

Your Community Plan 2013 – 2026



**Warminster and Villages
Community Partnership**

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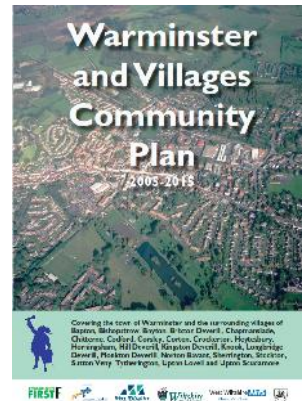
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Introduction

Welcome to the updated Warminster and Villages Community Plan. Extensive consultation and research has been undertaken over the past two years to update the original version published in 2005. This new working framework reflects the feedback from public meetings, surveys, relevant groups and individuals to identify priorities and strengthen the link with the Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA)

The purpose of this plan is to help groups, service providers, the Warminster Area Board and Wiltshire Council to tailor their services more specifically to Community Area's needs, as well as provide a guide for community groups and individuals who want to contribute to the community. Area Boards take decisions about local resources and allocate funding to local communities. They will also give local people power to influence decisions made by its elected councillors.

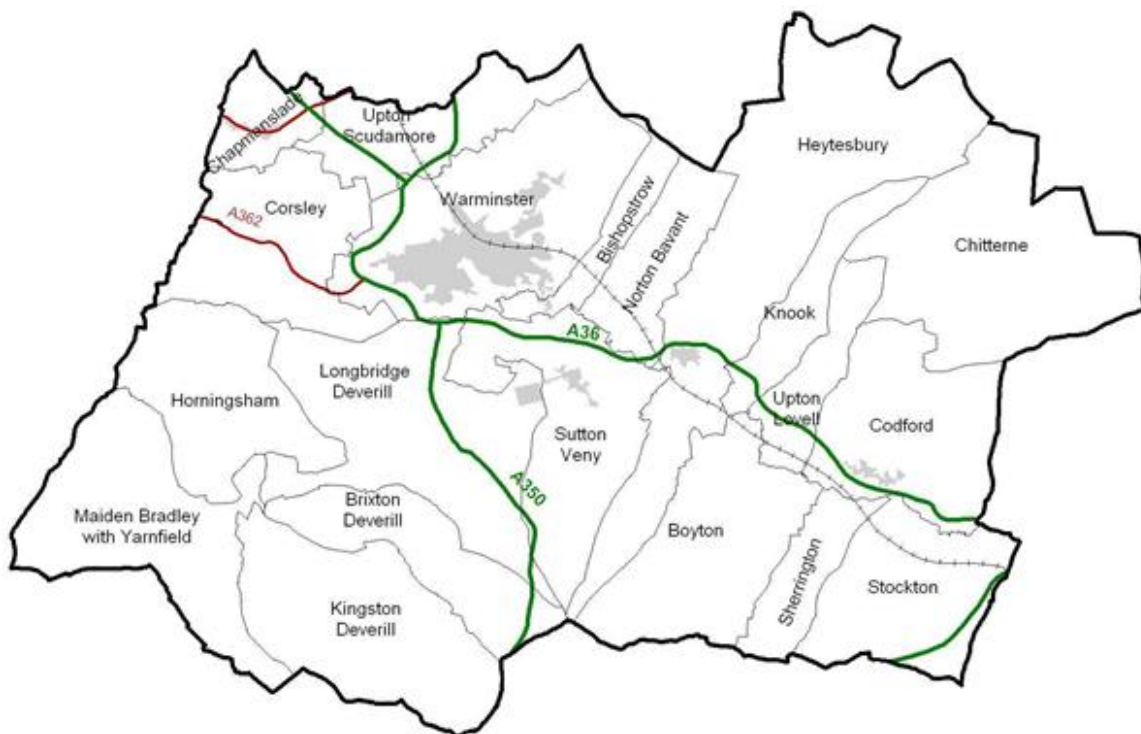


This Community Area Plan will enable the Area Board to develop its own priorities and where to invest its limited resources. Beside statutory bodies, volunteers can take on projects where possible, and our theme groups which look at specific issues are open to anyone in the community. WVCP will support any initiatives in line with the priorities in the plan.

This is a living document and we will update it online as projects progress and new priorities are identified. To get involved with any of the projects, or to comment or add to the plan, please get in touch with the WVCP Coordinator as detailed under the 'Contact WVCP' section on page 18.

