



Salisbury Area Board

End of Year Report

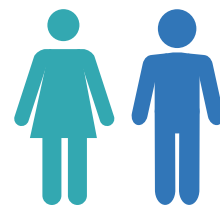
May 2021 - March 2023

Salisbury Area Board

Salisbury Community Area is made up of Salisbury City and is the largest single urban settlement in the county and the third most populous community area in Wiltshire.

The Area Board is Salisbury's local cabinet for Wiltshire Council, bringing local decision making into the heart of the community area. The Area Board is made up of 8 unitary councillors, 7 of whom are also members of Salisbury City Council. The Councillors are the voting members of the board, and all those who engage in the board's work are equal members, able to influence decisions, shape and deliver on local priorities.

The community area has a rich range of physical and human resources, including vibrant and active community, cultural and sporting hubs, a range of voluntary and community sector support organisations and a collaborative city council.



**Total
Population
43,141**

Area Board Investment

The Area Board invests in local community projects and initiatives that meet local priorities and deliver exceptional outcomes for residents. The Area Board aims to work in partnership to achieve maximum value for its investment. They take a long term view to invest in prevention and early intervention, focusing on tackling inequalities and improving social mobility.

Total Area Board Investment

£70,267	£43,917	£15,400
Community	Youth	Older and Vulnerable Adults
Total Community Contribution		
£368,027	£442,174	£70,840

The total amount invested in projects through additional community contribution, from fundraising, grants, services in kind or volunteering

Local Priorities

The Salisbury Area Board reviewed available local data and evidence and integrated this with local knowledge and community conversation to agree the following local priority themes. The Area Board has undertaken a series of more specific local actions to positively address them, including the key achievements below:

Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities



The Salisbury Area Board has supported the development of The Underground Studios for young people in Salisbury. The projects developed and co-ordinated at the venue have engaged over a hundred young people to learn new creative skills, develop existing ones and have access to training and equipment used by professionals.

Addressing climate change

The community garden at Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre was funded through a Salisbury Area Board grant. The space has allowed the community to come together to engage with nature locally and consider the wider environment. The team of volunteers meet every week and this initiative has given them a real sense of achievement and pride.



Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing



Hundreds of older and vulnerable adults have engaged with the Silver Salisbury programme of local activities and events, managed and co-ordinated by the Salisbury Area Boards Older People's Champion. The programme supports older people to get out and about and enjoy life, helping to alleviate loneliness and isolation in older age.

Supporting under represented groups

The Salisbury Area Board developed, funded and printed 14,000 cost of living support flyers, working in partnership with the city council and a wide range of community groups and organisations. The information ensured those most in need have access to advice and information regarding cost of living support and the location of local warm and welcoming spaces in Salisbury.



Improving transport and access



The Salisbury Area Board established an Underpasses working group in 2021, including key local organisations and community groups. The groups focus is to determine the responsibility of all assets, supporting the community led women's safety project of conducting night time street light audits and delivering community art work projects in the underpasses.

Community-led projects



The Salisbury Area Board has developed a strong, well established and highly functioning network of local partners, organisations and residents in the city. The Board recognises the talents, expertise and knowledge of the local community and empowers and facilitates community led action to co-deliver local services.

A shining example of the type of support and change that area boards can drive forward through community-led action is the development of a new Salisbury foodie network.

In 2022, food charities and community organisations in Salisbury joined forces to establish a new local food network to offer additional provision to residents of Salisbury that are in most need of support.

The network is committed to supporting and providing advice to residents who need help to put a meal on their table, including low-income families, those living in isolation, older people and carers.

A key mission of Wiltshire Council's Business Plan is to help Wiltshire be a place where 'We live well together', and it aims to help support communities to be more resilient in the face of challenging times and setbacks.

Engagements

The Salisbury Area Board works alongside other organisations to make things happen in the local community. These groups include the city council, voluntary and community groups, youth organisations, sports clubs and local charities.

The Area Board wouldn't be able to achieve what they do without these partners working on the ground with them. The Area Board hosts regular business meetings, engagement activities, events, surveys and working groups to stimulate and support local community action.

**Area Board
Business meetings**

8



Attendances

233

**Area Board
working groups**

42



Attendances

324

**Engagements/
events/ activities**

29



Attendances

597

**Area Board
surveys**

2



Responses

564

Local Highways and Footpath Infrastructure group

The LHFIG is a sub group of the Salisbury Area Board, which deals specifically with highway issues. They aim to find solutions for local transport issues, such as road repairs, traffic problems, road layouts and parking.

The amount allocated is dependent on the geographical size and population for the community area and the funding allocation is for capital expenditure and can be used to provide new and improved highway infrastructure.

LHFIG Projects

- Town Path Pedestrian Guardrail Improvements
- Green Lane to Old Sarum Cycle Route Signage
- Street Nameplate Repainting (Phase 4)
- Street Nameplate Wall Mounted / In Ground Signs (Phase 4)
- Ancient Way Dropped Kerb
- Woodbury Gardens to Harnham SUP Signage Improvements
- Bus Shelter Replacements
- Gradidge Lane Prohibition of Motor Vehicles TRO
- Bishopdown Estate White Bar Markings
- Bishopdown Road to Linkway Handrail
- Bishopdown Dropped Kerb Improvements
- Fugglestone Red 20mph Speed Limit Assessment
- Street Nameplate Repainting Works (Phase 5)
- Street Nameplate Replacements (Phase 5)
- St. Michael's Road Street Lighting Improvement
- Milford Mill Road Dropped Kerb
- Hamilton Road Street Nameplate



£51,245.93
Investment

LHFIG meetings

7

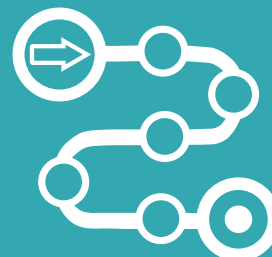


Attendances

81

LHFIG projects
completed

17



Agreeing and delivering priorities for 2023/24

By agreeing and delivering to local priorities, the Area Board is able to proactively address issues by focusing its resources and working in partnership with local organisations, volunteers and residents. To effectively select local priorities it is important that there is a regular review of the evidence available and the views of the residents are sought. To aid Councillors to agree their priorities, the list below provides some of new sources of data and evidence:

- **JSNA Wiltshire Intelligence**: The 2022 Wiltshire JSNA presents data on the current and future health and wellbeing needs of people in Wiltshire
- **Census 2021 results**: results from the 2021 census are being released in a phased manner, which started in June 2022
- **VCSE research - Wessex Community Action**: state of the Wiltshire voluntary and community sector 2022
- **Annual report - Wiltshire Citizens Advice**: Wiltshire Citizens Advice annual report 2022

As well as being evidence led, priorities should be selected where the Area Board believes it can realistically make a positive impact upon them. To aid the delivery of the chosen priorities, the Engagement and Partnerships team will support the Area Board councillors through the development of the Area Board local action plan.

Based on the work undertaken in 2022/23 and the new evidence available, some of the key priorities that the Board may wish to consider are as follows:

- **Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities**
- **Addressing climate change and reversing biodiversity loss**
- **Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing and reducing social isolation**
- **Supporting under represented groups**
- **Improving transport and access**

It is recommended that for each priority selected, an area board councillor takes responsibility for overseeing its delivery and reporting back to the Area Board on progress. The Engagement and Partnerships team will support the Area Board councillors in undertaking this work.