two former farmhouses in the Swindon area, both cruck-built, illustrate the highs and lows of the outcomes. Studley Grange Farm, Lydiard Tregoze, was brought to our attention in 2021 in a derelict state. Three of our members had a look at it and reported finding a cruck truss despite its listing as late 18th-century. As a threatened building we gave it priority. Robert Howard and Alison Arnold from the Nottingham Lab gamely tackled it for us bringing a generator to power their drills. Sadly, the oak timbers of the crucks were quick grown though dates were provided for the addition of a dairy wing in 1606 and a re-used collar of 1559-84 looked likely to come from the initial ceiling of the open hall. There is documentary evidence that the farm was a grange of Stanley Abbey at Bremhill and it was first mentioned in 1460. Robert and Alison had managed to get into the roof on the far side of the cruck truss and their photo of the joint at the apex suggests construction in the 15th-century is likely.

No. 41 Green Road, Stratton St. Margaret, was a reserve building on the day that Studley Grange was sampled so for that reason it was high on the list for future sampling. This former farmhouse had been visited briefly by our Principal Buildings Historian, Dorothy Treasure. We were not very hopeful of a good result as crucks in the Swindon area have proved before to be of elm or quick-grown oak. To our (and the owner's) amazement the lower parts of two cruck trusses dated from 1271-1296. They had been used again in a wider building with new upper parts and purlins etc in 1339-1355. This is a star building, quite exceptional, and shows just how valuable tree-ring dating can be.



TOP RIGHT: The derelict Studley Grange farmhouse, Lydiard Tregoze. © Wiltshire Buildings Record.



TOP LEFT: Cruck visible on the landing of Studley Grange farmhouse. © Wiltshire Buildings Record.

LEFT: Joint where 14th-century upper timbers cap a 13th-century cruck, all smoke-blackened, at 41 Green Road, Swindon. © Wiltshire Buildings Record.



The Wiltshire and Swindon Historic Environment Record (HER) consists of a database with integrated digital mapping that holds information on all the currently known archaeological and historical monuments for the County – a fantastic resource. It contains records of over 50,000 monuments, including earthworks, finds spots, and historic buildings, and contains information about all types of archaeological investigations, as well as various sources such as aerial photographs.

To give a taste of what the HER holds, this article explores some of the notable records for the town of Corsham. Starting in the centre of the town at The Corsham School, aerial photographs of 1946 show the current School playing fields under allotments (HER record MWI74074), created as part of the 'Digging for Victory' campaign introduced in 1940. To the west of the School is Hatton Way, named after Sir Christopher Hatton, a favourite courtier of Elizabeth I. Sir Christopher, when expressing devotion for his queen, always signed his letters with a hat drawn over the word 'on'. Hatton spent about four years at Corsham House (MWI34260), now Corsham Court, a Grade I listed Elizabethan country house. Unfortunately, financial problems caused him to sell up!



TOP RIGHT: Corsham Court. Image reproduced by kind permission of the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre.

LEFT: The Grade II listed 'Pepper Pot', an 18th-century toll house. © Wiltshire Council.

RIGHT: A ventilation shaft serving the underground Pickwick Quarry. © Wiltshire Council.

WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON'S HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD

Halfway down Hatton Way is the site of Purleigh Barn (MWI65896), a demolished 19th-century outfarm of regular courtyard plan. The farmstead and all its historic buildings have been lost. The Wiltshire and Swindon Farmsteads and Landscapes Project Report summarises the results of mapping the historic character and survival of more than 4,000 farmsteads and 2,700 outfarms and field barns in Wiltshire, all mapped onto the HER. Knowledge and protection of the surviving historic farmsteads is essential if they are to be retained as a distinctive part of the rural landscape of the County.

Another notable Corsham building is the 'Pepper Pot', a Grade II listed toll house (MWI34400) on the A4 Bath Road. This pretty building was also once a sweet shop and is now a summerhouse. To the north of the A4 Bath Road, exploratory archaeological investigation in 2016 found a Neolithic (4,000 – 2,000 BC) pit (MWI76326), containing fragments of pottery. The field also contains evidence of ponds but the most exciting feature here lies underground. This is the former stone quarrying tunnel which probably ran from Hartham Park Quarry, sometimes known as the Pickwick Quarry. Bath Stone, a warm, honey-coloured limestone, has been desirable since Roman times and Brunel's cutting of the Box Railway Tunnel, close to Corsham, revealed a rich seam of high-quality stone. The Corsham mines were extensively worked with miles of tunnels, chambers, and air shafts, and became the ideal underground storage location for the War Office during the Second World War and of further use during the Cold War (MWI31707). One of the ventilation shafts for the tunnels can still be seen above ground. So why not explore our HER for the area around where you live in Wiltshire. Visit our [website](#) or contact us at archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk for more information.

AN IMPORTANT BRONZE AGE BURIAL GROUND AT NETHERHAMPTON ROAD, SALISBURY



Aerial photography has shown that several ring ditches exist in a short stretch of the Nadder Valley between Harnham and Netherhampton. Some 35 ring ditches have been identified, and more are sure to exist, located both on the valley floor, as well as the valley slopes. Their mounds have long since been denuded, but what survives still retains valuable archaeological information about the practice of burial in the earlier Bronze Age (2,200 – 1,500 BC).

Proposed residential development immediately west of West Harnham has provided the opportunity to investigate archaeologically several of these barrows and Cotswold Archaeology and Museum of London Archaeology (MOLA) have been doing just that over the winter of 2022 and into early 2023.

MOLA excavated a double ring-ditch and a second adjoining ring-ditch. Interestingly these monuments were located on the floor of the Nadder Valley. In the heavy winter rain, the barrow got close to being flooded but it seemed to occupy, probably intentionally, a slight gravel rise so that it stayed just above the flood level. The excavations revealed large graves in the centre of each ring-ditch, both of which contained the skeleton of an individual. The graves were of considerable size, far larger than was needed to bury the one individual. Samples from the fill of the grave may tell us if there was a reason for that and if there was other material buried in the grave that has not survived to the present day, such as wood or organic material.



However, one of the burials was accompanied by a very fine pottery vessel, a highly decorated Beaker. These vessels are attributed to a migrant population that arrived in Britain around 4,500 years ago bringing with them new burial practices and these distinctive pottery vessels. It is hoped that this particularly fine example will go on display in Salisbury Museum.

Meanwhile on the opposite side of the Netherhampton Road, Cotswold Archaeology on behalf of their client, Vistry Group, has been excavating a group of five ring-ditches or barrows that form a barrow cemetery just at the base of the valley side. The barrows are marked by their different size, the width and depth of the ring-ditches, and the presence or absence of graves within or adjacent to the barrows. One grave within one of the barrows contained a fine and rare food vessel with a small handle, while one grave just outside of one barrow contained five individuals, an adult and four infants, all very tightly grouped. The implication is that they died in a single catastrophic event and analysis of the human remains will elucidate why they died and

their relationship to each other, as well as to other individuals buried in the other barrows.

Most unexpectedly, the excavation has also revealed an Early Saxon (5th – 7th-century AD) waterhole, as well as a smattering of Saxon pottery. It is not unusual for later Saxon burials to be inserted into or around the mounds of Bronze Age barrows, although at Netherhampton Road, it is not clear why this functional feature should have been placed here. That there were Saxons living nearby is attested by a very famous Saxon inhumation cemetery found in Harnham in the 19th-century. For the time being, the excavations at Netherhampton Road have been concluded. The long process of analysing the results is underway and will result in a publication that will reveal the details of this important excavation.

TOP LEFT: The Bronze Age barrows under excavation south of Netherhampton Road.
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BOTTOM LEFT: The central grave and burial from one of the barrows north of Netherhampton Road.
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ABOVE: A double-ditched barrow before excavation south of Netherhampton Road.
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MIDDLE LEFT: Beaker vessel grave good from one of the burials north of Netherhampton Road.
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BELOW: The Saxon waterhole with waterlogged timbers south of Netherhampton Road.
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Bronze Age burial mounds or barrows are one of the most common monument types to be found in Wiltshire, which, along with Dorset, probably has some of the densest concentrations of such monuments in the country. Many people will be familiar with the prominent barrow cemeteries set out on the chalk ridges all around Stonehenge which only add to the atmosphere of this most prehistoric of landscapes. Those barrows, with upstanding mounds still surviving, represent only the most visible of this monument type. Many more survive only as ring-ditches, the quarries from which the mounds were constructed, but where the mounds have long since been denuded by ploughing over centuries. Aerial photography and fortuitous discoveries have shown that these barrows, in the form of surviving ring-ditches, were constructed on a wider range of geologies and topographies and not just on the chalk downland.





In summer 2020 a mysterious hole appeared in a field close to the village of East Kennett, within the Avebury World Heritage Site, and was reported to the Archaeology Service. Being archaeologists, we are always fascinated to explore any such phenomena and so members of our team quickly went to the site and undertook an initial exploration. This found that the hole comprised a substantial pit, roughly circular, around 1m in diameter, and lined by four large blocks of unworked sarsen stone. The feature appeared to have a deliberate void, and was capped by other sarsens, two of which remained in place, while a third appeared to have collapsed into the pit, so revealing the presence of the feature. A flint blade and a rim of Roman greyware were recovered from the collapsed fill but were assumed to be incidental. The initial interpretation was that this was a prehistoric cist or burial chamber. Similar examples of sarsen-capped burials are known from the wider region.

Consequently, Historic England undertook geophysical survey of the site of the 'hole' and its surroundings in 2021 and identified other possible chambered features, along with several ditches belonging to a field or enclosure system, and two possible rectilinear buildings. Along with the possible cist, the possible buildings were of interest as they bore some resemblance to the plans of Early Neolithic houses.



A MYSTERY HOLE IN EAST KENNETT: A PREHISTORIC OR ROMAN OPENING INTO THE UNDERWORLD?

The site was of sufficient interest that Professor Josh Pollard of the University of Southampton's Department of Archaeology organised an exploratory excavation of the site in late summer 2022. Much interest centred on discovering the purpose of the feature that had created the mystery hole two years earlier. The excavations stripped an area around the hole and revealed the sarsen stones surrounding the rim and slumped into the pit. At this stage, the only way to find out what lay below the sarsen stones was to carefully lift and remove them. By this stage, interest in the story was such that it attracted the attention of Professor Alice Roberts and the 'Digging for Britain' team, who filmed the lifting of the sarsen stones (Series 10, Episode 4).

Once removed and after some more careful excavation down to a depth of 2m, it became clear that this feature was not in fact a prehistoric burial chamber but a natural sink hole, the upper portions of which had been modified in the Roman period. A sink hole is formed from the natural dissolving of the soluble chalk bedrock, creating a deep fissure or hole in the bedrock. The Romans had erected the sarsens on the inner edge of this natural feature perhaps partly to form a barrier to stop livestock and children from falling into it, but perhaps also to emphasise it, as an opening into the underworld. The project emphasises the uncertainty of archaeology. As Professor Pollard so eloquently put it, it is 'what makes archaeology a vibrant and unpredictable subject!'

TOP: The mystery hole at East Kennett as it first appeared in 2020. © Wiltshire Council.

LEFT: The sarsen stones after initial excavation by the University of Southampton. © University of Southampton. Reproduced with kind permission.

RIGHT: The 'sink hole' after excavation. © University of Southampton. Reproduced with kind permission.



SOME FINDS REPORTED TO WILTSHIRE'S FINDS LIAISON OFFICER



A notable feature of the Covid-19 pandemic was the increase in the number of people who took up metal-detecting as they sought new interests that could be undertaken individually and outdoors. Everyone taking up the pastime is encouraged to follow the Code of Practice for Responsible Metal Detecting in England and Wales (2017), which sets out the legal requirements as well as more general guidance on accepted best practice [finds.org.uk](https://www.finds.org.uk). There is no doubt that the results of metal detecting have contributed significantly to our knowledge of the heritage of England and Wales. Much of this is due to the work of the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) which was established in the late 1990s. The PAS encourages the reporting of all finds of archaeological objects, whether through metal detecting or not and is not limited to items of precious metal. To date, the PAS has recorded over 1.6 million objects, which has provided an extraordinary insight into the study of archaeological objects and their distribution.

TOP: Late Bronze Age gold penannular ring. Reproduced by kind permission of the Portable Antiquities Scheme.
 TOP RIGHT: Blue glass bead dating from anytime between the Iron Age and Late Saxon period. Reproduced by kind permission of the Sussex Archaeological Society.
 RIGHT: 17th-century silver cufflink. Reproduced by permission of the Portable Antiquities Scheme.



Locally, the work of the PAS is overseen by Finds Liaison Officers (FLOs) who receive, identify and record archaeological objects, plus deal with Treasure finds from England and Wales. Wiltshire has its own FLO and Sophie Hawke is based at Salisbury Museum and would be very glad to hear from you if you have any objects that you would like identified and reported on (pas@salisbury-museum.org.uk).

These are some typical finds from Wiltshire that have been reported over the last 18 months or so and they show the variety in age, type and material of object that are recorded. This complete gold or gold-plated penannular ring is of Late Bronze Age date (1150-750 BC). The object is oval and about 1.5cm across. The ring is mostly gold in colour, except for a brown band that appears to wrap around it. It is likely that this is the core of the object that has been heavily coated in gold and then filed away to leave the band. The ring's function remains uncertain, although it is likely that they were personal adornments, possibly worn on the ears or nose, rather than being hair-ornaments or items of exchange.

Not all objects reported are of metal. This beautiful, complete, annular, blue glass bead, around 1cm in diameter, dating from the Iron Age to early Medieval period c. 100 BC to AD 750, was found near Alderbury. This last object, found near Wroughton, is a silver cufflink, one element of a pair that would have been linked together. The cufflink, which is around 1.5cm in diameter, has stamped decoration of a pair of hearts side by side with a crown above. Cufflinks were introduced in England in the latter half of the 17th-century and those with this design are considered to have originally been produced to commemorate the marriage of Charles II to Catherine of Braganza in 1662 but continued to be used as a general symbol of love or marriage.





THE REMAINS OF OLD SARUM'S CATHEDRAL FOUND IN NEW SARUM'S CATHEDRAL CLOSE WALL

The Grade I Cathedral Close Wall in Salisbury started to be constructed in the later 13th-century but was not completed until the 15th- or 16th-century. It was built both as a defensive structure but also as a symbol of the status of the clergy and their lordship of the Close. It is known that permission was given in the 14th-century for stone from the Cathedral at Old Sarum to be used in the construction of the Close Wall and carved stone from the Cathedral can be seen on the Exeter Street face of the Close Wall in the form of stylised flowerheads.

The repair in 2022 of a short, leaning section of the Close Wall within the grounds of Bishop Wordsworth School along Exeter Street therefore provided the opportunity to examine its masonry makeup and to identify other masonry that might have been purloined from the old Cathedral at Old Sarum. The repair work was undertaken by the stonemasons of the Salisbury Cathedral Works Department under the watchful eye of Graham Keevil, Salisbury's Cathedral Archaeologist.

The exercise proved to be worthwhile as several pieces of very fine carved masonry were identified, mostly hidden and not visible on the face of the Wall. It also seems likely that even plain ashlar blocks came from the old Cathedral at Old Sarum. It seems odd today that, despite all the effort put into constructing a fine cathedral at Old Sarum, within a hundred years or so it was used as little more than a quarry for the construction of the Close Wall. However, it does add to the historical and archaeological importance of the Close Wall, which is also a strong architectural and aesthetic feature of the Close and the city landscape.



TOP LEFT: Salisbury Cathedral Close Wall under repair. © Wiltshire Council

TOP RIGHT: Carved stone, formerly part of the Cathedral at Old Sarum, built into the Close Wall along Exeter Street. © Wiltshire Council

MIDDLE RIGHT: Carved stone, formerly part of the Cathedral at Old Sarum, built into the Close Wall along Exeter Street. © Wiltshire Council

BOTTOM RIGHT: Carved stonework from Old Sarum Cathedral built into the Close Wall. © Wiltshire Council

Stonehenge, Avebury & Associated Sites were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage Site (WHS) List in 1986 and was one of the UK's very first World Heritage Sites. Stonehenge is the most sophisticated prehistoric stone circle in the world, and Avebury is the largest. Both stone circles lie at the heart of prehistoric landscapes containing numerous impressive and amazingly well-preserved ceremonial monuments dating back over 5,000 years to the Neolithic and Bronze Age. Together they form a landscape without parallel.