Community Area Profile

The Warminster Community area includes the parishes of Bishopstrow, Boyton, Chapmanslade, Chitterne, Codford, Corsley, Heytesbury, Horningsham, Brixton Deverill, Kingston Deverill, Knook, Longbridge Deverill, Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield, Norton Bavant, Sherrington, Stockton, Sutton Veny, Upton Lovell, Upton Scudamore and Warminster.



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Population data (2010)

| Community | Total Population | Population aged 0-15 | Population aged 16- 59 | Population aged 60+ | Population density (per km ²) | Land Area (km ²) |
|------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Warminster | 25,980 | 18% | 60% | 23% | 93 | 280 |
| Wiltshire | 458,890 | 19% | 59% | 21% | 141 | 3,255 |

Warminster is an important service centre for the people who live in the town itself and its large rural catchment of villages that sweep from the Deverill Valley to the south, the Wylve Valley to the south east, the Longleat estate to the west and the fringes to Salisbury Plain to the north and east. The town is strategically situated at the junction of the A36 and A350 with direct links to the A303 and M4. The A36 Warminster bypass absorbs much heavy traffic. Warminster is serviced by a mainline railway and is within an hour from Bristol Airport.

Warminster was once a major cloth manufacturing centre and this former prosperity is evident in some of its impressive buildings with an aesthetically pleasing mix of Jacobean, Georgian and tasteful Victorian architecture. Most of the buildings in the central area of town are listed – over a tenth of the listed buildings and scheduled monuments in the county are found in the Warminster Community Area.

Some manufacturing still takes place in the town, such as Lyons Seafood and Dents glove factory. There has been significant investment at the Crusader and Warminster business parks and at smaller employment sites in in a further 10 locations across the community area. To the west of the town lies the stately home and safari park of Longleat, and together with the holiday village of Center Parcs, are major contributors to the local economy through tourism and employment.

Like many small market towns the effect of the recession has been felt with some shop closures in recent years. However a major attraction of the town’s shopping environment is a good mix of independent shops that add interest and colour to the retail offer. It also hosts a popular weekly open-air market and regular farmers’ market.

Warminster is home to a military garrison, which uses Salisbury Plain as a training area. There is a continuing awareness by the military authorities of how important it is to be involved in the life of the town generally, and indeed a tendency of many military personnel to make the town their home on retirement.

The Warminster Community Area is the location of many areas of protected land and AONB. The Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs form the southern part of the area and the Salisbury Plain Special Protection Area of Conservation borders the north. There are also 9 sites of special scientific interest and over 120 wildlife sites. The use of Salisbury Plain by the military has preserved it as the largest single expanse of unaltered chalk downland in Europe with evidence of human occupation for circa 5,000 years. The area also has more Iron Age hill-forts than anywhere else in Europe, with Cley Hill, Arn Hill, Copheap, Battlesbury Hill and Scratchbury Hill surrounding the town.



What is the Community Partnership?

WVCP is an independent, non-political organisation with a remit to identify and develop a common vision for the future of the Warminster community area. It is an open forum for community planning and involvement, and comprises local individuals, groups and organisations working with local councillors and the assistance of Wiltshire Council Officers, to improve the quality of life in the locality.

WVCP has developed and maintains a fit-for-purpose Community Plan which evidences the needs and aspirations of those who live there in the area. The Partnership is open to all who live or work in the Warminster community area. It is managed by a Committee elected at its AGM and the work is taken forward both by this Committee and a number of themed partnership groups. Engagement with the wider public is ongoing and membership of WVCP has expanded

Projects

- ✚ Economic and Tourism Group – monthly meetings. Their recent work includes production of a media contact list to help Warminster clubs and organisations publicise their events (see appendix 3). They undertake the collection of annual Benchmarking data. Action for Market Towns has also asked the group to do some work on a national pilot for enhanced benchmarking. Ongoing monitoring of town scene and empty buildings is carried out and their signage report highlighted work that is now being considered by local councils. The group works in close conjunction with the Tourism Group of Enterprise Warminster.
- ✚ Health and Social Care Group – quarterly meetings. The group monitors and shares information of local developments within the health sector, including Clinical Commissioning Groups and Healthwatch.
- ✚ Job Club and Job Fairs – events are ongoing with support from Enterprise Warminster. Local sessions run with job seekers and employers.
- ✚ Warminster in Bloom – now continuing under the Civic Trust, the group carry out regular work with volunteers to maintain various planted areas. More volunteers are needed.



