



Chippenham Area Board

End of Year Report

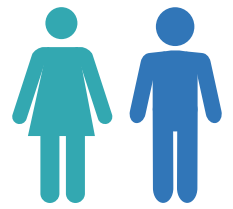
May 2021 - March 2023

Chippenham Area Board

Chippenham Community Area is made up of Chippenham Town and the surrounding villages.

The Area Board is Chippenham community area's local cabinet for Wiltshire Council, bringing local decision making into the heart of the community area. The Area Board is made up of 10 unitary councillors. 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 the town council.






**Total
Population
45,620**

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

£86,626	£56,245	£14,542
Community	Youth	Older and Vulnerable Adults
		
Total Community Contribution		
£617,163	£442,281	£37,240

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

Local Priorities

The Chippenham 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 and positive activity opportunities

The Local Youth Network has supported the completion of Wiltshire Council's Youth Needs Assessment, invested in local youth outreach provision and a Digital Empowerment Programme and arranged workshops to provide local groups and individuals with opportunities to understand contextual safeguarding of young people.

Addressing climate change

The Climate and Ecological Emergency Forum was launched to support organisations in achieving their objectives in cutting omissions and enhancing the natural environment. The board promoted Eco Fest and the Wessex Water Community Connector scheme and funded an energy saving project at Sheldon Road Methodist Church and tree planting schemes.



Promoting wellbeing and reducing social isolation in older and vulnerable people



The Area Board has supported the Health and Wellbeing group, facilitated multi-agency meetings to support older/vulnerable residents and organised a Scam Awareness event with Carer Support Wiltshire. Investment has been targeted towards over 60s events at the Neeld, a Warm Room at Chippenham Community Hub and a Doorway project worker.

Addressing Anti Social Behaviour

The Area Board is an active partner in the towns Community Safety Forum. The Engagement and Partnerships Manager joins multi-agency discussions to address pockets of ASB and brings partners together to resolve the issues. The NPT continues to provide regular updates and intelligence to the Area Board and working groups.



Supporting the local economy



The Area Board is represented on the Chippenham Town Team and has helped to promote the Chippenham One Plan consultation. The Engagement and Partnerships Team has worked with partner organisations to promote and support initiatives which address economic inequalities and help to alleviate pressures on the cost of living.

Community-led projects



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

The Area Board working groups continue to engage, collaborate and information share with over 90 local groups and organisations helping to drive forward priority themes.

In October 2022 the Area Board hosted the Chippenham Community Conference in partnership with Chippenham Town Council. Over 40 organisations were engaged in 4 workshops across the two days, enabling community conversations on the themes of Environment, Health and Wellbeing, Young People and Community Safety, with approximately 40 attendees present for each session.

The conference helped to strengthen stakeholder networks and to gather intelligence and insights from the community on each priority theme. The working groups continue to use the feedback from this event to inform their action plans. The event also comprised guest speakers and showcased community projects to highlight the investment from the Area Board into the community.

Engagements

The Chippenham Area Board works alongside other organisations to make things happen in the local community. These groups include the town and parish councils, 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

240

**Area Board
working groups**

16



Attendances

279

**Engagements/
events/ activities**

6



Attendances

259

**Area Board
surveys**

3



Responses

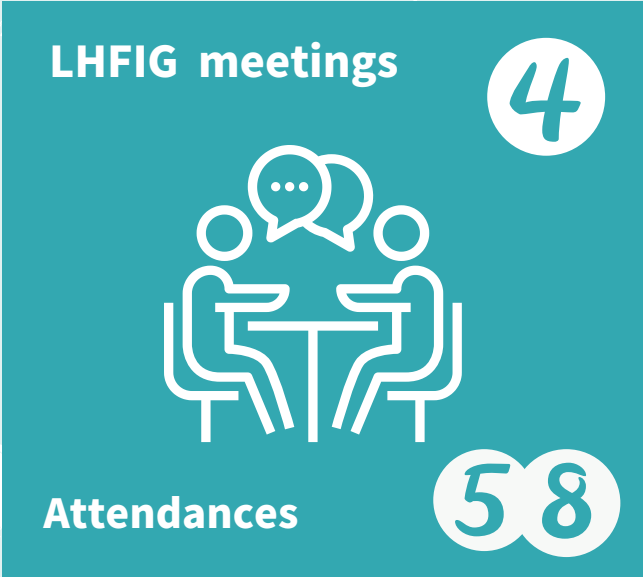
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Local Highways and Footpath Infrastructure group

The Local Highways and Footpath Infrastructure group (LHFIG) is a sub group of the Chippenham Area Board, which deals specifically with highway issues. It aims to find solutions for local road safety concerns, traffic problems, improving footpaths and pavements and small scale parking issues.

The amount allocated is dependent on the geographical size and population for the community area. It is suitable for schemes that improve safety, increase accessibility and sustainability by promoting walking, cycling and public transport and improve traffic management.

- ### LHFIG Projects April 2021 - March 22
- Weight Limit Signs Days Lane Kington Langley
 - Biddestone Gateways & texprint surface
 - Queens Crescent , Chippenham Dropped kerbs (Phase 1)
 - B4122 Draycott Cerne - Speed Limit review
 - St Pauls Primary School, Chippenham – School flag signs
 - C86 Park Farm Bends Signing and Road Markings
 - Bristol Road Chippenham Pedestrian Crossing Assessment



Local Highways and Footpath Infrastructure group

The amount invested by the LHFIG includes local council contributions.

LHFIG Projects April 2022 - March 23

- Biddestone - Gateway Signing
- Annual Dropped Kerbs (Queens Crescent Chippenham Phase 2)
- Hillside, Burton - Speed Limit Assessment
- Parliament Street, Chippenham- Interim Ped Improvements
- Hill Rise/Barrow Green Chippenham - 20mph Assessment
- Barrier Replacement/Removal, Various, Chippenham
- A420 Speed Limit Assessment
- C151 Ford Topographic Survey
- Nettleton Road Burton 20mph Speed Limit Assessment
- A4/Timber Street Car Park Road Markings
- Seagry 20mph Speed Limit Assessment
- Yatton Keynell Village Gateway treatment
- Westmead Lane Chippenham – Dropped Kerb



LHFIG meetings

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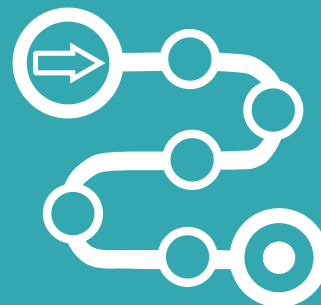


Attendances

52

LHFIG projects completed

13



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 and supporting positive mental health and wellbeing in young people**
- **Addressing climate change**
- **Promoting wellbeing and reducing social isolation in older and vulnerable people**
- **Reducing anti-social behaviour**
- **Supporting the local economy**

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.