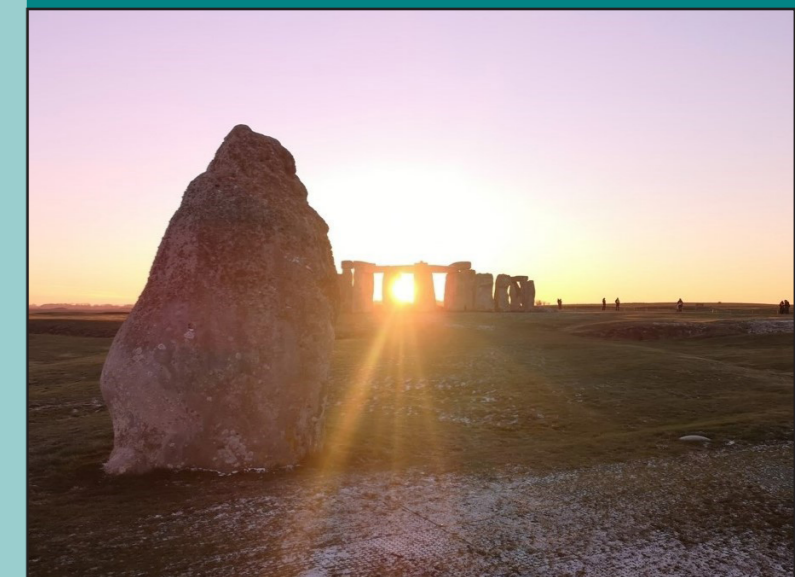
To achieve World Heritage status, sites must define what makes them to be of Outstanding Universal Value, or internationally significant, and how they intend to protect and enhance this. This is achieved through the adoption of a WHS Management Plan. In December 2022 Claire Selman joined the Stonehenge & Avebury WHS Coordination Unit within the Wiltshire Council Archaeology team. The primary aim of the unit is to coordinate the delivery of the Stonehenge and Avebury WHS Management Plan. To do so, Claire works with over 25 partners, including national organisations such as the National Trust and English Heritage, and farmers and communities living within and surrounding the WHS.

Priorities within the [Management Plan](#) cover what may at first seem a surprising span of topics extending beyond archaeology to subjects including woodland management, dark skies preservation and arts projects. Together, the Management Plan's actions work to preserve the site's buried archaeology, relationship with the landscape and accessibility for visitors. No two days within the Coordination Unit are the same from meeting with partners viewing activity on site, to engaging with visitors at local events and organising Partnership Panel and Steering Committee meetings.

Claire recently spent some time exploring the WHS through the range of services available at the Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre, which you can read about in a blog post [here](#). Her discoveries included viewing some of the 1,114 entries on the Historic Environment Record from Stonehenge and Avebury. Each record builds a picture of life across the ages on this site, from Neolithic flint tools to Bronze Age round barrows, Saxon pottery and more.

TOP: Stonehenge with a near Winter Solstice alignment, December 2022. © Wiltshire Council.

RIGHT: Attending Open Farm Sunday on the edge of Avebury WHS, June 2023. © Wiltshire Council.



The opportunity to support the management of these iconic sites has led Claire to discover even more about our County and its heritage, and there's a wealth of monuments to explore beyond the stone circles themselves. To help plan a visit to the World Heritage Site, Claire recommends the walking trails on National Trust's Avebury and Stonehenge Landscape pages and the historical information on English Heritage's Stonehenge pages.

There are currently 33 UK World Heritage Sites, and 1,157 in total globally. The UK's World Heritage Sites demonstrate the breadth of what World Heritage can be, from natural sites like the Lake District to industrial sites such as The Slate Landscape of Northwest Wales and even an entire city, Bath. Discover them all at: [UNESCO World Heritage Centre - World Heritage List](#) To find out more about the Stonehenge, Avebury & Associated Sites World Heritage Sites, visit our [website](#) and follow @StoneAveWHS on Twitter.

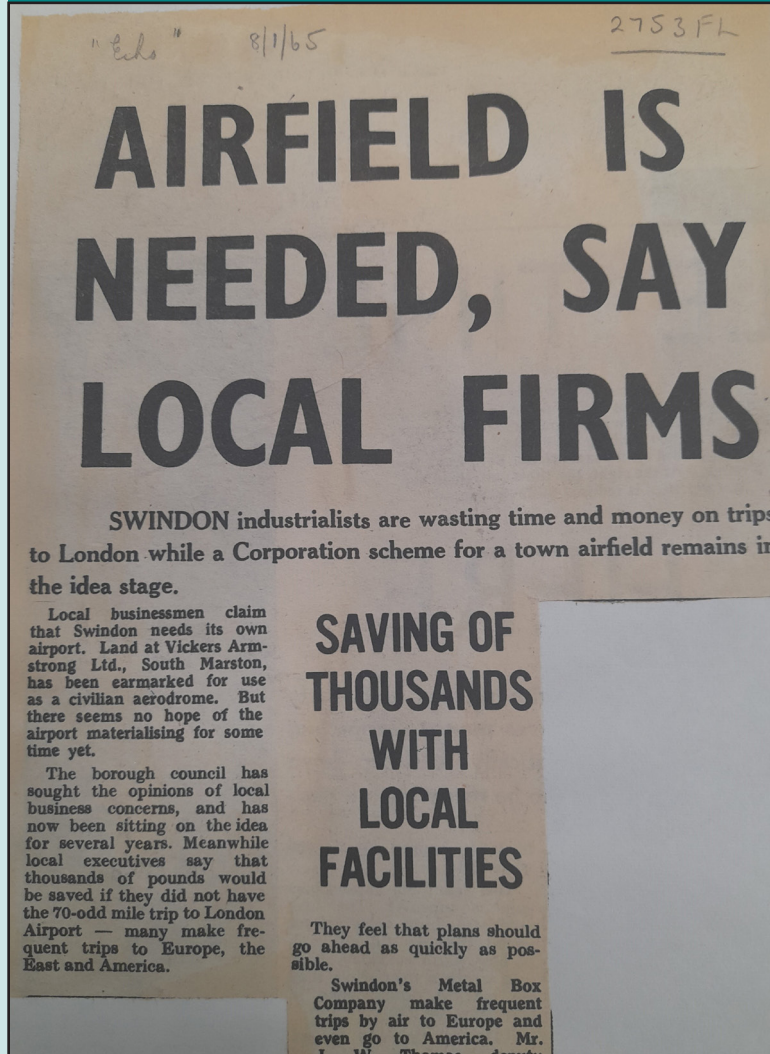


PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES – AN IMPORTANT SITE OF SWINDON'S 20TH-CENTURY INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE REVEALS ITS ANCIENT PAST.

In 1985 Honda started work on building their new car plant at South Marston, Swindon, providing a much-needed boost to the local economy and employment. The car plant itself replaced the site of an aircraft factory, first developed in the late 1930s as a 'shadow' aircraft factory, and then as an active manufacturing facility from 1940. South Marston Aerodrome was constructed at this time to serve in the Second World War. Phillips & Powis Aircraft Ltd, Short Brothers, and Vickers-Armstrong-Supermarine all produced aircraft at the site, including the iconic Supermarine Spitfire. Having been considered but been rejected as a possible municipal airport serving Swindon in the 1960s, the airfield came to end when Honda bought the site for their new venture. However, the runway still exists, running through the site, and was used by Honda as a test track. One of the attractions to Honda was the skilled engineer workforce of Swindon arising from its role in the railway industry. However, after 35 years, the Honda factory itself came to an end and the site is now being redeveloped again.

This redevelopment has provided the opportunity to explore the archaeology of the site preceding its 20th-century history. Remarkably, despite two significant phases of development to construct South Marston Airfield and then the Honda works, evidence for Late Iron Age (200 BC – AD 43) and Roman settlement, surrounded by extensive field systems, has come to light, some surviving under the airfield runway! Oxford Archaeology has been undertaking exploratory investigations and more detailed excavation at the site prior to development.

The evidence points to a small rural settlement that lies just off Ermine Street, the Roman road that links the local small town of Durocornovium (Wanborough) with the important regional centre of Corinium (Cirencester). The buildings might have been of slight construction and left little trace but finds of box tile, brick and tegula suggest a significant building lay nearby. A corn drier was found alongside some stone-lined pits, suggesting an area devoted to crop processing. Finds from the settlement include quern stones from grinding corn, whetstones for sharpening tools and two Roman shoes! The excavations are on-going and further discoveries are expected. The results will continue to add to the extraordinary history of this site on the edge of Swindon.



TOP: Newspaper cutting from 1965 about South Marston Airfield. © Swindon Echo, 8 January 1965. Reproduced by kind permission of the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre, document reference 2753FL.

LEFT: Aerial view of Iron Age and Roman deposits under the runway. © Oxford Archaeology. Reproduced with kind permission.

ABOVE: Excavating an Iron Age feature. © Oxford Archaeology. Reproduced with kind permission.

Area Board Briefing Note

Service:	<i>Voice and Participation</i>
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Independent visitors (IVs) are adult volunteers who provide independent, one-to-one befriending support to children in care. Their role is to "visit, advise and befriend" the young person with whom they are matched.

The 1989 Children Act made it a duty for Local Authorities to provide IVs for those young people living in care who have little or no contact from their parents or family. In 2008, the Children and Young Person's Act extended this duty so that any young person in care could be eligible to have an IV, if considered to be in their best interests.

Current Status:

As of the most recent update, we have successfully matched 72 young people with independent visitors.

In Progress:

Additionally, there are currently 17 matches in progress, all of which are proposed to become active before Christmas. This will bring our total matches to an impressive 89. This remarkable increase of 21 matched young people in this financial year marks the second consecutive year of the most significant growth in our numbers, with the previous year seeing an increase of 10 matches. It's worth noting that this achievement is even more impressive when considering the 8 matches that are scheduled to close soon.

National Context:

Nationally, our success is measured against similar schemes by the National IV Network. Specifically, we are assessed based on the percentage of young people in care who are matched with an IV across the county. With 89 matches, our matched population will stand at 17.3%. To put this in perspective, the national average, as reported in the last Freedom of Information (FOI) report by the National IV Network, was only 3.3%. The highest matching percentage in England and Wales was 16%.

Future Projections:

In the coming months, four of our young people will reach the age of 18, causing a slight decrease in our matched population to 16.4% by the end of the financial year. Nonetheless, this remains a significant achievement and showcases our dedication to making a difference in the lives of care-experienced individuals.

Impact on Waiting List:

An essential outcome of these matches is the reduction of our waiting list. As more young people are matched with independent visitors, our waiting list is projected to decrease to 22 individuals. This will mark the lowest number of individuals on the waiting list since we began keeping records.

Promotion of the IV Scheme:

We encourage the Area Boards to actively promote the IV Scheme by directing prospective volunteers to our website: [Independent visitor scheme - Wiltshire Council](#). This will help us continue our mission to provide meaningful support to young people in care and achieve our goals of positive social change.

Conclusion:

Our remarkable increase in matched young people, high matching percentage, and the decrease in our waiting list demonstrate our commitment to making a difference in the lives of care-experienced individuals. We look forward to your continued support and engagement in promoting the IV Scheme.



The Police and Crime Commissioner's
ANNUAL REPORT
2022-23

Wiltshire and Swindon

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Foreword from Philip Wilkinson, Police and Crime Commissioner



Welcome to my Annual Report which I hope you will find informative as well as providing an insightful summary of the work undertaken by myself and my team during the 2022/23 financial year. It has certainly been another busy and productive year, with progress being made across all the priorities of my Police and Crime Plan 2022-25.

Since starting in this role, my mission, and that of my Office, has always been Making Wiltshire Safer – safer for all those who live, work and visit our county. I am totally committed to driving this mission throughout the remainder of my term as

I continue to deliver on the commitments that I have made to all residents.

While the Police and Crime Panel hold me to account, the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner is, on behalf of the residents of Wiltshire and Swindon, to hold the Chief Constable to account to maintain an effective, and legitimate, police force and the delivery of my Police and Crime Plan. This plan focuses on the priorities that you made me aware of through my many meetings with the public and our various survey feedback.

“ My mission has always been to make Wiltshire a safer place to live, work and visit. ”



The recruitment of a new Chief Constable was a conscious decision on my part to bring an experienced and senior chief officer to Wiltshire and I am pleased to be able to report that the actions Chief Constable Catherine Roper has been taking are delivering the necessary changes that we need to improve the performance of Wiltshire Police.

There has been a defined focus on quality of service, on driving performance, an increased focus on victims and quality of investigations to boost outcome rates. We have also seen a determined effort by the Chief to encourage leaders within the Force to take control and drive-up standards and for our communities to receive more visible, proactive policing.



There remains much work to be done and Chief Constable Roper has been detailing these improvements and actions in her fortnightly open letter to me, which she also shares with you - so you can hold us both to account.

I, and my strengthened team spent much of last year challenging the previous Chief Constable to empower and better support the front-line commanders and officers and which included putting in place a new hierarchy of leadership training courses.

Towards the end of last year and supported by the Government's 'uplift' in police officer numbers, we finally started to see some serious improvements in operational performance, and I am delighted to report that with Chief Constable Roper, and a restructured leadership team in place, these improvements are accelerating.

In summary, Wiltshire Police is an improving police force, which combined with the additional services commissioned by my office is an improving police service.

Collectively we are making considerable progress in many specialist areas of policing but we still have much more to do before Chief Constable Roper and I can be confident that we have the most effective operational processes in place to provide the policing service that our residents want and deserve.

It has taken nearly two years since I was first elected but I am now confident that working with Chief Constable Roper, and her new team, we will see positive progress when they are next assessed by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services.

First and foremost, though, and more importantly than any inspection, I want Wiltshire Police, supported by my team, not only to continue to make Wiltshire safer but also for you, our residents, to feel safer in your communities too.

Only when we deliver that mission, and have earned the trust and confidence of you, our residents, will I be satisfied.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip Wilkinson'.

Philip Wilkinson
Wiltshire and Swindon Police and Crime Commissioner

Police and Crime Commissioner **role**

As PCC, I ensure the public has a direct voice in policing and crime matters. I am also responsible for:

- Setting the strategy for policing and community safety through a Police and Crime Plan
- Commissioning a range of services to deliver the Police and Crime Plan
- Commissioning support services for victims of crime
- Setting the annual policing budget and the precept
- Providing a local link between police, local authorities, Wessex criminal justice, partner agencies and communities
- Consulting and engaging with members of the public, specifically victims of crime
- Maintaining an efficient and effective police force
- Holding the Chief Constable to account for the operational delivery of policing and the performance of the force
- Publishing an annual report reporting on progress made against the Police and Crime Plan
- Appointing, and if necessary, removing a Chief Constable
- Contributing to the response to national and regional criminal activity and threats as set out by the Home Secretary in the Strategic Policing Requirement.





Your Police and Crime Commissioner - find out about my role and work

I am keen that Wiltshire's residents can find out as much information as possible about the role of the PCC, my office and the work that is being carried out.

As well as sending regular updates to all parish council magazines, there are a range of options on my website where you can access the latest news and performance reports:

- » [Making Wiltshire Safer - Wiltshire and Swindon Police and Crime Plan 2022-2025 \(office.com\)](#)
- » [Quarterly Performance Reporting \(wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)
- » [Philip Wilkinson - Choose My Police and Crime Commissioner \(choosemypcc.org.uk\)](#)
- » [Campaigns \(wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)
- » [Media releases - OPCC News \(wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)
- » [Area boards - Scheduled meetings - Wiltshire Council](#)
- » [Police and Crime Panel - Scheduled meetings and reports \(Wiltshire Council\)](#)

Our policing area

Surrounded by the counties of **Berkshire, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Oxfordshire, and Somerset**

Two unitary authorities

Swindon Borough Council and Wiltshire Council



Covers an area of almost **3,500 sq km**



Salisbury Plain

is the principal home and training ground for the armed forces



Oldest county force

in England - established on **13 November 1839**



Population of **726,951***

Swindon = 222,881 Wiltshire = 504,070* (*ONS 2020 estimates)*



2,298 employees

1,165 police officers, 122 PCSOs, 1,070 staff

Swindon

a vibrant town located on the M4 corridor, homes lots of national and global head offices



Historic monuments

such as Stonehenge, Avebury and the city of Salisbury

Has rural and market towns

Calne, Chippenham, Devizes, Marlborough, Malmesbury, Royal Wootton Bassett, Warminster and Trowbridge



Budget of **£134m**

Central grant **£73m**

Police council tax **£61m**



Wiltshire police demand:

More than **43,000** recorded crimes (pre-Covid)



More than **103,000** 999 calls

More than **268,000** 101 calls



11,000 victims of crime supported by PCC victim services

Making Wiltshire Safer: Police and Crime plan overview



Making Wiltshire Safer: Police and Crime Plan 2022-2025 was informed by you – our residents.