Developments

- ✚ The new website for Community Partnership is now launched, where all the Community Plan documents are available to download, together with links to other stakeholders in the community. This is an area of ongoing development. You can also follow WVCP on Twitter.
- ✚ Initial discussions are taking place with interested parties in the community around the issue of volunteering in the Warminster area, with the aim to set up a new theme group under the community plan theme of volunteering and/or green recycling.
- ✚ As part of the JSA update for 2014, Wiltshire Council is developing new chapters on leisure, arts & culture. Work is being carried out by WVCP to map local assets as part of this process.

Public Consultation

Initial work to update the 2005 Community Plan commenced in partnership with the Area Board as part of the JSA event in January 2012. This looked at the findings of the 2011 JSA for Warminster Community Area in order to produce outputs that address the issues raised in each of the thematic chapters.

WVCP produced a survey questionnaire based on these results that was distributed to households in October 2012 and also made available online, which successfully generated over 900 responses by the closing deadline. Results of the survey feedback (Appendix 1) were presented at a public consultation in January 2013 where

themed group discussions confirmed the major priorities to be taken forward in the updated document. This extended process was essential to ensure local people were given every opportunity to add their valued views and comments.

The result of all the feedback has formed the basis of this new Community Plan that identifies local priorities, with revised theme headings that define community areas more clearly and strengthen links to the JSA. Cross-cutting themes also apply. The Plan is further underpinned by Appendix 2 that identifies organisations linked to each theme. Work is also ongoing by WVCP to identify sources of fundraising. This will enable efficient dissemination of intelligence to support local clubs and community groups.

Communications

- ✚ Wiltshire Council's Our Community Matters blogsite is used to highlight news and events within the Partnership and WVCP also actively signposts others to use it.
- ✚ The Economic and Tourism Group issue publicity each month of its activities, using the Warminster Journal and other media.
- ✚ Information and email circulars from other partners are disseminated by WVCP to interested parties for signposting purposes. Work is ongoing to strengthen this using lead people under the reconfigured themes of the Community Plan.



Community Plan themes

Themes: The work of WVCP has been structured around 8 key themes that link in the main to current JSA document that provides the statistical socio-economic indicators for each community area in Wiltshire, and allow direct comparison and assessment in a standardised approach. The themes have been amended from the previous WVCP plan for 2005-2015 to encompass all aspects that affect the daily lives of people in the locality. Naturally some of the issues will be cross-cutting and apply to more than one theme, e.g. inclusivity, young & older people, disabled, disadvantaged, carers etc.

Scope: The issues included under each theme.

Partners: The services, organisations and groups that have an interest in the thematic area.

WVCP vision: As identified in the original WVCP plan for 2005-2015.

JSA key issues: Local issues as indicated in the 2011 JSA for Warminster Community Area.

Background: Outcomes from the JSA consultation carried out in January 2012 and weighted by the WVCP survey results in December 2012. See Appendix 1 for the summary of the survey results by each theme.

Taking this forward: Key priorities identified at the WVCP public consultation event in January 2013 that form the basis of the updated plan. The major issues and aspirations are listed with suggested actions and partners to enable achievement. Other priorities and actions are identified that also must not be overlooked.

Community Safety

Scope: Personal and property safety, anti-social behaviour, road safety.

Partners: Police Neighbourhood Tasking Group, Police & Crime Panel, Fire & Rescue Service, CCTV Partnership, Neighbourhood Watch, Good Neighbours Scheme.

