

# Devizes Area Board



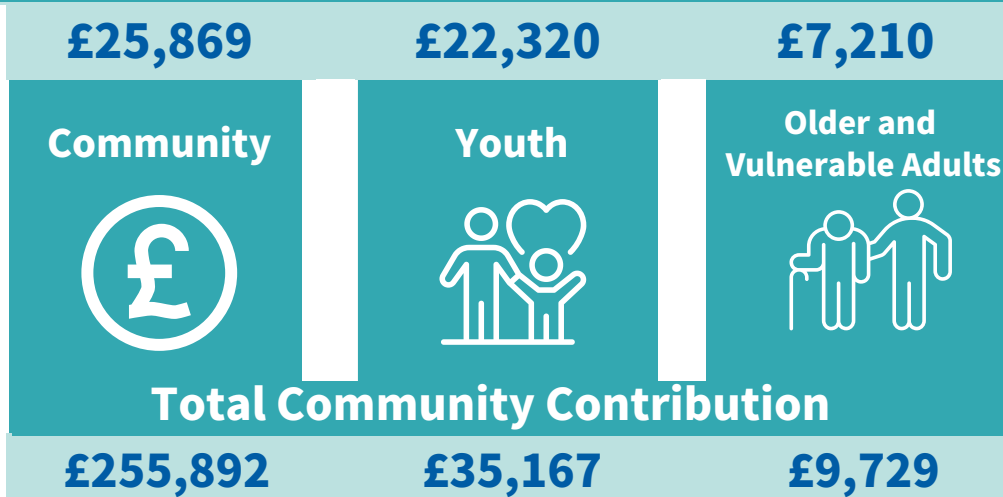
## End of Year Report

April 2023 - March 2024

### Area Board Investment

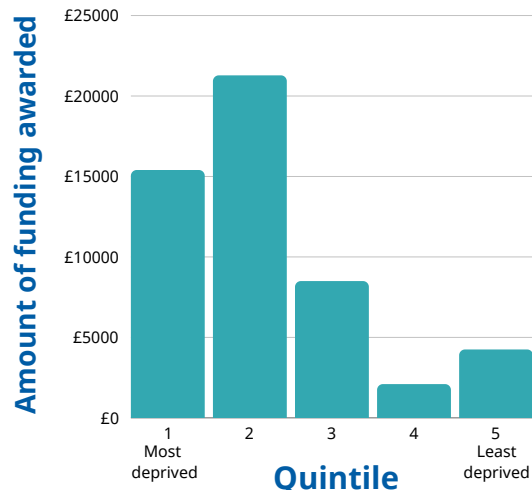
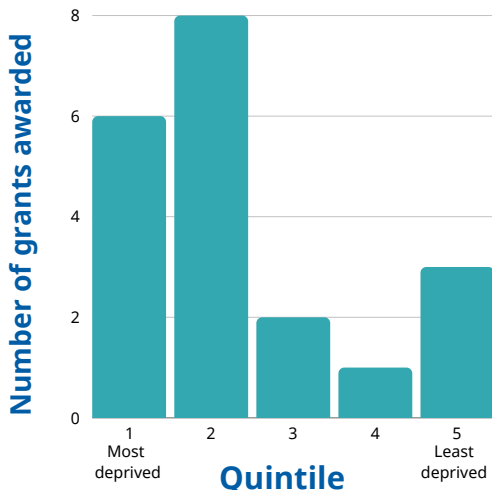
The Area Board invests in local community projects and initiatives that meet local priorities and deliver exceptional outcomes for residents. The Area Board aims to work in partnership to achieve maximum value for its investment.

#### 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 Devizes 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:

## Address climate change and protect the environment



We have worked with our partners to complete the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan which allows us to bid for funding and has enabled us to start work on a new walking and cycling route along the London Road. We have supported the introduction of the Demand responsive bus services as well as the revised Town Centre bus service. The air quality group has helped oversee the improvement of air quality, promote cycling and walking, worked with schools on their travel plans as well promote the need for a rail station.

## Improve opportunities for young people

We have worked with Devizes Town Council to introduce detached youth work in Devizes. We have supported the youth work in the community area including that led by Youth 4 Christ, 4Youth, Lavington Youth Club, DOCA, and Bromham Youth Club. We have funded organisations to increase their youth offer including Bishops Cannings Cricket clubs, Wharf Theatre, Devizes Netball club, Kid s on the Block fishing and the Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race.



## Valuing and supporting our vulnerable and older people



We have helped establish a Neighbourhood Collaborative that will focus upon young people at risk of self-harm. We have supported organisations working with our most vulnerable including funding for foodbanks. We have funded many organisations who work with older and vulnerable people including Alzheimer's Support, Arts Together, Our Time project and Nosh and Natter

## Increase safety of our community (ASB & Road safety)

We have worked with partners to help address ASB and establish projects to prevent it occurring. These include Safer Streets, Roots & Shoots as well as a pilot project to work with young people at risk of serious crime. We have hosted a special Highways matters meeting to bring together senior officers from Wiltshire Council and the Cabinet member for the public to hear from and question. We have also hosted a similar meeting with the new Chief Constable of Wiltshire Police. We have established a new speedwatch team and continued to tackle local issues and make improvements via our Local Highways and Footpaths Infrastructure group.



## Strengthening our local economy

We have established need to help young people with employment and are supporting a multi area approach working with Wiltshire Council services and other partners. We have supported the future move of the Museum to Assize Court and promoted the development of the old Wadsworth site



# Engagements

The Devizes Area Board works alongside other organisations to make things happen in the local community. These groups include the town 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

4



Attendances

215

Area Board  
working groups

4



Attendances

47

Engagements/  
events/ activities

30



Attendances

380

# Local Highways and Footpath Infrastructure group

The LHFIFG is a sub group of the Devizes 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.

LHFIFG meetings

4



Attendances

81



£26,332  
Investment

LHFIFG  
projects  
completed

7