I consulted widely via the Use Your Voice survey, public discussion groups, with 462 responses from partners on behalf of large parts of our community, including MPs, local authorities, and councillors in Wiltshire and Swindon.

I listened to key stakeholders and partners, using Focus Group sessions including representatives from diverse communities and young people, and listened to the Chief Constable and colleagues within Wiltshire Police, before publishing my Plan, after approval from the Wiltshire and Swindon's Police and Crime Panel.

You told me that you wanted a police service which fights crime, prevents Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and drug-related activities in your communities, delivers improvements in road safety, tackles rural crime and reduces serious violence and domestic abuse.

These areas were important to you and my Police and Crime Plan has ensured that the strategic blueprint range of activities to achieve improvements have been carried out.

Since its publication in March 2022, I have continued to listen to the comments and ideas of Wiltshire and Swindon's communities, also drawing from a wide range of public surveys and crime data to shape delivery.

My mission has always been to make Wiltshire safer through the provision of a quality and efficient police service which tackles the crimes that matter most to our communities. My **Making Wiltshire Safer: Police and Crime Plan** sets out the direction for Wiltshire Police's focus and priorities from 2022 – 2025 to help to achieve this.

“ It is my job as Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure Wiltshire Police has the necessary resources to fight and prevent crime. ”

During the last year, our communities have reinforced the need for more frontline police officers – and I agree with them.



Using your support for a precept increase, Wiltshire Police has recruited additional police officers to help provide more visible policing in communities and quality investigations. Working with the Chief Constable, and on her operational advice, we will increase the total number of officers by 32 in the annual review of the current workforce mix.

These officers will bolster Wiltshire Police's work in the community, and crime investigation, and are in addition to the Uplift officers who are also coming through the recruitment and training pipeline into our communities, as well as specialist roles and the rural crime team. This will mean Wiltshire Police will better meet the needs of our communities.

The Plan has four priorities:

PRIORITY 1: Provide a police service that meets the needs of its community

Due to the government's uplift programme, we now have 150 more officers than two years ago – and the most police officers Wiltshire Police has had in more than a decade. This is alongside a new targeted operational model that places more officers in the neighbourhood teams and in the community.

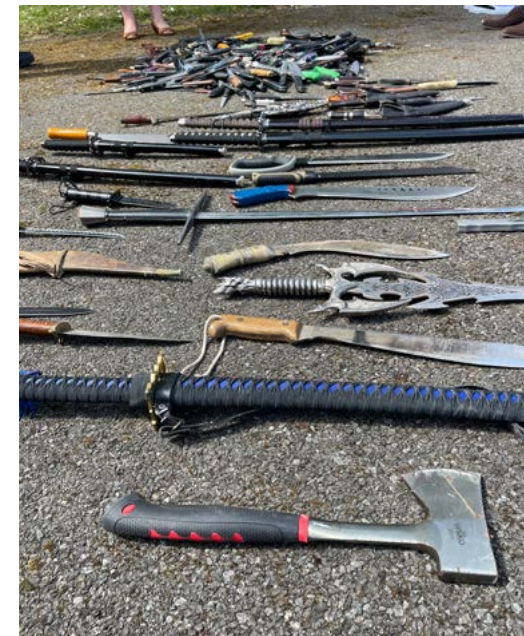
We also now have two mobile police stations to visit our smaller towns and villages where police stations have been closed and to improve the service we deliver. Wiltshire Police has two more mobile stations in the delivery pipeline and we hope these will be out in our communities soon.



We still have work to do to improve our response to 101 calls but that is a work in progress.



and the Force have significantly stepped-up targeted enforcement and disruption activity to target these offenders involved in gang violence. Following the government's establishment of the Serious Violence Duty, my office has been leading efforts to better coordinate the multi-agency response to knife crime in our communities, through the Community Safety Partnerships in Swindon and Wiltshire and invest the additional funding we have secured to divert those young people most at risk of serious violence and support those affected.



Op Sceptre: some of the knives surrendered

PRIORITY 2: Reduce violence and serious crime

Two years ago, the positive outcome rate for rape and serious sexual offences in Wiltshire were some of the worst in the country and less than 2%. The Force's positive outcome rate as of March 2023 is 22.6% which, while still too low, is an improvement I am determined to sustain, and I encourage any victims to please report any crimes to the Police.

The use of illegal substances is a complex and long-term challenge but Wiltshire Police is now the best performing force in the country per head of capita for county line drug disruptions and my office is working closely with partner agencies across the Combating Drugs Partnerships in Wiltshire and Swindon to help those affected by substance abuse by delivering high-quality treatment and recovery, as well as targeting the networks to reduce supply and demand.

There is understandable concern from communities about the rise in knife crime and serious violence, particularly by young people,



PRIORITY 3: Tackle crimes that matter to local communities

You asked me to focus on road safety, anti-social behaviour, and rural crime.



Wiltshire Police's approach to delivering road safety is a combination of education, effective enforcement, and deterrence.

In 2021, the Force issued a total of **192** enforcement tickets, referrals to court and speed awareness courses. As a result of significant investment, between the 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023, this team undertook enforcement at **220** locations issuing **2,561** speed awareness course tickets, **330** fines and points and **44** court appearances.

A key commitment I made in my plan was to use data from community Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) to better inform and target the police's enforcement activities to areas of greatest risk and I am pleased to confirm that this is now happening.

You can keep up-to-date with where speed enforcement action is happening across our county by visiting my webpage – [Road Safety \(wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](http://wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk).

Tackling anti-social behaviour requires a comprehensive approach with local authorities and other partners, as many of the solutions and interventions are delivered by organisations other than the police. While the overall trend for anti-social behaviour is heading down, I recognise the impact this type of crime can have on individuals and communities, and I am pleased that where hotspots do emerge the police and local authorities are working together to tackle it swiftly.

Significant investment has been Op Galileo, which forms part of Wiltshire Police's Rural Crime strategic plan and is a national campaign which seeks to combat offenders poaching and hare coursing. My office has funded drones and night vision equipment to drive enforcement improvements. As a result, there has been a 55.5% reduction in hare coursing and a 64.3% reduction in poaching crime logs.



PRIORITY 4: Improving the experience of victims and delivering justice

My office commissions many of the services which support victims and using local funding, as well as money from the Ministry of Justice, we invested £2M in these services in 2022-23.

I chair the Wiltshire Criminal Justice Board which works to coordinate criminal justice services and improvements across the system, working with the Crown Prosecution Service, HM Courts and Tribunal Service, Prison Service, Probation Service, youth justice services, local judiciary, Legal Aid Agency, and the police.

2022 – 2023 Police and Crime plan progress update

Priority one



A police service that
meets the needs of
its communities

Recruitment of Chief Constable

I was delighted to appoint new Chief Constable, Catherine Roper, following a competitive recruitment process in February 2023. Appointing a Chief Constable is one of the most important decisions I will make while in office and I am grateful for the support of my office in bringing the comprehensive recruitment process to a successful conclusion.

We are fortunate to have secured such considerable policing experience and aptitude in Chief Constable Roper. Her focus and commitment to delivering a quality police service for the county's residents was evident and I was particularly heartened to hear the passion she will bring to improving the performance of, and confidence in, Wiltshire Police.





Uplift achieved

Wiltshire Police successfully increased its full-time equivalent police officer numbers to over 1,165 by March 2023 meeting the Government's national uplift campaign. I have also invested in additional officers and staff to ensure that Wiltshire's residents see an improved and more visible police service.

Annual drug offences crime volumes

There was a 10% decrease between April 2022 – March 2023 (1,109) and April 2021 – March 2022 (1,205). The national figures for crime disruption activity show Wiltshire Police are the top force in England and Wales for the past two years.

Mobile police stations

I approved investment for Wiltshire Police to purchase two further mobile police stations that will be active in rural communities and support night-time economy policing operations in our larger communities during certain weekends. They are equipped

and designed to replicate actual police stations, supporting neighbourhood policing officers further in their work protecting our communities.

HMICFRS vetting and misconduct

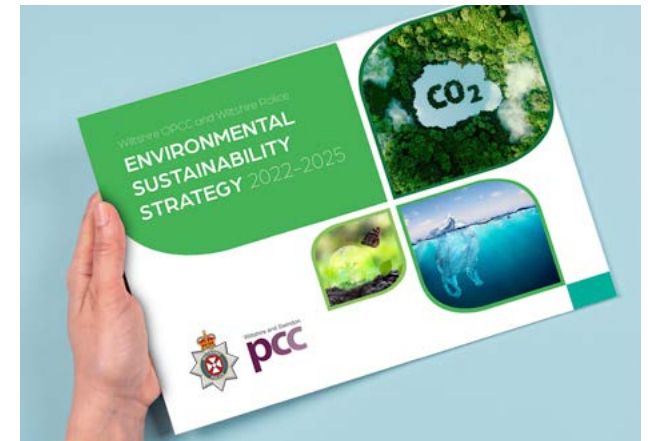
Together with Chief Constable Roper, I have reviewed all local standards and vetting policies to ensure they are fit-for-purpose. A comprehensive review of all existing misconduct cases has been completed by the Force. All Force staff and officers are being checked against national police data bases and I have taken the additional step to include all OPCC staff in this review.

Police training

My office commissioned an external review of Wiltshire Police training, receiving 80 recommendations for immediate actions to improve training and development for officers and staff. As a result, I approved investment of £1.2m to improve the training estate which includes new facilities and IT equipment, with the aim to significantly enhance the capability and quality of training the Force can deliver for staff.

Force and OPCC Environmental Sustainability strategy

We are focused on delivering reductions in emissions and reducing our impact on the environment. We have set our objectives inline with key government policies, and we are committing to refining our understanding of our environmental impact as an organisation and across our supply chains. We are working to increase our understanding and systems to monitor, and subsequently reduce our impact across our organisation and workforce.



Melksham custody refurbishment

I approved a £3.7M investment to fund refurbishment works within the custody suite at Melksham, including mechanical and electrical system upgrades, an improved air lock system, a more secure alarm network and a refresh of the custody desk, offices, and cells. The improvements will also meet Home Office compliance advice, as well as HMICFRS inspection criteria. This in turn will help to improve future Wiltshire Police PEEL reports and overall custody standards.

These works will ensure Wiltshire Police provides modern custodial facilities for improved detainee safety and better evidence collection opportunities to inform investigation and charge outcomes. The design also incorporates important improvements to the way in which detainees with neurodivergent conditions are managed whilst on custody. I am confident that all areas of policing will reap the benefits of this refurbishment project.



Tidworth police station

The new community police station in Tidworth replaces the town's ageing community centre and the old police stations in Tidworth, which was no longer fit-for-purpose for modern policing. The partnership with Tidworth Town Council is enabling the construction of a new police station, with an investment of £2M from the OPCC, with a better facility for people living in the local community, which will be more accessible and will create a better working environment for our officers and staff.



Southern policing hub

I am committed to a Safer South Wiltshire and have listened to residents' concerns, alongside the operational advice from Wiltshire Police. A public consultation event was held at Salisbury Guildhall 31 October, which more than 100 people attended in person. It is a key part of my Police and Crime Plan – and a core component of my Estate Strategy- to have major policing hubs to cover the north of the county, which is Gablecross in Swindon, and one in the south, in the Salisbury area. We have proceeded to explore several options for possible locations – and finances allocated within the Medium-Term Financial Strategy for investment.

Scrutiny panels

These panels are made up of local volunteers from a diverse range of backgrounds and experience. They meet regularly to review body worn video footage of the use of force and stop and search, and to monitor the use of Out of Court Resolutions by the police. The panel offers a public perception of policing, which is shared directly with officers, providing organisational learning and helping to improve procedural justice.

Priority two



Reduce violence and serious harm

Op Soteria

Part of the government's Rape Review, Operation Soteria is a Home Office-funded research and change programme which has developed a new national operating model for the investigation and

prosecution of rape and serious sexual assault. In March 2022 the Home Office announced Wiltshire Police would be included in phase two of Op Soteria, alongside Dorset and Hampshire forces. Op Soteria ensures every police force is focused - not only to improve the service victims receive - but to ensure everyone in the criminal justice system is working to improve charge rates and convictions, which have been appallingly low. These principles are perfectly aligned with the priorities within my police and crime plan.

Serious Violence

Tackling knife crime and serious violence is a key priority for Wiltshire Police, and they have undertaken significant enforcement activity across response to community concerns. The police approach is always intelligence led, and operations have been focused on high-harm causers – those individuals known to be part of gangs and most at risk of being engaged in serious violence or carrying bladed weapons.

Following the establishment of the Serious Violence Duty by the government in January 2023 my office has been leading the coordination of partner agencies from across policing, health, local government, justice and education to work with the community to tackle the root cause of knife crime. The OPCC has funded a number



of interventions and diversionary activities in partnership with other agencies to reduce young people's interaction with the criminal justice system.



These include 'PL Kicks' – a scheme run by Swindon Town FC Community Foundation in conjunction with the Premier League which uses football to engage young people between 8-18 years of age. It was set up in 2006 as a way of using football to engage young people and to try and tackle issues such as anti-social behaviour, youth violence and to improve community safety. The areas where the scheme is being delivered has seen an increase sports participation and a reduction in anti-social behaviour.

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One of my friends told me about Foundation park on Fridays. Then Miss (his teacher) said that you could come every Friday. I told all my friends and I've been here for a year or two and it's a very good experience. I play with some of the olders as well and it's beautiful.

Joseph
PL Kicks Youth Member

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I found out about PL Kicks after they posted an advert at New College. I made a few friends and now I come every Friday. Without those Friday sessions, I'd probably be at home playing video games or on the street doing something worse.

Honestly, it's amazing because you get your legs warm and your heart pumping – you feel alive.

Lenon
PL Kicks Youth Member

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The OPCC has also provided funding to support the mobilisation of the nationally recognised 'Focussed Deterrence' model, which involves police officers working with Swindon Youth Justice Service in a multi-agency team to deliver engagement and enforcement interventions for those young people who are the greatest risk of committing serious offences. Street Doctors and the Blunt Truth are examples of educational interventions the OPCC are also funding with the Youth Justice Service to deliver emergency first aid training sessions which empower young people affected by violence to keep themselves and others safe.

Op Sceptre

In addition to these proactive operations and interventions, Wiltshire Police also undertake extensive community engagement, primarily through schools, as part of the national operation to reduce knife crime, Operation Sceptre. This involves the police conducting test purchase operations to ensure young people are not able to buy knives illegally, undertaking knife sweeps within the local community to recover discarded weapons



and placing amnesty bins in community locations to encourage the safe disposal of these weapons – since 2018 this has resulted in the removal of over 1,200 knives and blades from our streets.

Op Scorpion

Together with fellow Police and Crime Commissioners, and their respective Forces across the south west, we have collaborated on Op Scorpion to disrupt drug dealing, and associated crime, in our communities. Tackling drug-related crime, rooting out dealers and disrupting supplies of drugs onto Wiltshire's streets has been the direct result of a regional, co-ordinated, campaign led by the south west region's five Police and Crime Commissioners. Outcomes from the campaign are detailed on page 20.



Safety at Night Charter

My office launched the Safety at Night Charter across Swindon and Wiltshire in 2022 which is aimed at supporting local businesses across the night-time economy to reduce violence and help the public feel safer when out at night. Aimed at pubs, bars, restaurants as well as leisure and event venues and transport providers, the charter provides practical advice and guidance for businesses and their staff on establishing and maintain a safe space for everyone, but with a focus on women and girls as we know from our own survey that they are often disproportionately affected by crimes in these venues. More than 150 organisations have signed up across Wiltshire and Swindon

and this has been supported by proactive, high-visibility, policing operations, targeted in hotspots areas to tackle violence in the night-time economy and provide reassurance to the public.