WVCP vision: *Create a community in which the quality of life is undisturbed by threats to personal safety or property.*

JSA key issues (community safety) for Warminster Community Area:

- Anti-Social Behaviour, criminal damage and deliberate fires
- Road safety
- Violence during the night-time economy and domestic abuse
- Substance misuse (drugs and alcohol)
- Integrated offender management



Background: Weighted WVCP survey results (December 2012):

1. Keep Warminster and villages safe
2. Improve response to anti-social behaviour
3. Promote Good Neighbour Scheme
4. Improve flow of positive news for Warminster and villages

Taking this forward: Outcome from public consultation event on priorities, January 2013:

| Key issue & aspirations | Suggested action from consultation | Partners involved |
|---|--|---|
| Keep Warminster and villages safe | Improve visibility of Police Officers as opposed to PCSOs with their limited powers and who are mainly to be seen in the town centre | Police; NHW; Housing Agencies; Local Government |
| Improve response to anti-social behaviour | Develop Neighbourhood Tasking Group action priorities | |
| Promote Good Neighbour Scheme | Use consultation in libraries and utilise Neighbourhood Watch | |
| Other priorities/action | | |
| 🚩 Improve flow of positive news for Warminster and villages | | |



Culture, Leisure and Sport

Scope: Sport, theatre, galleries, exhibitions, museums, youth clubs, parks, play grounds, Civic Centre, inclusion, access.

Partners: Athenaeum, Library, Sports clubs, Town Council, Wiltshire Council, Warminster Festival, Civic Trust, Arts Society, Community Radio, Information Centre, Warminster Garrison.

WVCP vision: *To develop an area where opportunities for cultural expression, appreciation and leisure pursuits meet local demand. To realise the artistic potential and talent of the area.*

JSA key issues (culture & leisure) for Warminster Community Area: Areas to be developed under the JSA update due in 2014.

Background: Weighted WVCP survey results (December 2012):

1. Improve the value from facilities available
2. Reduce perception of nothing to do
3. Improve sports coordination
4. Improve 'what's on' information
5. Develop regular film shows
6. Review Warminster Festival 'set up'



Taking this forward: Outcome from public consultation event on priorities, January 2013:

| Key issue & aspirations | Suggested action from consultation | Partners involved |
|---|--|--|
| <p>Improve the value from facilities available</p> <p>Reduce perception of nothing to do</p> <p>Improve 'what's on' information</p> | <p>"What's on in Warminster and Villages"</p> <p>Central information display case (AO size) where all collated information from small groups within the community area is shown for the following 6-week period</p> <p>Locations: exterior of library and at Army camp (subject to permissions)</p> <p>Seek business sponsorship; share information with Town/Parish Councils</p> | <p>Wiltshire Council</p> <p>MoD</p> <p>WIC</p> <p>Arts Society</p> |
| <p>More publicity for all events inside/outside Warminster area</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🚩 Theme for Heritage Week 🚩 Christmas lantern procession for carols 🚩 Art in shops to promote Wylde Valley Trail 🚩 Use of empty shops for schools displays and 'Made in Warminster' concept to sell locally produced products 🚩 UFO day with model/photographic competitions 🚩 Dancing to live music in Three Horseshoes Mall, e.g. Carnival, Christmas Lights 🚩 Leisure walking/bicycle trails 🚩 Arts and crafts in the Park, e.g. Warminster Festival opening event 🚩 Signage to promote Warminster Park, rather than current name of Pleasure Gardens 🚩 Monthly Artisan market | |
| <p>Cinema/bowling alley</p> | <p>To approach commercial companies to inform them of the local population's desire for a cinema and bowling alley.</p> | |

Other priorities/action

- ✚ Develop regular film shows – there are 3 existing opportunities that achieve this:
 - Regular film club at the Athenaeum which shows recent release films.
 - Afternoon film shows at the Civic Centre – to request introducing mother and toddler sessions.
 - The Youth Centre will be showing films for teenagers once a month.
- ✚ Warminster Festival – to contact the survey respondents who expressed an interest in helping.



Economy and Tourism

Scope: Buy Local, retail, industrial, markets, jobs & employment, agriculture, tourism, accommodation, social events.

Partners: Economy & Tourism Group, Development Trust, Information Centre, Job Club, Country Market, Enterprise Warminster, Town Council, Wiltshire Council.

