South West Wiltshire Area Board

End of Year Report April 2023 - March 2024



Area Board Investment

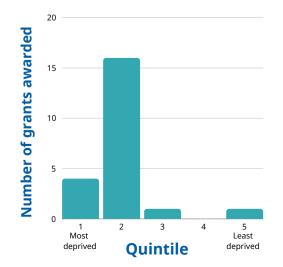
The Area Board invests in local community projects and initiatives that meet local priorities and deliver exceptional outcomes for residents. The Area Board aims to work in partnership to achieve maximum value for its investment.

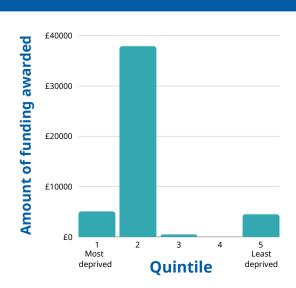
Total Area Board Investment



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

Investment by deprivation quintile





Local Priorities

The South West Wiltshire 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:

Strengthening youth engagement



Continuing to support a range of village youth activities and initiatives, and to invest in 3 key projects led by local youth charity Seeds4Success: Leisure Credits; Open Access & Outreach; and Health & Wellbeing activities facilitating an improved range of physical and mental wellbeing activities at the Nadder Centre.

Addressing environmental issues in partnership with the Cranborne Chase AONB

Facilitated 2 events in Big Green Week 2023 in Wilton and Tisbury, and helped to recruit new tree wardens and to facilitate a new tree project with support from the council's new Woodland Officer.



Supporting older people and vulnerable adults' health and wellbeing



Funded and facilitated an extended set of initiatives with a wide coverage across most of the 39 parishes, through the following programmes: Celebrating Age Wiltshire, Silent Discos, 'A Day At the Lakes' older peoples event, and intergenerational Big Band Christmas Party with St John's Primary School in Tisbury, and 15 Tech Savvy sessions to support digital inclusion especially for older people.

Supporting the local economy

Stronger collaboration with the council's Economy and Regeneration team to ensure the benefits from central funding and strategic projects such as the Wiltshire Towns Programme impact local towns and villages. Improved networking with local businesses has begun, starting in Mere and Tisbury.



Engagements

The South West Wiltshire 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.







Local Highways and Footpath Infrastructure group

The LHFIG is a sub group of the South West Wiltshire 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.