Support for victims

Almost £900,000 of funding for victims in 2022-23 was utilised in the support of victims of sexual harm and domestic abuse across Wiltshire and Swindon with more than 4,000 victims of domestic abuse being supported by specialist services and 1,700 victims of sexual violence receiving dedicated support. During the year I worked with Wiltshire Council to recommission the domestic abuse service with increased referrals available to victims, and the provision of mental health support and a specialist team to support moving people into refuge accommodation. My office also worked with NHS England to recommission therapeutic interventions to support victims of child abuse.

FearFree

FearFree is an organisation working to break the cycle of domestic abuse and sexual violence. It brings together services for victims of Domestic Abuse and their families, providing a full range of services with a single, easy to use access point.



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I've had the pleasure of working with several Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs) over the last two years and they have all been extremely kind. As well as regularly checking in with me and keeping me updated, they helped my confidence grow.

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An in-person group full of wonderful facilitators and participants. The group captured a lot of what we experience on the other side of trauma and used that knowledge to help us pursue our personal growth. The group was also done in a safe and calming environment. The facilitators were kind and knowledgeable and always available to listen.

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Their professional, fully trained and hugely caring teams work across communities in the South West, providing personalised support services to help victims change or move on from abusive relationships, supporting people who have experienced sexual violence or stalking, supporting children and young people affected by abuse to move on with their lives and running voluntary programmes for perpetrators to help them change their behaviour.



Domestic abuse perpetrator programme

Through a progressive partnership approach between my office and the Probation Service we have launched a domestic abuse perpetrator programme delivered by the Integrated Offender Management Team within Wiltshire Police to comprehensively monitor 64 high-risk offenders in the community and custody and deliver behavioural change interventions designed to reduce their likelihood of reoffending.

Sexual Assault Referral Clinic (SARC)

This service offers immediate support to victims of recent or non-recent rape or sexual assault, offering confidential, practical and emotional support from a team of specialist staff. I was pleased that my office and NHS Southwest were awarded the “Best Procurement Delivery Award” for the recommissioning of this service in October 2022, following the launch of the new contract as it demonstrated our commitment to the quality of this service for victims and the importance of the support provided through every step of the process.

Sounds Like Women

Sounds Like Women is an organisation raising awareness about the most pressing issues for women, girls, their families and communities, including domestic abuse. The group's mission is to empower through music and a range of music services and community activities.



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As a survivor of domestic abuse, I found the group when I was a shadow of my former self. I went along to the musical workshops, where through various exercises it helped me to find my voice... quite literally! Now I have the confidence speaking out something I wouldn't say before!

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I was so very quiet and very withdrawn and I started doing the workshops. It was once a week and over a period of time, it gradually brought out the real me that was hiding inside, the one that had been scared away. And it literally, though music therapy, bought my voice back.

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Starting Point mentoring pilot

My office has funded a pilot with Swindon Borough Council to deliver mentoring to 20 young people most at risk of entering the criminal justice system or being exploited through involvement in gang crime. This is focused particularly at those children attending EOTAS (Education Other Than at School) and I will fund a similar pilot in Wiltshire in 2023-24.



Operation Cavell

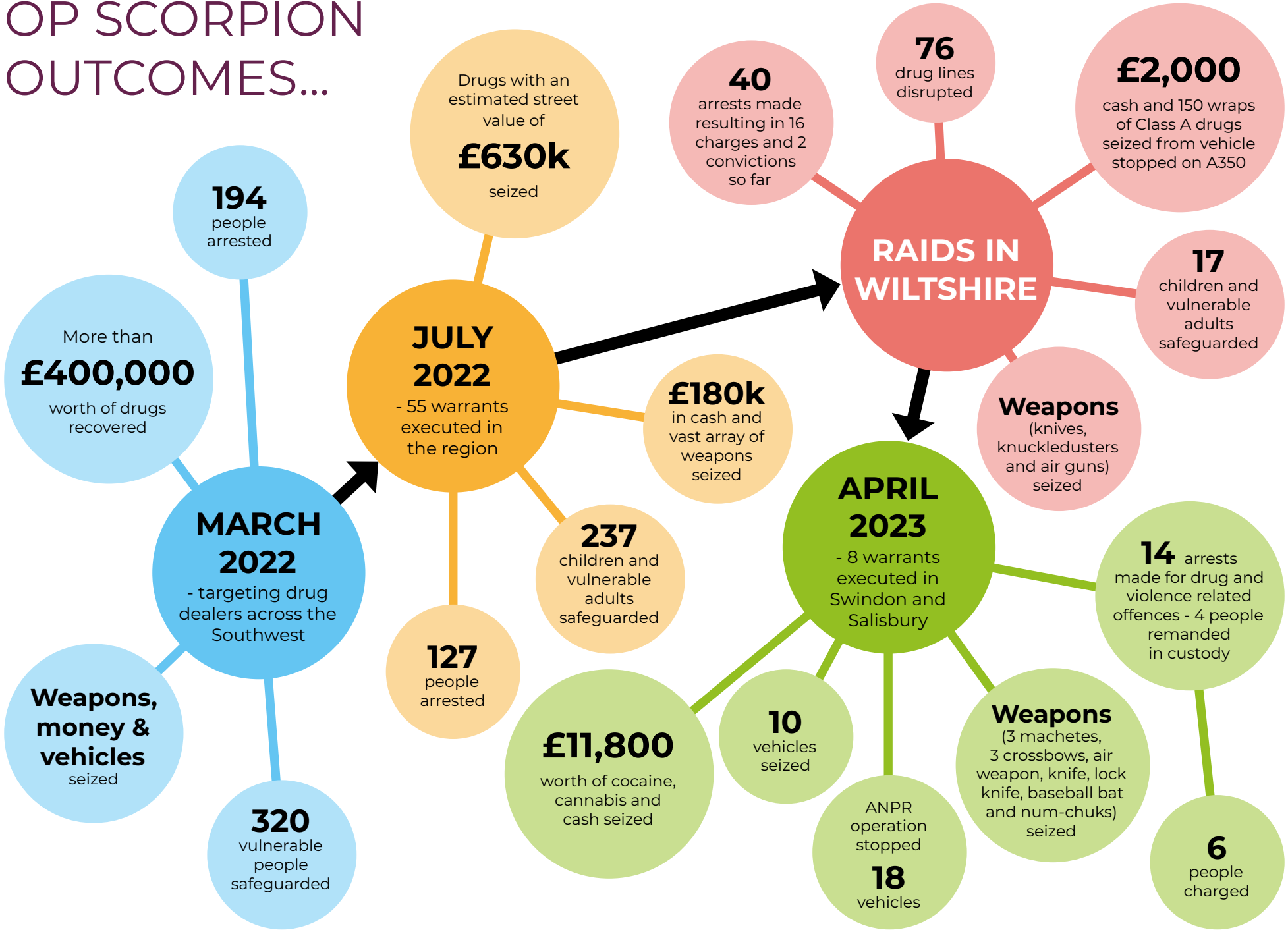
Together with Wiltshire Police, I joined partners across the southwest to support Operation Cavell which is a campaign to tackle rising assaults against emergency responders and increasing support for all emergency workers to secure convictions for offenders.

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I went to join in some Sounds Like Women workshops with a group of women who had all suffered due to domestic abuse. We had so much fun and laughed, sung and recorded a song together! I can't recommend Sounds Like Women enough for healing and empowerment!

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OP SCORPION OUTCOMES...



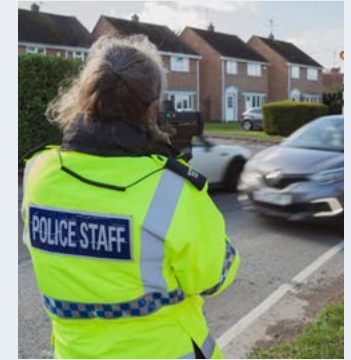
Priority three



Tackle crimes that matter most to local communities

Road Safety

I promised to improve road safety and make better use of intelligence data. My office has led increased road safety focus, including collaboration with all partner agencies to improve co-ordinated outcomes. Three new Traffic Enforcement Officers have been employed; as well as state-of-the-art equipment, three new Road Safety Officers and associated cars, two administrators to process speeding tickets increasing focus on road safety and supporting Community SpeedWatch activities.



Between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023 the team undertook enforcement at 220 locations, resulting in:

2,561

speed awareness
course tickets

330

finest and points

44

court appearances

I said we would use data from Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) across Wiltshire and Swindon to inform Force deployment of enforcement activities in my Police and Crime Plan - and we have. A pilot has



been successfully undertaken from January to June 2023 to gather data from 20 SIDs for use by Wiltshire Police. The monthly data was extracted by volunteers over a period of five months. This data has been sent to Wiltshire Police and imported into their computer system.



The data has been used to assess average and maximum average speeds on an hourly / daily / weekly, and monthly basis, at all locations covered by the SIDs. The Force uses this data, together with other sources of intelligence, to make speed enforcement decisions. This has now been rolled out to all SIDs across Wiltshire and Swindon, with 60 SIDs registered and submitting data.

Wiltshire Police have joined the Department for Transport campaign and are using positive drug wipe data to enhance intelligence and to improve road safety.



Community Speed Watch

The Community Speed Watch scheme, which is run by volunteers across the county, encourages local people to address speeding in their communities. The volunteers work closely with Community Policing Teams, supported by the Special Constabulary Roads Policing Unit. All volunteers are trained by Traffic Management Policing Officers to monitor traffic speed and must comply with a code of practice.



We are absolutely delighted with the investment in more Speed Enforcement and Road Safety Officers and all of the visible speed enforcement they have undertaken in our village. This makes our Community Speed Watch volunteers and residents feel supported, and we know that improving Road Safety is a major priority. It is great to see that things are really being done to make our roads safer.



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Over the past year our Community Speed Watch Team has really appreciated the support from the Speed Enforcement Team (special thanks to Speed Enforcement Officers Jack, Debbi and Scott). Our records indicate that the combined roadside presence has significantly contributed to the speed awareness and a reduction in the number of speeding vehicles. Thank you.

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Anti-social behaviour

This is not a low-level crime – it can be devastating for those who become victim to it, and it can be a precursor to more serious crime. I am determined that Wiltshire Police tackle it, working jointly with local authorities and other partners to respond robustly and comprehensively to issues where they arise.

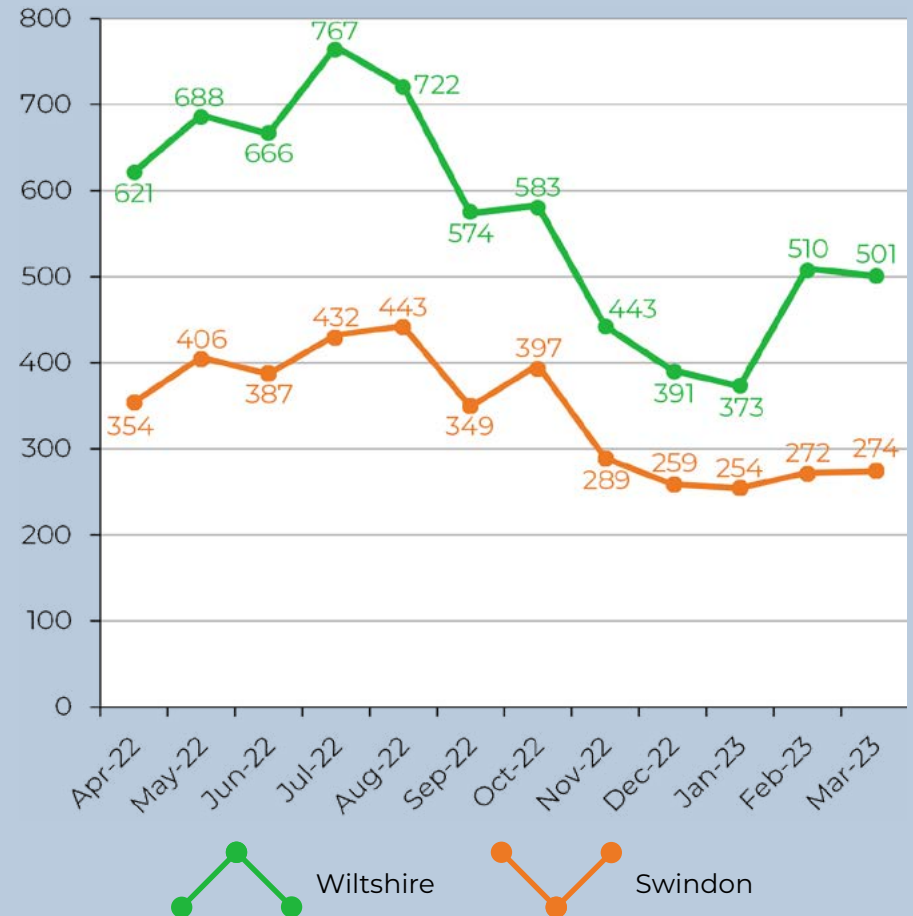


In the last year, Wiltshire Police has worked with Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough to utilise the range of powers available to address anti-social behaviour and reduce its impact on the community. This has included the use of public space protection orders, dispersal orders in areas of concern, injunctions on individuals and closure orders on properties where such behaviour has caused significant distress to local

residents. The Force have also undertaken high-visibility patrols in hotspots identified by the community and targeted enforcement at those individuals perpetrating this sort of crime.

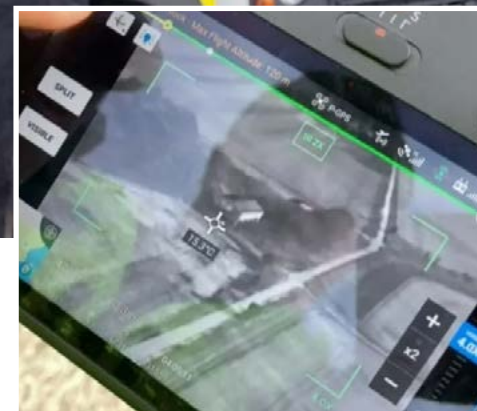
My office has worked with partners across the Community Safety Partnerships in Wiltshire and Swindon to develop an ASB toolkit which helps the public access the support they need and sign post to the right agency which can deal with any issues they are experiencing. Whilst I am pleased to see a drop in incidents of anti-social behaviour in the last year of 27% in Wiltshire and 32% in Swindon, there remains more to do, and I will continue to focus on this issue as residents have told me how important it is to them.

ASB incidents in Wiltshire and Swindon April 2022 - March 2023



Safer streets fund

My office worked with Swindon Borough Council and Wiltshire Council to successfully secure over £0.5M through the government's Safer Streets Fund to deliver projects designed to combat acquisitive, anti-social behaviour and tackle violence against women and girls. The range of interventions delivered included targeted youth work with young people in deprived areas, establishment of pop-up youth cafes, procurement of a mobile CCTV unit and installation of CCTV in hot spot areas, prevention work with schools and parents, provision of taxi marshals in Swindon to help increase safety for those out socialising at weekends.



Rural crime

I know how important tackling rural crime is, so I have invested in the Rural crime team with the uplift of three staff, doubling the size of team and purchasing a new pursuit and off-road vehicle. I have supported visible operations and work with Rural Crime Partnership to improve confidence in our rural communities.

PCC community action fund

This year I relaunched my Community Action Fund which offers grants up to £5,000 to local organisations and charities to support delivery of activities which align with the priorities set out in my Police and Crime Plan. Working closely in partnership with the Wiltshire Community Foundation, we have redesigned the application process to make it even more accessible for smaller group and enable multiple opportunities to apply throughout the year. Funded by proceeds from the Police Property Act, the pot of money available has come from auctioning any unclaimed property that has been recovered following a crime.

Priority four



Supporting victims

During 2022-23 across Wiltshire and Swindon, I dedicated more than £500,000 in addition to national funding of more than £1M to support victims of crime, resulting in over 24,000

victims being assisted with a range of specialist and practical support depending on their needs.