WVCP vision: *To achieve a thriving and sustainable economy with: new investment in the town centre to improve its vitality and retail quality; a skilled workforce; more and better-paid employment; realisation of the tourism potential of the area; increased spending on local goods and services.*

JSA key issues (economy) for Warminster Community Area:

- Impact of defence review programme
- Low Claimant Count
- Income and employment deprivation
- A350 corridor

Background: Weighted WVCP survey results (December 2012):

1. Encourage new employment opportunities
2. Protect existing workspace
3. Increase tourism potential
4. Take forward Town and Parish Plans
5. Encourage the evening economy



Taking this forward: Outcome from public consultation event on priorities, January 2013:

| Key issue & aspirations | Suggested action from consultation | Partners involved |
|--|--|--|
| Encourage new employment opportunities | Make Warminster attractive to prospective investors Employed post to promote the town and the advantages of coming to Warminster and bringing employment | Wiltshire Council; Town Council; Chamber of Commerce; WVCP; Enterprise Warminster; Local Enterprise Partnership |
| Increase tourism potential | Good facilities for locals that will also benefit tourism, e.g. taster sessions. Easy to access information about what goes on in the town. Achieve a Tourism Strategy for the area. | Tourism Group |
| Encourage the evening economy | Promote existing activities, e.g. skittles league, to prevent people travelling further afield with loss to local economy | |
| Protect existing workspace | Not losing existing business premises to housing or other uses, with realistic market values not inflated | |
| Take forward Town and Parish Plans | Some have been published, others are being worked on; these highlight local needs and encompass a wide range of priorities | |
| Other priorities/action | | |
| <p>Economy & Tourism Group projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Annual Benchmarking data collection and national pilot of Enhanced Benchmarking ✚ Street signs survey report ✚ Monitoring of town scene and empty buildings ✚ Media contact list – to aid local clubs and organisations in publicising their events ✚ Consider review of ‘Buy Local’ information to encourage produce and sale of local produce | | |



Education, Learning and Skills

Scope: Youth, skills, employment link, apprenticeships, places & methods of learning (e.g. broadband provision, remote learning & support).

Partners: Schools, Library, Job Club, apprenticeship scheme, museums/galleries, college, Learning Curve.

WVCP vision: *Quality learning facilities available to all and a culture of lifelong learning ingrained among young and old alike.*

JSA key issues (children & young people) for Warminster Community Area:

- Child poverty
- Childhood obesity – see Health and wellbeing chapter
- Key Stage 2, L4+ English and maths (KS2)
- Key Stage 4, 5A*-C including English and maths (KS4)
- Young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs)
- Accidental/non-accidental injuries

Background: Weighted WVCP survey results (December 2012):

1. Increase apprenticeships
2. Encourage work experience opportunities
3. Improve job finding skills
4. Enhance IT training opportunities
5. Improve links to all learning facilities
6. Provide a Job Club facility



Taking this forward: Outcome from public consultation event on priorities, January 2013:

| Key issue & aspirations | Suggested action from consultation | Partners involved |
|--|--|---|
| Job Club (now running) | To maintain the ongoing development of Job Club as an catalyst to support the priorities listed below | WVCP |
| Increase apprenticeships and encourage work experience opportunities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Wiltshire Enterprise apprenticeships through Wiltshire College www.wiltshire-enterprise.co.uk ✚ National Apprenticeship Service www.apprenticeships.org.uk ✚ Propose as Enterprise Warminster project and revive the Learning 4 Warminster group | Wiltshire College; NAS Enterprise Warminster; Learning 4 Warminster; local businesses |
| Improve links to all learning facilities, job finding skills and enhance IT training opportunities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Open Warminster Kingdown 6th form facilities to adults, e.g. through U3A ✚ Monthly computer courses at Library/Schools with Learning Curve provider ✚ Propose as Enterprise Warminster project to share local in-house business training to meet skills gap ✚ Job finding skills and CV support, signposting by Job Centre Plus | Kingdown School; U3A Library; Learning Curve Enterprise Warminster; local businesses Job Centre Plus |



Environment and Countryside

Scope: Agriculture, Rural issues, Green issues, Conservation, parish plans, flooding, climate, forestry, footpaths, recycling, tourism.

Partners: Wiltshire Council, Town Council, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Parish Councils, Warminster Walks, allotments, community orchard, AONB.