Horizon

At the centre of Wiltshire and Swindon's model of support services is Horizon Victim and Witness Care, which provide support to all victims of crime. The team is funded by the OPCC and during this year I have supported the development and extension of the new advocate role which is aimed at enhancing the support and guidance available to particularly vulnerable victims.



Improve the experience of victims and deliver justice

Restorative justice

Restorative Together is a service provided by Horizon which brings those harmed by crime or conflict together with those responsible. This service offers victims of crime a level of resolution and possible closure and can help the harmer recognise and understand how their behaviour affects others. The Restorative Justice facilitators are all volunteers who are highly trained to work with those harmed, and their harmers, to help all parties move on in a positive way. I was delighted that Wiltshire's Restorative Justice volunteers won the Citizens in Policing 'Police Support Volunteer Team of Year' at the South West regional awards - this particularly recognised the dedication and skills they have to make this vital programme a success.



Mental health triage

This year my office has recommissioned the mental health triage service, working with partners in Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Trust and the Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board. The service provides a dedicated clinical mental health professional 24/7 located in the Force control room to assist police with incidents where the mental ill health of an individual gives rise to concern.



Custody healthcare

During the year my office worked with colleagues from police forces across the south west to commission a new regional custody healthcare contract. Worth £8M, over ten years, this contract provides professional health services to detainees while in custody delivered by qualified medical professionals, ensuring high standards and quality of care and support throughout the custody process. This contract went live in Wiltshire Police in October 2022.

Reducing re-offending

My office commissions a range of services aimed at reducing reoffending by providing appropriate help, rehabilitation, and support services for offenders.

In the last year the OPCC has worked with NHS England to recommission the mental health treatment requirement service which provide individuals with complex mental health needs with specialist support through community sentencing.

We have also worked in partnership with our local authority colleagues to recommission substance misuse contracts in both Swindon and Wiltshire. These services provide drug and alcohol treatment pathways through out-of-court resolutions and court



orders for offenders, delivering alcohol treatment and drug rehabilitation requirements. These contracts include hubs across the force area as well as outreach services into custody where dedicated staff work alongside the police to engage and support offenders to tackle substance misuse.

In addition to these specialist services, the OPCC commissions a range of out-of-court resolutions. These are a means of dealing with



less serious offending, which do not need prosecution at court and can be dealt with quickly and more effectively through alternative means. My office funds an interventions hub hosted online which provides 35 e-learning interventions targeted at common low-level offences or at specific offender groups such as vulnerable females.



An external review of the **Wessex Criminal Justice system**, which identified case supervision, training, police / CPS (Crown Prosecution Service) relationships, initial response, and processes as areas to improve. The significant improvement in DA (Domestic Abuse) 1st hearings from 79 days (May 21) to 22 day (May 22). Now, includes a 33% decrease in the average days from police referring a case to the CPS and the CPS authorising a charge, March 23. Alongside 7% (65) growth in investigations where an offender was issued with a charge outcome: victim-based offences.

Listening to you

Hearing your feedback and your experiences of the service you have received from Wiltshire Police is vital and helps me to scrutinise and challenge the policing service being delivered with the Chief Constable, and her leadership team.



As part of this, gathering feedback from our communities either I, or a member of my Office, has attended 15 Area Boards across Wiltshire between April 2022 and March 2023. We were also present at 12 Parish Council meetings and seven town council meetings. I have also been responsible for providing regular updates to both local authority council leaders and providing briefs and updates for all councillors across Wiltshire and Swindon.

We use these community-based meetings to gather feedback and hear how communities feel about the policing service but also to update on issues important to local communities, often with our policing colleagues so we can provide the fullest picture possible.

All information received is used to build improvements into the Force, where appropriate, or to provide community intelligence which can be used to inform local policing priorities.

Talking and listening to residents – and key communities – remains an area where we are dedicating time and resource to ensure I can faithfully represent the views of communities within policing.

My office and I have been out at 34 public consultation sessions across the county – including at high-footfall areas such as shopping

Public engagement

Between April 2022 and March 2023 either I, or a member of my office attended...



12 Parish Council meetings

7 Town Council meetings

34 Public consultations

15 Area boards

57 Public engagements

Digital engagement

March 2022 - 2023



centres, schools, and community centres, libraries and in under-represented communities.

We also actively engage with our communities digitally across social media channels where I, or my office, have a presence on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube and X (formally Twitter).

Between March 2022 and 2023, we have published 928 posts, delivered 812k impressions (the number of times it was displayed in a content feed), to 318k users, with a 6.7% engagement rate. We consistently benchmark our engagement rates against industry standards for local government.

We use our public sector website to its full potential, ensuring accessibility best practice and engaging with new and returning visitors. This has resulted in nearly 44,000 page views. The website is optimised for all devices and, along with our social media activity, we track its performance and make improvements where needed.*

As well as attending 57 public engagements across the county, and representing the role of PCC and my office, I also hold regular bi-monthly surgeries with all local Members of Parliament and ensure any issues raised with them by their electorate are dealt with, and action taken where necessary and appropriate.

Alongside this, the work of the Force and how my office scrutinises, challenges and supports the performance of Wiltshire Police, was looked at in great detail across six Wiltshire and Swindon Police and Crime Panel meetings.

During the same time period, my office has continued to ask for residents' views and feedback in a more formal way. These include engaging with young people, with communities and with victims of crime:

- **Youth Commission:** The commission is now in its second year and enables young people aged between 14 and 25 to support, challenge and inform the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon. Young people can gain new knowledge, skills, and experiences, and have their say on crime and policing issues that matter most to them and their peers. The Youth Commission published its report earlier this year, and I hosted the 'Big Conversation' conference in January 2023 alongside police and partner agencies to hear directly from the youth commissioners on their findings.
- **Safer Nights Survey:** 2,800 residents responded to the survey sharing how safe they feel at night, and what could be done to ensure they feel safer. The results shaped the Safety at Night Charter and informed funding bids from the OPCC, and partners, for safer streets funding. Projects now being delivered include more street lighting, extra CCTV and a network of business signing up across Wiltshire and Swindon.
- **Victims Voice - satisfaction survey:** The OPCC coordinate the victims survey to ensure Wiltshire Police are meeting the needs of our victims. This survey aims to gain insight from a greater number of victims and use their experiences to help shape and improve services and the way the police engage and support victims through the criminal justice process.

*Analytics provided by Hootsuite.



His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services Inspections

In 2022, His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services Inspection (HMICFRS) conducted an inspection of Wiltshire Police in line with their programme of scrutiny. Its report, 'Police Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy' (PEEL), in July 2022, graded Wiltshire Police as 'inadequate' in the ability to respond to the public, protect vulnerable people and strategic planning.



All other areas of assessment were graded as requires improvement, including how Wiltshire Police support victims and protect vulnerable people. Due to this inspection Wiltshire Police were placed into 'ENGAGE' status, where additional support and oversight are put in place by the inspectorate.

The Inspectorate's report was a sobering read and is highly disappointing especially when I know we have many dedicated officers and staff working hard to deliver a quality policing service. However, the inspection report was consistent with my own assessment and what I was hearing from residents, of Wiltshire Police's ability to deliver and performance, and I provided substantial public comment at the time.



My aim, alongside Chief Constable Roper, is for Wiltshire Police to provide a quality, effective, frontline policing service which prioritises those crimes which matter most to communities. These are priorities I have set in my Police and Crime Plan and I expect to see a tangible change that will improve, and enhance, the service that Wiltshire's residents get from their police service.

During 2022/23 there has been a significant refocusing of effort to improve policing services and this information is set out in detail on Wiltshire Police's website.

My role as PCC is to scrutinise, challenge and support the Chief Constable and ensure that these improvements are delivered. I have put in place a comprehensive approach to ensure this happens and the public are updated on progress, this includes:

- Weekly briefings from the Chief Constable and on key issues, where I review actions to improve Police deliver and impact for our communities
- Two monthly meetings formally reviewing Force performance and progress against my Police and Crime Plan and the HMICFRS PEEL areas
- Regular public reports to Police and Crime Panel on my assessment of the Force's PEEL progress

- Continual monitoring of Force internal delivery mechanisms and the arrangements in place to deliver the improvements required by HMICFRS and the OPCC
- Regular engagement with the HMICFRS representatives and Inspectors
- Programme of in-person visits by PCC, and OPCC senior staff, to Police services across Wiltshire and Swindon, meeting Police Officers and Police Staff to listen to issues, measure performance progress and recognise achievements.
- Feedback to communities on Force performance through quarterly performance updates, media releases and personal updates to community groups.

This work will continue through 2023/24 where Chief Constable Roper and I will continue to deliver improvements and engage with the HMICFRS, College of Policing and the Home Office to demonstrate both service, and performance, improvements.

Wiltshire Police will be reinspected in 2023/24 and I will continue to monitor Wiltshire Police's progress. I continue to have confidence that Chief Constable Roper is delivering the changes required.

Specific departments within Wiltshire Police have also been inspected. These were consistent with the work identified in the PEEL inspection and incorporated into these improvements.

More details of specific police inspections and national thematic inspections can be found at [His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services - His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services \(justiceinspectorates.gov.uk\)](https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/)





Finance and accountability

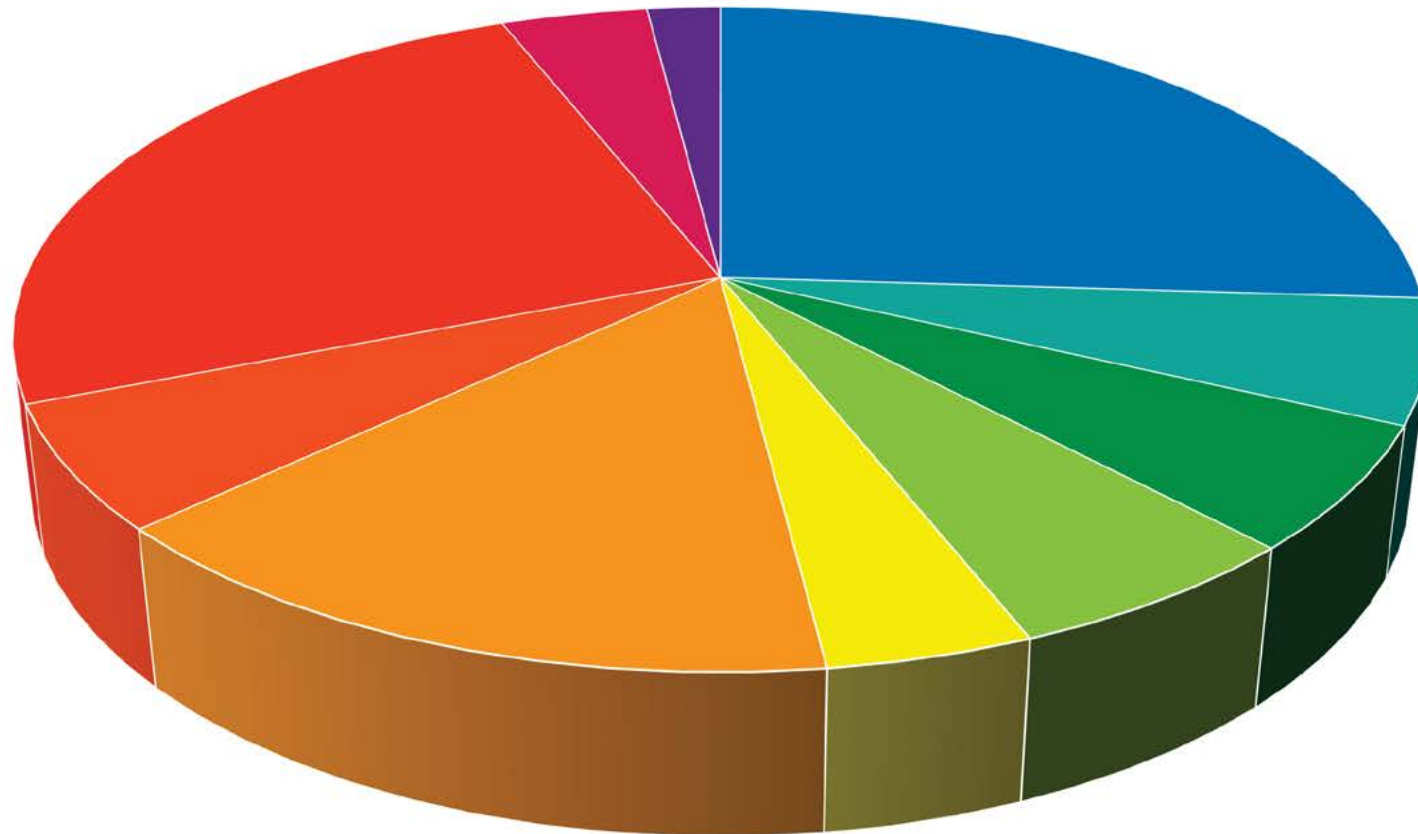
Summary of Financial Performance

My policing and office budget is as follows:

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
	£m	£m	£m
OPCC office costs and external funding	3.268	5.171	5.451
Capital contribution	2.329	2.857	2.912
Enabling services allocation	27.683	32.224	34.825
Chief Constable allocation	100.747	100.144	103.345
Cost of service	134.027	140.396	146.534

Financed by			
Police grant	67.709	70.428	70.657
Legacy council tax grants	5.235	5.235	5.235
Precept	61.004	64.359	69.428
Surplus on collection fund	0.000	0.295	0.714
Investment income	0.079	0.079	0.500
Total income	134.027	140.396	146.534

Actual spend



Local policing: **26%** (28% 21/22)

Criminal justice arrangements: **6%** (6% 21/22)

Intelligence: **4%** (4% 21/22)

Public protection: **6%** (5% 21/22)

Support including ACPO: **25%** (24% 21/22)

Central costs including reserves/capital: **2%** (4% 21/22)

Dealing with the public: **6%** (8% 21/22)

Specialist operations: **6%** (4% 21/22)

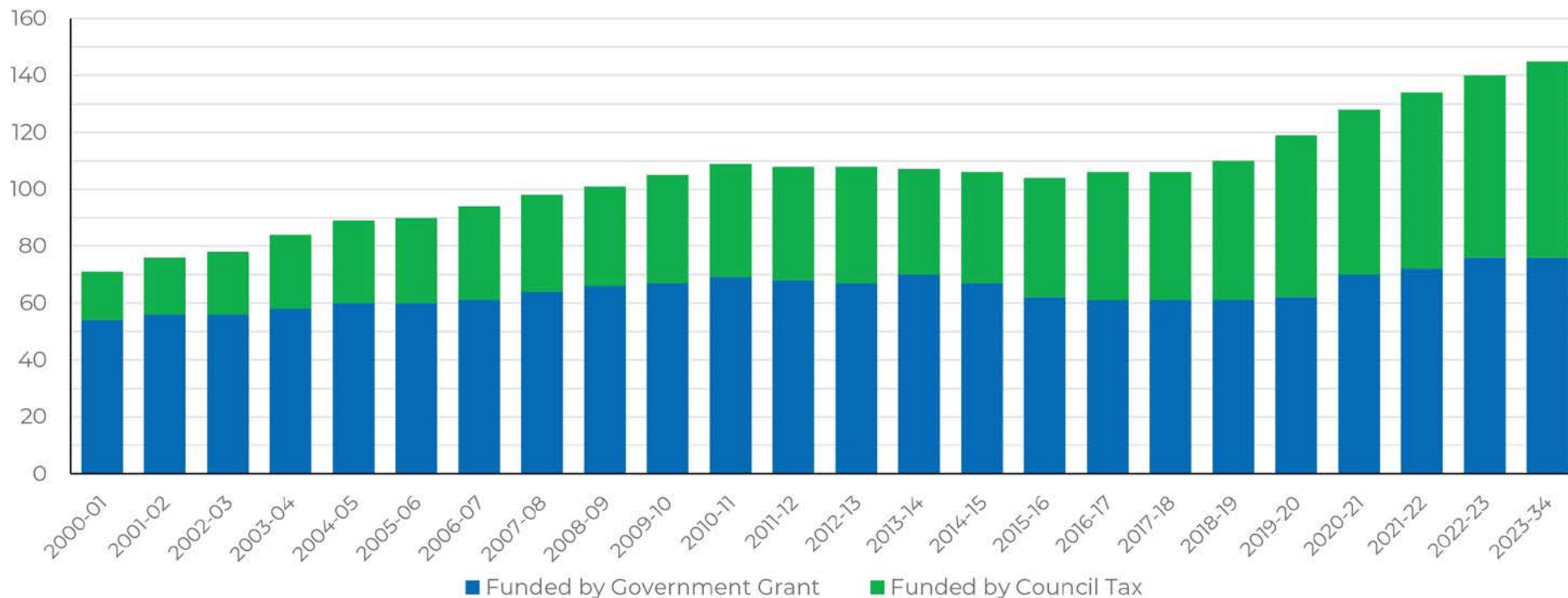
Investigations: **15%** (15% 21/22)

National policing: **0%** (1% 21/22)

PCC including commissioning: **4%** (3% 21/22)

Funding allocation

Central funding versus local funding graph 2000/01 to 2023/24



How the money was spent

Community Safety Fund 2022/23

The community safety fund is money I allocate to support the delivery of my Police and Crime Plan priorities. The fund supports collaborative arrangements with local authorities, third sector providers and Wiltshire Police.

Victims Fund 2022/23

This is a specific allocation by the Ministry of Justice for victim services and restorative justice services. In 2022-23, the amount provided to me was £916,371 and this enables the commissioning of services to improve support for victims. The Ministry of Justice also

awarded funding of £494,429 specifically for services supporting victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence.

Police Property Act Fund

This fund manages money raised through the sale of lost property and is awarded to community and voluntary groups to support the delivery of my Police and Crime Plan through the PCC's Community Action Fund. This year I relaunched this fund to offer grants up to £5,000 to local organisations and charities to support delivery of activities which align with the priorities set out in my Police and Crime Plan. Working closely in partnership with the Wiltshire Community Foundation, we have redesigned the application process to make it even more accessible for smaller group and enable multiple opportunities to apply throughout the year.

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Area Board Briefing Note – Cost of Living Crisis

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Introduction

Cost of Living issues remain a concern for the Council, our partners and the communities we serve. I am proud of the way we have worked, flexibly, bringing together different services and schemes to provide support. We don't know yet the exact nature of the ongoing challenges, nor the support that central government will provide, but I am confident that we will be able to respond quickly, as we have done before, to this changing environment.

Following on from the [update](#) I gave Cabinet before the summer, and before talking about the future, I wanted to highlight some of the work that has been undertaken over the last year, and crucially the impact that this has had on individuals:

- Warm & Safe Wiltshire

The Boiler fund project supported a family to replace an oil fuelled heating system that had broken where the family was in receipt of Universal Credit and Disability benefits. The replacement was crucial as the child was homeschooled, and the cold was impacting on the families mental and physical health.

After the work was completed, the parent told officers:

“You have given us the best quality of life – I cannot thank you enough. The whole house is lovely and warm, we can completely relax and enjoy it. I didn't realise the impact it was having on my mental health, worry about my son’.

- Libraries

Colleagues in the Data & Insight team analysed feedback collected by Libraries staff to identify the key themes, including that:

Libraries has created a Warm and inviting atmosphere creating a positive customer experience, which could make it easier to access to information.

Gratitude for warm spaces and warm packs provision for the public.

- Boater and Traveller Winter Support Project

Public Health secured funding from the UK Shared prosperity fund and in partnership with Julian House identified boaters and travellers who needed urgent winter support at a time when there was no government funding to support this group. The fund allowed people to receive a mixture of fuel and food vouchers. The following testimony, given to officers, shows the impact it had on one family:

A single parent with a 17-month-old baby girl, they previously worked as a carer and were determined to return to work. They were able to find employment, however after paying for childcare and travel

cost, they were only earning the equivalent of £3 per hour. The winter allowance helped them maintain this work over winter whilst providing a warm environment for them and their baby and enabled her to gain promotion.

Household Support Fund 2023-24

As reported previously to [Cabinet in March](#), the Council has been allocated £5,457,313 from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). This next tranche of the Fund has been provided to support households, who would otherwise struggle to buy food, pay essential utility bills or meet other essential living costs to help them with significantly rising living costs for the financial year 2023-24.

The Council has learnt a significant amount about how to best utilise this funding, and services across the council will be delivering those most in need to combat food and energy poverty. I am very pleased to say, the charities and the voluntary sector in the county have been successful in bidding for funds from the scheme, to enable them to deliver support to the homeless, older people and those facing domestic violence amongst others. This is a real example of partnership working at its best, and you can read more about [what schemes the HSF supports](#) on our webs.

Libraries and Warm Spaces

I am pleased to confirm that all of our libraries will continue to provide a warm welcome over the Autumn and Winter and will be places where Warm Packs will be distributed from October onwards.

FUEL

You will no doubt have heard of the challenges our established FUEL programme faced when a provider pulled out shortly before the summer holidays. I commend the hard work of the officers involved to find alternative providers to ensure that children received healthy food and activities across the summer holidays.

EBSS Scheme

Officers have made the final payments under this government scheme. Stand ready to support the government should another scheme be available, and we hope to make this clear to our local MPs should the opportunity arise.

Gypsy, Roma, Traveller & Boater Communities

Many in this community are not eligible for government schemes, with a most not meeting residency requirements event with recent expansions. I am, then, pleased to see that Public Health, working with outreach charity partners, will be providing fuel/food vouchers and energy saving advice from November.

For the future

I am pleased that officers who have been coordinating work, will continue to meet regularly to horizon scan and respond to future issues.

As well as the plans highlighted already, officers will be updating the community directory to ensure that local people can find warm spaces and food providers in their community. This should be updated in the next few weeks.

As part of the 1st tranche of the HSF programme, just over £100,000 has been invested in 19 different food settings with the 2nd tranche opening around Christmas time with, approximately, another £100,000 remaining.

I was pleased to report to Cabinet previously that Area Boards had chosen to support schemes in their areas that addressed the Cost of Living issues in their area, and I hope that they will continue to do so. I will, of course, keep the Cabinet updated.

Stonehenge Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Stonehenge Area Board. These could include:
 - community area grants
 - youth grants
 - older and vulnerable people grants
 - area board initiatives
2. To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2023/24	£ 24,831.00	£ 22,414.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 6,474.00	£ 10,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Current Balance	£ 18,357.00	£ 12,414.00	£ 5,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ -859.08	£ 2,414.00	£ 3,200.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1457	Area Board Initiative	Stonehenge area Board	Amesbury Health and Wellbeing Group Christmas Concert	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: Working in conjunction with Celebrating Age Wiltshire a Christmas Concert will be held at Antrobus House. This FREE event is open to Older and Vulnerable Adults and the marketing will target those who are suffering from social isolation and loneliness. A similar event was held last year and the feedback was universally positive.</p>					
ABG1458	Area Board Initiative	Stonehenge area Board	Rural Youth Outreach Project	£10000.00	£5000.00

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p>Project Summary: The Rural Youth Outreach Project has for the previous 2 years, been improving engagement with young people who are isolated due to living in rural areas. Up to this point the project has, in addition to a long period of listening, engagement and consultation with young people in year 1, provided pop-up youth activities in those areas identified as having the most need and most demand..</p>					
ABG1353	Community Area Grant	Tilshead Village Hall and Playing Field Committee	Zip Wire Tilshead Playing Field	£18784.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: We intend to provide a zip wire for the older children to use. Currently we have a playing field with small children play equipment but nothing for slightly older children. The community gather on the playing field for various social events and the younger children are always happy there but without a zip wire there is nothing for the older children to do. It is the 8-13 year olds who suffer from play deprivation.</p>					
ABG1386	Community Area Grant	Figheledean Village Community Events	Figheledean Parish History Project	£3221.72	£1610.86
<p>Project Summary: The project I have in mind is a history project that will involve designing and installing text panels with images in the corridor and conference room area of the village hall; I have the backing of the Parish Council and Figheledean Village Hall committee (where the history panels will be installed). I will need financial help by way of a community grant and I understand that I will have to match half of all costs. I have previously been a museum curator and exhibition designer and am bringing my skill free of any charges to my Parish. Introduction To create a series of display panels consisting of photographs, maps and text to go on show in the entrance areas and the meeting room of the village hall. These will be to welcome villagers to the hall and give an education to village life, past and present. The plan would also be to engage with the Parish community for photographs. Photographs and pictures. Production There is room for at least twelve panels and the work would be carried out by myself (Jackie Dryden) free of charge. The printed end work would be produced on foam board by a local printer, plus installation costs in the region of £2,000. I have collected many images and maps plus data including documents created in the mid-15th Century, there is a lot of photos and documents held within the archives of local museums and the County records in Chippenham. There is also a lot of artefacts held within those museums collected from our Parish and by digitising these and incorporating these in the display panels, this would be a way of 'giving back to the community'. I envisage this work would also apply to many other village halls! An example of the individual panels is outlined below 1. Welcome with a background to the project. 2. About our parish with maps and rights of way. 3. Archaeology within the Parish Boundary, including the excavations at Barrow Clump. 4. Farming. 5. Village life. 6. Characters. 7. Wildlife and Fauna. 8. Social history. Opening of the new exhibition At the end of the project and when the new panels are in place an official opening would be arranged inviting local officials and of course villagers. *In the future, the exhibition can be accompanied by a touchscreen and the publication of a booklet (which I can design) with any proceeds going back into the future of the history project.</p>					
ABG1402	Community Area Grant	Figheledean Working Mens Club	FWMC Accessible Toilet and Baby Change Facility Project	£4590.45	£2295.22

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p>Project Summary: We are looking to transform a current toilet in to a much needed accessible toilet and baby change facility to improve accessibility, independence and comfort for members with disabilities and older members and increase wellbeing and also inclusivity at the Club.</p>					
ABG1450	Community Area Grant	Amesbury history centre	Education at Amesbury History Centre	£5120.00	£2560.00
<p>Project Summary: The new Amesbury History centre opened in August 2023. This was the much awaited replacement for the previous centre which closed in 2019. It has already become a focus for preserving and displaying objects and information relating to Amesbury, providing an important educational resource. . To continue the theme of education and make the centre and its contents more accessible we need to embrace modern audio visual technologies such as the use of virtual reality headsets to display content both in the centre and out in the community in schools. We will be having lectures from invited speakers so need to replace ageing AV equipment which is no longer compatible with modern media. This will also allow us to have interactive displays as well as the conventional display cabinets and posters. This will make it a more attractive for both school groups, community groups such a scouts and other visitors and enable more rapid updates of exhibitions. These technologies can also aid those with disabilities to access the contents of the centre.</p>					
ABG1451	Community Area Grant	Netheravon Working Mens Club	Installation of disabled toilet	£5500.00	£2750.00
<p>Project Summary: On behalf of Netheravon Working Mens Club, we wish to install a dedicated disabled toilet on the premises. We are not a charity but a non profit making organisation. We hold many events open to the public and feel this is a much needed facility for the village.</p>					
ABG1453	Community Area Grant	Amesbury Bowls Club	Amesbury Bowls Club Purchase of a New Mower	£11910.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Amesbury Bowls Club offers a sports and social facility, welcoming all ages and abilities and those with disabilities, giving them the opportunity to learn new skills, to participate in recreational and competitive sport, meet new friends and to be physically active. The green is used 7 days a week and is cut a minimum of 3 times a week to ensure the surface is fit for play. We need to purchase a new mower, as due to the age of the current mower, it has become unreliable, spare parts are difficult to obtain and repairs are costly and time consuming. A mower is an essential piece of equipment, without it the green will become unplayable, members will leave and the club will close.</p>					
ABG1142	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Shrewton Paths Project	Shrewton Footpath Guide	£2000.00	£1000.00

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p>Project Summary: To add to the success of the Shrewton Village signs project and following extensive positive feedback, Shrewton Parish Council are developing a village guide which will come in the form of a booklet or brochure and supplement the existing village history signs. The aim of the village guide will be to identify the location of the existing history signs and take the reader back in time whilst guiding both visitors and residents around the rich history of our community. They will contain informative history of the village not contained on the existing signs along with beautiful walks for all abilities to encourage more people to get out and experience our community and countryside. The funds will be to assist with printing costs.</p>					
ABG1462	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	The Durrington and District Day Centre for the elderly	Durrington Day Centre for older residents lunch club	£2000.00	£1000.00
<p>Project Summary: This is to for the extra running costs to keep the lunch club going</p>					
ABG1373	Youth Grant	Durrington Town Council	Durrington Youth Services	£18620.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Durrington Youth Services provide 3 youth sessions a week during term time and 2 a week during the holidays, for children aged between 7 and 19. It provides a safe welcoming environment for children and young people to engage in a range of activities, projects and opportunities. Allowing them to build and develop new skills and confidence. The service builds positive relationships with the young people and provides advice, guidance and support. All sessions are designed and based on the young peoples needs and interests. There is a drop in session and street based youth work every Thursday evening, on Fridays we hold Kids Friday club for the younger children currently we are seeing around 50 children every Friday. On Tuesday evenings we have the older secondary school age children to a session in which we may run cooking or art activities. The project is to continue to fund and provide all of these activities.</p>					

Background

3. 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.
4. 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)
 - Youth Grants (revenue)
 - Older and Vulnerable People Grants (revenue)
5. The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

Main Considerations

6. 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.
7. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

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

Safeguarding Implications

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

Public Health Implications

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

Environmental & Climate Change Implications

11. 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.

Financial Implications

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

Legal Implications

13. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

Workforce Implications

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

Equalities Implications

15. Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.
16. Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

Proposals

17. To consider and determine the applications for grant funding.

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

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	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
	Date of MS Teams meeting: 15th November 2023			
	Please see link to complete the highway improvements form: https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6149/Local-Highway-and-Footway-Improvement-Groups and submit to LHFIGrequests@wiltshire.gov.uk			
	<p><u>Chairmans announcement:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maternity cover – Kate Davey now returned and will be Highway Officer for this group going forward. Please give a big thank you to Rhiann for her exceptional work efforts this last year. • Expectation of LHFIG project progress and delays in implementation of projects. Suggestion that Cllrs raise these concerns at a political level to understand the limited resources to complete projects over a single financial year and spend allocated budget. • Netheravon speed reduction implementation trial update. Update on task group for speed limit reviews. • Waiting restrictions implementation update. • For this financial year we have a remaining budget of £16,915.67 at the start of this meeting, if all commitments within this agenda are agreed and funded, there will still be a remaining budget available for allocation in February so please keep submitting requests. 			
1.	Attendees and apologies			
	Present:	Cllr Graham Wright (Chair, WC), Cllr Ian Blair Pilling (WC), Cllr Dr Monica Devendran (WC), Cllr Robert Yuill (WC), Cllr Mark Verbinnen (WC), Rhiann Surgenor (WC), Kate Davey (WC), Andy Shuttleworth (Winterbourne Stoke), Chris Musselwhite (Great Wishford), Peter Paul (Durrington), Rae Owen (Woodford & Durnford), Sean Noble (Great Wishford), Steve Black (South Newton), Richard Harris (Shrewton), David Hassett (Shrewton), Chris Coates (Orcheston), David Burke (Netheravon), Ted Mustard (Woodford), Graham Jenkins (Bulford), Stephen O'Grady (Fittleton cum Haxton PC)		

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	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
	Apologies:	Richard Ayling (Netheravon), Carole Slater (Stapleford), Deborah Potter (Tilshead), Cllr Kevin Daley (WC)		
2.	Notes of previous meeting			
		The notes of the last meeting held on 16 th August 2023 were accepted as a true record.	Agreed.	
3.	Financial Position			
		<p>2023-24 allocation: 35,462.00. The available budget at the start of the meeting is £16,915.67.</p> <p>The contribution level for Parish/Town Councils is set at 25%.</p> <p>Allocations made at this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-23-8 Shrewton, The Hollow give way marking - £463.30 (LHFIG £347.48 SPC £115.83) • 1-23-11 Middle Woodford direction signs - £1,400 (LHFIG £1,050, WPC £350). • 1-23-12 Upper Woodford Warning signs/road markings - £1,987.38 (LHFIG £1,490.54 WPC £496.85). • 1-23-13 Bulford Churchill Avenue H bar - £463.30 (LHFIG £347.48 BPC £115.83) • 1-23-14 Shrewton London Rd street name plates - £1,000 (LHFIG £750 SPC £250). • 1-23-16 Great Wishford verge marker posts - £1,100 (LHFIG £825 GWPC £275). 		