WVCP vision: *An integrated approach to the environmental, economic and community aspects of the area based on a wide ranging awareness and understanding of the local countryside, in particular the preservation and enhancement of its tranquillity, landscape character, habitats and wildlife and its importance to the local economy through farming, tourism etc.*

JSA key issues (environment & resilient communities) for Warminster Community Area:



- Biodiversity and the natural environment
- Energy consumption
- Waste
- Water quality
- Out-of-work benefits
- Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)
- Community cohesion and social capital
- Rural facilities

Background: Weighted WVCP survey results (December 2012):

1. Promote use of natural energy
2. Develop food waste recycling
3. Lobby for improved broadband
4. Improve environmental education
5. Support Parish Plans
6. Improve signage to parks and reserves



Taking this forward: Outcome from public consultation event on priorities, January 2013:

| Key issue & aspirations | Suggested action from consultation | Partners involved |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| Parish Plans | <p>Adoption central to direct the needs of each Parish and protect the environment to create vibrant and diverse villages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Provides evidence for funding  Community woods, green gym/off-road cycling | <p>Parish Councils Wiltshire Council</p> |

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| Lobby for improved broadband | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ To support rural business and village work units ✚ Community led facilities and liaison with Army/Broadband Action Group ✚ Improve mobile signal | Wiltshire Council Defra BT |
| Improve environmental education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Local heritage, quizzes and information ✚ Involve younger community members ✚ Conservation and enhancement | AONB Parish Councils Wiltshire Council |

Other priorities/action

- ✚ Footpaths/rights of way – Improve knowledge and understanding about the rights of way and support their use and accessibility. Maintain and involve the community, and that financial support, tools and expertise can be made available for this along with links to walking groups
- ✚ Litter – public highways; community litter picking
- ✚ Energy – Biogas rollout to villages; solar panels in new developments; more information on insulation but also conservation of buildings with thought for Solar panels being placed on the ground in conservation areas
- ✚ Smallbrook Meadows Nature Reserve – maintenance of River Wylde minimising the risk of flooding and education of Riparian owners; Wiltshire Wildlife Trust; flood wardens; Environment Agency
- ✚ Maiden Bradley Community Garden – improve facilities and provide a Community Orchard
- ✚ Yeates Meadow, community orchard – improve all accesses; sponsored tree planting; biodiversity pathways; reinstate flower verges
- ✚ Seasonal Notice Boards, metal art and improved signage, e.g. Town Park
- ✚ Village community shops – paid staff/volunteers; fundraising and support with both equipment and ideas
- ✚ Investigate setting up a Green Environment theme group to liaise and coordinate with other volunteers
- ✚ A conservationist approach to any new countryside development and to be sympathetic to tradition as well
- ✚ To ensure that there is a very clear support for a conservationist led focus on policies and actions of all tiers of local government but a balance between preservation and maintaining vitality in the villages
- ✚ Protection of open spaces



Health and Wellbeing

Scope: Health, public health, social care.

Partners: Health & Social Care Group, Community Hospital, Surgeries, doctors, nurses, clinics, Library, Health Information Support Service, care-homes, day centres.

WVCP vision: *A healthy and active population with local accessible health and social care provision.*

JSA key issues (Health & Wellbeing) for Warminster Community Area:

- Tackling major causes of mortality
- Encouraging beneficial lifestyle choices
- Improving children's health
- Preventing unintentional injuries



Background: Weighted WVCP survey results (December 2012):

1. Retain Warminster Hospital services
2. Develop services for older people
3. Improve affordable dental care access
4. Develop preventative health care
5. Develop treatment at home
6. Increase awareness of NHS Services

Taking this forward: Outcome from public consultation event on priorities, January 2013:

| Key issue & aspirations | Suggested action from consultation | Partners involved |
|---|---|---------------------|
| Retain Warminster Hospital services | <p>All services for the area to be identified as available from 1st April 2013 (i.e. when the local NHS changes take effect) and what information is available to/with each of the services about demographics/needs/any plans to address any of the priorities, etc.</p> <p>Regular and up to date information of all services should then be produced via a simple (quarterly?) publication (leaflet or booklet) and a website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what services are available • where are they available with contact information (and/or where need GP referral) • who is providing each service <p>WVCP's role would be disseminate information, lobby and support the agencies who would provide this information, and target the elderly and vulnerable who already need support.</p> | <p>NHS WVCP</p> |
| Develop preventative health care | | |
| Increase awareness of NHS Services | | |
| Identify H&SC needs | | |
| Improve mental health services | | |
| Develop treatment at home | | |
| Other priorities/action | | |
| <p>🚦 Health & Social Care Group – monitoring and information sharing of developments with Clinical Commissioning Groups and Healthwatch</p> | | |

Planning and Housing

Scope: Built environment – commercial & residential buildings, industrial estates, tenant housing associations, Core Strategy.