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	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-22-10 Amesbury Salisbury Rd village gates - £3,300 (LHFIG £2,475 ATC £825). • 1-23-2 Amesbury Beverley Park dropped kerb - £3,500 (LHFIG £2,625 ATC £875). <p>**Batch order for lining at Shrewton, Woodford & Bulford agreed. Cost savings reflected in above estimates.</p> <p>Remaining budget: £9,630.19</p>		

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4.	New issues / Issues requiring a decision			
a)	<p>1-23-19 Bulford, Junction 16 roundabout</p>	<p>The approaches to the Double Mini Roundabout (Junction 16) from Telegraph Hill and the A3028 from Durrington are badly visually obscured giving little notice to the approaching motorists to slow down and give way. There have been a number of accidents and a multitude of near misses on the junction. The approaches from Double Hedges and Salisbury Road from the garage have reasonable visibility.</p> <p>Council requests that a full risk assessment study is carried out and appropriate traffic calming and/or improved warning signage introduced where necessary on the subject approaches.</p> <p><i>Note: The CEO Wiltshire Unitary Council has agreed that if changes are considered necessary alternative funding sources could be provided outside of the LHFIG delegated budget. A letter can be supplied in support of that position.</i></p>	<p><u>ACTION</u> Group agreed. Request quote from consultant.</p> <p>Further discussion required on funding for audit.</p>	KD
b)	<p>1-23-20 Shrewton, Highfield Rise</p>	<p>The Co-Op delivery drivers often struggle to make deliveries due to cars parked outside the delivery gates on Highfield Rise, making it very difficult for the delivery drivers to unload.</p> <p>Request for access protection bar marking adjacent to Coop delivery gates on Highfield Rise, Shrewton</p>	<p><u>ACTION</u> Process outside LHFIG remove and close.</p>	KD
c)	<p>1-23-21 Great Wishford, West Street</p>	<p>Missing street sign for West Street. This is the first sign when you enter the village, opposite the church. Great Wishford has no house numbers, just street signs and names. Deliveries are a problem when there is no sign to tell the driver which street they are in. This has been reported via My Wiltshire several times. Request for a replacement street name plate.</p>	<p>Discussion on use of LHFIG funds to accommodate like for like replacement street name plates which should be funded by maintenance budget.</p>	

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			<p>ACTION PC to send photos of name plates in village to indicate style and material used.</p> <p>Draft design and estimate for PC to review, then discuss options for funding.</p>	<p>GWPC</p> <p>KD</p>
d)	<p>1-23-8 The Hollow / Tanners Lane Give Way Shrewton</p>	<p>16/08/23 Group agreed to progress give way markings.</p>	<p>15/11/23 Design & estimate sent to Shrewton PC for review. £463.30. Contributions as follows: LHFIG 75%=£347.48, PC 25%=£115.83. Group agreed funding. SPC agreed contribution. Group agreed to order lining in batch for cost savings. Estimates adjusted accordingly.</p> <p>ACTION Order and implement.</p>	<p>KD</p>
e)	<p>1-23-9 SID sockets & post A360 Tilshead</p>	<p>16/08/23 Group agreed to progress SID deployment sites. Rhiann has undertaken site meeting with Tilshead PC to determine locations.</p>	<p>15/11/23 Works pack being finalised. Anticipate completion by end of financial year.</p>	<p>RS</p>

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f)	<p>1-23-11 Signing improvements Middle Woodford</p>	<p>16/08/23 Group agreed to progress signing improvements at the junction.</p>	<p>15/11/23 Design & estimate sent to Woodford PC for review. £1,400. Contributions as follows: LHFIG 75%=£1,050, PC 25%=£350. Group agreed funding. WPC agreed contribution.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> Order and implement.</p>	KD
g)	<p>1-23-12 Signing improvements Upper Woodford</p>	<p>16/08/23 Group agreed to progress signing improvements in vicinity if Heale Gardens.</p>	<p>15/11/23 Design & estimate sent to Woodford PC for review. £1,987.38. Contributions as follows: LHFIG 75%=£1,490.54, PC 25%=£496.85. Group agreed funding. WPC agreed contribution. Group agreed to order lining in batch for cost savings. Estimates adjusted accordingly.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> Order and implement.</p>	KD

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h)	<p>1-23-13 White bar marking Churchill Avenue Bulford</p>	<p>16/08/23 Group agreed to progress access protection bar markings.</p>	<p>15/11/23 Design & estimate sent to Bulford PC for review. £463.30. Contributions as follows: LHFIG 75%=£347.48, PC 25%=£115.83. Group agreed funding. BPC agreed contribution. Group agreed to order lining in batch for cost savings. Estimates adjusted accordingly.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> Order and implement.</p>	KD
i)	<p>1-23-14 Street name plate review London Road Shrewton</p>	<p>16/08/23 Group agreed to progress street name plates.</p>	<p>15/11/23 Design & estimate sent to Shrewton PC for review. £1,000. Contributions as follows: LHFIG 75%=£750 PC 25%=£250. Group agreed funding. SPC agreed contribution.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> Order and implement.</p>	KD

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j)	1-23-15 Pedestrian Crossing, The Packway Larkhill Durrington	16/08/23 Following on from a meeting with the MOD, there are crossing points required on The Packway, Larkhill. Group agreed to proceed with pedestrian crossing assessment (Durrington support 25%) for further consideration/potential substantive bid. Further investigations are required.	15/11/23 Assessment in progress, report to be drafted by end of November.	RS
k)	1-23-16 Verge Markers/planters Station Road/South Street Great Wishford	16/08/23 Group agreed to progress verge marker posts. RS has attended meeting with PC to discuss options. Options sent to Great Wishford PC for review.	15/11/23 PC have confirmed option. £1,100. Contributions as follows: LHFIF 75%=£825 PC 25%=£275. Group agreed funding. GWPC agreed contribution. ACTION Order and implement.	KD
l)	1-23-17 Byway 20 improvements Amesbury	16/08/23 Group agree further investigation is required to determine land ownership and who should carry cost of improvements. RS to speak with development control. Consideration/potential substantive bid. Further investigations are required before group can support.	15/11/23 Highway Technician has confirmed he will aim to secure commitment from Bloor Homes to make the improvements required for Byway 20, but no timescale has been given.	
m)	1-23-18 Railing at Christ the King Catholic School Parsonage Road entrance, Amesbury	16/08/23 Group agreed to progress pedestrian guard rail outside school entrance.	15/11/23 This issue is solely school related; therefore, KD has spoken with school travel plan advisor. As a result, the Road Safety team will	

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			contact the school directly to discuss road safety education training on safe access/egress.	
n)	Durnford Speed limits 30mph speed limit implementation	<u>16/08/23</u> Traffic regulation order submitted to TRO team for reduction from national speed limit to 30mph speed limit, formal consultation now completed.	<u>15/11/23</u> Comments received to formal consultation. <u>ACTION</u> Submit Cabinet Member report.	KD
o)	1-22-10 Amesbury village gates and planters	<u>16/08/23</u> RS met with Amesbury TC to discuss, initially site was chosen for Countess Road but this has changed to Vineys Farm. Group offer support 1 x village gate at Vineys Farm. RS will provide Amesbury TC with a design and cost.	<u>15/11/23</u> Design & estimate sent to Amesbury TC for review. £3,300. Contributions as follows: LHFIF 75%=£2,475 PC 25%=825. Group agreed funding. ATC agreed contribution. <u>ACTION</u> Order and implement.	KD
p)	1-23-2 Beverley Hills Park entrance, Amesbury kerbs	The elderly residents are unable to get their mobility scooters up onto the pavement using the current drop curb, without putting themselves dangerously near a busy road. The height of the curb leading up to it, is also too high to 'bump' the mobility scooters up without a risk of toppling or causing further injury to a physically vulnerable person. This is the ONLY access point for the residents to exit the site.	<u>15/11/23</u> Design & estimate sent to Amesbury TC for review. £3,500. Contributions as follows: LHFIF 75%=£2,625 PC 25%=875. Group agreed funding.	

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		Group support, move to design phase.	ATC agreed contribution. <u>ACTION</u> Order and implement.	KD
5.	Other Issues			
a)	1-21-17 A345 Netheravon	Confirmation given that a trial will take place in Netheravon, initial meetings have taken place with an intended implementation in Summer/Autumn. This will also be discussed within the task group. Update given within the chair's updates. Confirmation provided by the Traffic Order team was given on 08/08/2023 that no complaints were raised against the order. <u>16/08/23</u> RS to proceed with submission of works pack and implementation.	<u>15/11/23</u> Implementation of trial 40mph speed limit complete. Trial will be monitored over a 12-month period. <u>ACTION</u> Check if previously agreed by management for monitoring data to be shared throughout trial.	RS
b)	1-22-24 Bulford cycle signing	RS to now order SDR to capture data to allow an additional sign, to stay on the agenda and discuss following the results. <u>16/08/23</u> Group support, Bulford confirmed 25% via email prior to meeting. RS to draft proposal	<u>15/11/23</u> Works pack in progress.	

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c)	<p>1-22-14 Amesbury Salisbury Street signing</p>	<p>Request for larger taxi rank sign to indicate the area is for taxis to all road users.</p> <p>Amesbury TC agreed to ensure legal signs are visibility at all times and not obstructed by planters.</p> <p>Parking Services have added this site to the list for road markings to be refreshed. Works are imminent. RS has sent an email chasing up works.</p> <p>Parking sign can be enlarged at request of Town if group agree. Design to be submitted & rough cost.</p> <p>Group agree in principle, review of all signs including loading – RS met Amesbury TC and agreed signs. Design and cost to be submitted to TC prior to meeting.</p>	<p>15/11/23 Works pack submitted to contractor. RS has chased Parking Services regarding road marking refresh.</p>	
d)	<p>1-22-16 Figheledean speed limits</p>	<p>Requests to reduce the speed limit on the A345 from 50 MPH to 40 MPH through the village of Figheledean, to reduce the speed limit being 50 MPH to 30 MPH on the High Street entering the village of Figheledean and to reduce the general speed limit of 30 MPH to 20 MPH through the rest of the village of Figheledean and Ablington.</p> <p>LHFIG agreed to wait for outcome of A345 Netheravon speed limit assessment before agreeing a way forward for this request. No further action taken at this time.</p> <p>Awaiting 25% confirmation for 20mph SLA, further discussion required surrounding if any improvements for safety can be made on the A345 at the bus stop whilst awaiting the outcome of the Netheravon trial.</p> <p>Confirmation given by Parish. Move forward with process – new SLA cost is £2900 meaning contributions of £725. RS to attend meeting with Figheledean PC to discuss issues on the A345.</p>	<p>15/11/23 20mph speed limit assessment in progress. A345 signing proposal works pack to be issued to contractor in November.</p>	

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		RS met with Figheldean PC to discuss options and has submitted designs for sign/line improvements which are ongoing, alongside ordering SLA for the Village which will hopefully be completed during September 2023.		
e)	1-22-2 Orcheston 20mph speed limit	<u>16/08/23</u> Orcheston PC are yet to confirm contribution and agreement to implementation phase of 20mph speed limit. RS and GW to meet with PC to discuss options.	<u>15/11/23</u> Orcheston PC confirmed they wish to progress the 20mph speed limit. PC meeting next week to discuss as funding of contribution might be problematic. Group discussion on parish precepts and how this funding can be used for improvement projects within the parish. <u>ACTION</u> Confirmation of agreement to implement and contribution.	OPC
f)	1-23-10 Bollard request Lower Backway Shrewton	<u>16/08/23</u> Group agreed to progress bollard.	<u>15/11/23</u> Further information required from Shrewton PC regarding land ownership and future status of right of way. Bridleway application in progress. <u>ACTION</u>	

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			SPC will continue to monitor and report back.	SPC
g)	<u>1-21-5</u> B3083 between A303 and Berwick St James	Task group placed on hold until progression of the Netheravon Trial. AS asked RS to provide full SLA report.	<u>ACTION</u> Chase SLA report from consultant.	KD
h)	<u>1-21-10, 1-21-11, 1-21-12</u> C42 Woodford Valley – speeding and lack of footways	Task group placed on hold until progression of the Netheravon Trial.		To note
i)	<u>Enford – C32 Coombe & East Chisenbury</u> Confirmation from parish	Confirmation of contribution confirmed – this will be processed for implementation in new financial year. Traffic regulation order submitted to the team for processing.	<u>15/11/23</u> TRO legal documents drafted. Formal consultation period is 26 th October – 20 th November.	
j)	<u>1-22-6</u> Durrington issues	Group agreed funding. Town Council agreed contribution at July 2022 meeting. 1) Coronation Road dropped kerbs have been completed and can be removed 2) Issues with of public foot-way on A345 Netheravon Road South East side where it drops down to the old a345 road. Pedestrian wayfinding sign has been ordered and suggested implementation by the end of the financial year. 3) Bollards outside the Chemists on Bulford Road have been completed and can be removed. 4) Faded road markings list was provided by Cllr Graham Wright and was submitted for maintenance by RS. LHFIFG can fund this work if group agree. 5) New fixing post required for 3 Welcome to Durrington Signs. Additions:	<u>15/11/23</u> Street name plates outstanding. Works pack in progress.	

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		<p>1. Two street nameplates missing to be replaced. Group agree.(Stonehenge Road o-s Inn & Glendale Road north)</p> <p>2. Additional WR at Bulford Road was added to WR batch 001 for formal consultation 20th October – 21st November 2022. Waiting Restriction batch 001 cabinet report has been submitted for a final decision.</p> <p>1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 (and additional 2) completed and can be removed from agenda. Additional 1 ongoing. Comments raised from Cllr Wright in ref to the quality of the white lining which is to be investigated.</p>		
k)	<p>1-22-8/11 Amesbury waiting restrictions</p>	<p>1) Archers Gate in vicinity of the school. 2) Holders Road in vicinity of Stonehenge School.</p> <p>Group agreed funding of £7,000 to progress Waiting Reviews batch 001 for 2022/23.Waiting Restriction batch 001 cabinet report has been submitted for a final decision following the end of the formal consultation phase will be 20th October – 21st November 2022.</p> <p>Cabinet member report accepted – this will be submitted via the website and now awaits final appeal time.</p> <p>Order for the contractor is being prepared by the apprentice for implementation ASAP</p>	<p>15/11/23 With contractor for implementation imminently.</p>	
l)	<p>1-22-9 Amesbury speed limit requests</p>	<p>Task group placed on hold until progression of the Netheravon Trial.</p>		To note
m)	<p>1-22-19 Orcheston crossroads Webbs Hill (C291) speeding</p>	<p>16/08/23 RS and GW to set up meeting with Orcheston, group hesitant to support speed limit implementation. Further discussions required to discuss options in terms of moving signs.</p>	<p>15/11/23 Orcheston PC confirmed they wish to progress the 20mph speed limit. PC meeting next week to discuss as funding of</p>	

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			contribution might be problematic. ACTION Confirmation of agreement to implement and contribution.	OPC
n)	1-22-20 Winterbourne Stoke signing	Request for various signing replacements and amendments along Church Street, Winterbourne Stoke. Rough estimate £2000 – subject to contract changes and traffic management requirement. RS due to submit formal plan to Parish Council for acceptance RS submitted plans to Winterbourne Stoke who confirmed acceptance however are awaiting return of consent form to attach one of the Street name plates onto a private fence prior to implementation. Letter has been sent to the resident.	15/11/23 Works pack in progress.	
o)	1-22-21 Upper Woodford bridge damage repairs	Damaged pillar on the north side of the river bridge at Upper Woodford, bridge end adjacent to the C42. The stone capping has been knocked off into the hedge, and the two retaining stones are now unaligned. Presumably the damage was caused by a large vehicle having to negotiate the turn onto the C42 from the bridge with the many vehicles parked on the road adjacent to the public house. 16/08/23 No further action for LHFIG, with bridge team.		To note
p)	1-22-25 Shrewton A360 – traffic calming measures	Issue speeding traffic, especially drivers overtaking traffic already travelling at the speed limit and then continuing at excessive speed. There is a pavement so pedestrian involvement is minimal except when attempting to cross the road. Recent example – Cllr. attending a SID on the A360 (near the Chitterne Road junction) witnessed a Dutch car (so driver sitting 'on the wrong side' for good visibility) towing a trailer overtaking multiple vehicles of slower traffic.	15/11/23 Traffic survey results sent to Shrewton PC. 85%ile speeds as follow: Site 1 – 34.3mph Site 2 – 33.6mph	

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		<p>Traffic islands on the A360 Maddington St north of the Sports & Social Club, and on the A360 Salisbury Road also between the mini-roundabout and the B3083 road towards Winterbourne Stoke.</p> <p>Our policy states we do not put traffic calming on an A road. I understand the concerns and therefore I have ordered a traffic survey to investigate into the matter further. No charge to LHFIG or Parish. This will remain on the agenda whilst this is carried out.</p> <p>RS to chase traffic survey team for a date, once results are back this will be reviewed and discussed with the parish council further.</p> <p>Traffic surveys expected for June/July, feedback should be due before next meeting.</p> <p>Contractor providing traffic surveys is experiencing delays and this site was moved to after the school holidays (September)</p>	<p>Site 3 – 31.2mph National criteria for intervention is 35.0mph. Therefore, no intervention recommended at this time. Group discussed and agreed.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> Remove and close.</p>	<p>KD</p>
<p>q)</p>	<p>1-23-1 Amesbury road markings & waiting restrictions</p>	<p>Often there are parked cars either side of the road (South Mill). The bigger issue is then, for instance, fire engines/larger vehicle access. There are also no road markings once you leave Salisbury Road into South Mill.</p> <p>Waiting restrictions to be added to the next years submission of waiting restrictions if agreed by group, existing white lining can be raised via maintenance or LHFIG but will be the new financial year.</p> <p>Group supported to be submitted on waiting restrictions order for 2023/2024 order. Amesbury TC to confirm if they wish to fully fund themselves or wait for the next batch. Amesbury confirmed inclusion within next WR batch.</p> <p><u>16/08/23</u> Keep on agenda to build a new batch of WR requests.</p>		<p>To note</p>

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r)	<p><u>5795</u></p> <p>A3028 from Double Hedges approaching new roundabout - No waiting at any time</p>	<p>Group agreed funding of £7,000 to progress Waiting Reviews batch 001 for 2022/23. Local Contributions to be confirmed in due course.</p> <p>Waiting Restriction batch 001 cabinet report has been submitted for a final decision following the end of the formal consultation phase will be 20th October – 21st November 2022.</p> <p>Cabinet member report accepted – this will be submitted via the website and now awaits final appeal time</p> <p>Order for the contractor is being prepared by the apprentice for implementation ASAP</p>	<p>15/11/23</p> <p>With contractor for implementation imminently.</p>	
s)	<p><u>1-21-16</u></p> <p>Shrewton, Tanners Lane – damage to property</p>	<p>Resident of No. 1 Tanners Lane is concerned that the corner of the property keeps getting hit by passing vehicles. It is an old cob building and each time it is hit the resident is worried that it is causing structural damage as well as costing money to repair the cob and guttering. Request for bollard/pole to be installed on the corner to protect the property. Please see attached photos at the end of the agenda.</p> <p>Site visit undertaken during September 2021. Options for a solution to be discussed at the meeting. Solutions to amend/add road markings and a bollard to be discussed at the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Daley explained his site visit to this location with Cabinet Member for Highways Cllr Mark McClelland and the issues regarding property damage. Cllr Daley to chase option of rerouting idVerde vehicles in the other direction.</p> <p>Further correspondence from the property owner in November 2021 received, indicating its not only refuse vehicles but other lorries delivering along Tanners Lane or using it as a short cut. Resident has suggested one tall post be installed at the corner of the property.</p>	<p>15/11/23</p> <p>Works order with contractors for implementation.</p>	

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		<p>Nikki Spreadbury Clew to send Cllr Wright email information on this issue. Cllr Wright to look at site and discuss options with Shrewton PC and KD.</p> <p>Agreed to implement hatched road markings around the property only and remove the changes to the give way junction opposite. Further proposal to implement bollard within the newly hatched area to be discussed for funding approval.</p> <p>Works have been ordered with the contractor and are due by the end of the financial year.</p> <p>Project delayed and was unable to be completed by the end of the contract. This has been submitted as a new pack to the contractor however no date has yet been given – further discussion on bollard type required. New order to be placed with Milestone, use of the reboundable bollard will be paid via the group rather than Shrewton. Order remains with contractor, date not yet given</p>		
t)	<p>1-21-18 C283 From Stoford bottom to A36 junction</p>	<p>Request for existing 30mph speed limit to be reduced to 20mph and for a pedestrian walkway from the upper entrance to the Mount Pleasant Estate to the A36 junction adjacent to the Swan public house.</p> <p>South Newton & Stoford PC discussed issues in more detail. Cllr Daley supports issue. Action with PC to submit traffic survey in location where CSW takes place to determine a more recent average speed.</p> <p>Results received for Stoford Bottom, Stoford: 85%ile = 31.55mph and mean speed = 25.6mph</p> <p>This site does not meet the criteria for a virtual footway due to issues with forward visibility and a daily traffic average of 2509 vehicles > 1500. There is an option to add slow markings (with rumble effect) or yellow backed</p>	<p><u>15/11/23</u> Works order with contractors for implementation.</p>	

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		<p>pedestrian signs – group/parish to discuss and support funding up to the max remaining budget.</p> <p>Plans submitted to Stoford for Lining and Signing improvements for discussion at Parish meeting – plans attached to agenda. Group agreed, RS to supply new updated cost to Stoford and proceed with implementation (likely around £1000).</p> <p>Works pack has been Submitted to contractor for implementation, no date given yet. Cost estimate £2000 with additional agreed at last meeting.</p>		
u)	<p>1-22-27 Shrewton B3083 entrance to village from Winterbourne Stoke – signing/road markings</p>	<p>Safety of pedestrians as motorists enter the village from Winterbourne Stoke. There are no pavements, with traffic often travelling at excessive speed.</p> <p>Request measures such as markings / rumble strips on B3083 at the 30mph terminal to emphasise to drivers coming into the village from Winterbourne Stoke that they are entering a 30mph zone and there are pedestrians in the road.</p> <p>Cllr Daley submitted comments prior to meeting: confirms support for this request. Group agreed to support this issue.</p> <p>RS to prepare proposal and cost estimate for parish</p> <p>Proposal submitted to Parish for consideration. To discuss/agree. Design submitted with agenda. Village terminal lines agreed by Parish (see design), use of edge of carriageway lines also agreed and contributions confirmed. Proceed with implementation.</p> <p>Order has been submitted to the contractor for implementation, date not yet provided. Cost estimate £1950.</p>	<p>15/11/23 Works order with contractors for implementation.</p>	

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v)	<p>1-22-28 Shrewton Rollestone Crossroads weight limit signing amendments</p>	<p>Request for improved signing on the eastern approach to the Rollestone Crossroads. Suggest something along the lines of 'Turn left to avoid weight restriction'.</p> <p>As per the traffic regulations the only edit permissible for this type of sign is to add an arrow. A new sign will need to be ordered. Group to discuss this further in the LHFIG and Shrewton to confirm funding. Cost estimate of £1200 which may change due to contract rate changes.</p> <p>Proposal submitted to Parish for consideration. To discuss/agree. Design submitted with agenda.</p> <p>Agreed, proceed with implementation alongside review of what current distance is stated at.</p> <p>Order has been submitted to the contractor for implementation, date not yet provided. Cost estimate £1200.</p>	<p>15/11/23 Works order with contractors for implementation.</p>	
w)	<p>1-23-3 Stonehenge Road Amesbury speed limit</p>	<p>Task group placed on hold until progression of the Netheravon Trial.</p>		To note
x)	<p>1-23-4 Holders Road Amesbury signs</p>	<p>Need to indicate the school entrance to vehicle drivers and danger of children accessing/leaving the school</p> <p>Group support, move to design phase. Design will be submitted to Amesbury TC for consideration prior to meeting. Cost estimate £1000.</p>	<p>15/11/23 Works order with contractors for implementation.</p>	
y)	<p>1-23-5 Trinity grain LTD Shrewton signs</p>	<p>The Trinity Grain would like a Highway – No Turning Right for HGV's to be erected on the current sign directing traffic to Salisbury on A360.</p> <p>Trinity has erected the sign on our land, not a highway and it is not in the best position to be visible to all HGV's. From Trinity Grains HSE inspection. Our HSE inspector advised me to ask Wiltshire Council if was possible to move</p>	<p>15/11/23 Awaiting confirmation from Trinity Grain regarding funding this project. ACTION</p>	

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		<p>the sign from its current position on the right hand of our gate as you leave to site to be on the sign opposite our gate.</p> <p>As there is weight limit going through Shrewton High Street the better visibility of the sign will reaffirm the rule that no HGV's go through Shrewton. Most of the HGV vehicle drivers are regulars and know not to go through Shrewton village. Group support, move to design phase (Trinity Grain to confirm cover of cost)</p>	<p>Send design and estimate to SPC to forward onto Trinity Grain for funding confirmation.</p>	<p>RS</p>
z)	<p>1-23-6 Middle Woodford school keep clear markings</p>	<p>Request for school keep clear marking to be moved from current position and repositioned to location of current vehicular entrance to the school.</p> <p><u>16/08/23</u> Group agreed to add to waiting restrictions list for new financial year.</p>		<p>To note</p>
zz)	<p>1-23-7 Kilford Close / Archer's Way Amesbury</p>	<p>Following comments after the last LHFIG that a resident had complained about signage to his property. The signage is confusing, for a delivery driver it must be a challenge as the only street nameplate directs you along a footpath. Could a nameplate adjacent to number 36 be the answer?</p> <p>Group support, move to design phase. Initial design was submitted to Amesbury TC who will confirm with resident before implementation. Cost estimate £1500.</p> <p><u>16/08/23</u> Amesbury TC prior to meeting confirmed design & 25% contribution. Move to implementation.</p>	<p><u>15/11/23</u> Works order with contractors for implementation.</p>	

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6.	Closed Issues			
a)	<p>1-22-18 Orcheston signing replacement</p>	<p>Request for replacement sign to campsite which is currently damaged and vanalised. Await further information from PC rep. Agreed in principle.</p> <p>16/08/23 RS and GW to set up meeting with Orcheston, group hesitant to support speed limit implementation. Further discussions required to discuss options in terms of moving signs.</p>	<p>15/11/23 Orcheston confirmed support in the removal of the existing sign, any further campsite sign would need to be a brown tourist sign applied for through Visit Wiltshire – this was deemed unnecessary due to an existing additional sign on finger post. Issue to be removed from LHFIG.</p>	
7.	Other Items			
a)	Speed limit reviews	<p>The group discussed in detail the way speed limit reviews are done. Graham Wright confirmed the process of how Atkins carry these out once they have been requested by the LHFIG. Further consideration is required, and GW took an action to set up a task group with members of the LHFIG who have outstanding or completed contentious speed limit reviews to discuss in more detail how this will be raised with the cabinet for a potential reviews of the processes and policies. RS to provide contact details to GW in order to set up a first meeting. Many issues on the agenda plus a trial of Netheravon have been discussed. GW to provide an update at the next LHFIG meeting on how this has gone to the group.</p> <p>Cllr wright has sent initial emails with an aim to set up this task group between April/May</p>		

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b)	Waiting restrictions	All waiting restriction requests will now be carried over to next financial year. Please continue to submit requests for a review to be undertaken during 2024/25. Three requests received so far.		
c)	Telegraph Hill	Bulford PC raised the matter surrounding ongoing issues on Telegraph Hill. GW and RS have taken an action to investigate further. Update 16/08/23 – Spoken with Spencer Drinkwater, no positive update at this stage		
8.	Date of Next Meeting:	7 th February 2024 @ 10am (Microsoft Teams meeting)		

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Stonehenge Area Local Highways and Footways Improvement Group

Highway Officer – Kate Davey

1. Environmental & Community Implications

1.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the LHFIG during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

2. Financial Implications

2.1. All decisions must fall within the Highways funding allocated to Stonehenge Area Board.

2.2. If funding is allocated in line with LHFIG recommendations outlined in this report, and all relevant 3rd party contributions are confirmed, Stonehenge Area Board will have a remaining Highways funding balance remaining budget of **£9,630.19**.

3. Legal Implications

3.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

4. HR Implications

4.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

5. Equality and Inclusion Implications

5.1 The schemes recommended to the Area Board will improve road safety for all users of the highway.

6. Safeguarding implications

6.1 There are no specific safeguarding implications related to this report.

Stonehenge LHFIG

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

BUDGET 23-24	£35,462.00	LHFIG ALLOCATION 23-24
	£58,021.92	2022-23 underspend

Contributions

Bulford PC - dropped kerbs around double mini roundabout	£1,910.25	Confirmed
Durrington TC - various signing/bollards/road marking issues	£1,500.00	Confirmed
Amesbury TC - Porton Road speed limit assessment	£725.00	Confirmed
Durnford PC - 30mph speed limit implementation	£1,750.00	Confirmed
Enford PC - 20mph speed limit implementation	£2,750.00	Confirmed
Orcheston PC - 20mph speed limit implementation	£1,750.00	TBC
Figcheldean PC - Speed Limit Assessment	£725.00	Confirmed
Stoford PC - Stoford Bottom lining improvements	£500.00	Confirmed
Great Wishford - speed limit lining improvements	£787.50	Confirmed
Winterbourne Stoke street name plate improvements	£500.00	Confirmed
Shrewton - B3083 entrance to village from Winterbourne Stoke – road markings	£487.50	Confirmed
Shrewton - Rolleston Crossroads weight limit signing amendments	£300.00	Confirmed
Amesbury Salisbury Street Signage review	£62.50	Confirmed
Beverley Hills Park entrance dropped kerbs Amesbury	£875.00	TBC
Stonehenge Road Amesbury SLA	£725.00	On hold due to Neveravon trial
Kilford Close Streetname plates Amesbury	£375.00	Confirmed
Figcheldean sign and lining improvements	£725.00	Confirmed
Pedestrian crossing assessment Larkhill	£625.00	Confirmed
Holders Road Amesbury School signs	£250.00	TBC

Total Budget **£110,806.67**

Commitments carried forward

Bulford dropped kerbs around double mini roundabout	£7,641	Actual	
Waiting Restrictions Batch 001 2022/23	£7,000	Estimate	LHFIG fully funded
Shrewton, Tanners Lane bollard and lining	£1,000	Estimate	LHFIG fully funded
Durrington A3028 mini roundabout road markings	£500	Actual	LHFIG fully funded
Durrington various signing/bollard/road marking issues	£6,000	Estimate	
Amesbury Porton Road speed limit assessment	£2,900	On hold due to Neveravon trial	
Durnford 30mph speed limit implementation	£7,000	Estimate	
Enford - East Chisenbury & Coombe 20mph speed limit implementation	£11,000	Estimate	
Orcheston 20mph speed limit implementation	£7,000	Estimate	

New schemes

Netheravon speed limit trial (implementation)	£9,000	Estimate	LHFIG fully funded
Figcheldean speed limit assessment	£2,900	Estimate	
Stoford Bottom lining improvements	£2,000	Estimate	
Great Wishford speed limit lining improvements	£3,150	Estimate	
Winterbourne Stoke street name plate improvements	£2,000	Estimate	
Shrewton B3083 entrance to village from Winterbourne Stoke – road markings	£1,950	Estimate	
Shrewton Rolleston Crossroads weight limit signing amendments	£1,200	Estimate	
Amesbury Salisbury Street signage review	£250	Estimate	
Beverley Hills Park entrance dropped kerbs Amesbury	£3,500	Estimate	
Stonehenge Road Amesbury SLA	£2,900	On hold due to Neveravon trial	
Holders Road Amesbury school signs	£1,000	Estimate	
Trinity grain LTD Shrewton Signs	£0	Cost to be paid by Grain Store	1100?
Waiting restrictions batch 002 2023/2024	£7,000	Estimate	LHFIG fully funded
Kilford Close Streetname plates Amesbury	£1,500	Estimate	
Figcheldean sign and lining improvements	£3,000	Estimate	
Pedestrian crossing assessment	£2,500	Estimate	

Total commitment **£93,891.00**

Remaining Budget **£16,915.67**