Partners: Town/Parish Councils, Wiltshire Council, Civic Trust, Preservation Trust, CAB, Housing Associations, developers.

WVCP vision: *To maintain and develop an area that is well cared for, reflecting the pride people feel in its architectural heritage. To ensure the sympathetic provision of housing able to sustain all sectors of the community.*

JSA key issues (housing) for Warminster Community Area:

- Delivery of affordable housing
- Prevention of homelessness
- Rural housing
- Making best use of existing stock
- Fuel poverty
- Military accommodation



Background: Weighted WVCP survey results (December 2012):

1. Improve road and street cleanliness
2. Encourage use of renewable energy
3. Ensure appropriate new infrastructure
4. Increase involvement in local planning
5. Improve supply of brownfield sites
6. More housing required

Taking this forward: Outcome from public consultation event on priorities, January 2013:

| Key issue & aspirations | Suggested action from consultation | Partners involved |
|---|--|---|
| Increase involvement in local planning More housing required | Sustainable development through the integration through planning of the new with the old <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Neighbourhood development plans, coordination and council planning consistency ✚ Community led involvement essential ✚ High quality housing as well as low cost ✚ Examine expansion of areas consuming villages into Warminster, i.e. boundaries ✚ Consideration of villages and their stress and benefits to the town | Wiltshire Council Town/Parish Councils Developers |
| Ensure appropriate new infrastructure | Infrastructure support needs to be in place for larger developments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Core strategy needs to reflect vision of sustainable housing and infrastructure – education, medical, emergency services, cemeteries etc. ✚ Plan roads to keep town centre accessible but not clogged | Wiltshire Council |

Other priorities/action

- ✚ Push for youth view as they will be long-term residents and to counter youth apathy
- ✚ Get out into the community more and utilise social media.



Transport

Scope: Roads, pavements, bridges, street lighting, street cleaning, sign posts, rail, bus and patient transport.

Partners: Wiltshire Council, CATG, Town/Parish Councils, Railway Station, ShopMobility, LINK, Community Speed Watch.

WVCP vision: *An integrated transport network with linked road, rail, bus and cycle facilities providing residents of the town and villages with quality services and access to employment, education, shopping and other essential local services.*

JSA key issues (transport) for Warminster Community Area:

- Accessibility to pedestrians and cyclists
- Poor integration of public transport
- Traffic and congestion in town centre
- Speeding in villages
- Road and pavement repairs

Background: Weighted WVCP survey results (December 2012):

1. Maintain roads in good condition
2. Reduce speeding in villages
3. Improve traffic management in town and villages
4. Improve rural transport services
5. More effective public transport
6. Improve cycling infrastructure



Taking this forward: Outcome from public consultation event on priorities, January 2013:

| Key issue & aspirations | Suggested action from consultation | Partners involved |
|--|--|-------------------|
| Reduce the number of lorries (stone lorries) using unsuitable roads through Warminster instead of the bypass | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Lorry Watch – to document evidence ✚ Lobby for weight restrictions on shortcuts ✚ Discuss with owner operator(s) using alternative routes ✚ Better signage of HGV routes/fixed penalties/tolls for non-compliance | |
| Other priorities/action | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Enforce speed limits with Speed Watch and SIDs ✚ Speed signs for bends and temporary speed limits at peak times, e.g. 20mph at Corsley Heath ✚ Hedge cutting to improve visibility ✚ Improved highway maintenance, e.g. kerbs to protect erosion of road edges ✚ Clearing, maintenance and improved signage of footpaths and tracks ✚ Reinstate Parish Wardens to monitor roads, footpaths and byways, and maintain ditches, culverts, drains and bins ✚ Ensure regular accessible bus service is retained throughout the day and evenings ✚ Simplify information on using the Connect 2 service that links rail and bus routes. ✚ Lobby to get electrification beyond the Westbury main rail-line [West Wilts Rail Users Group] ✚ Cycle networks ✚ Electric cars as a shared community resource/shared ownership. Bookable by community member who contributes to costs or driving. See website: www.carplus.org.uk/car-sharing-clubs/ | | |



Glossary

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| AONB | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| CAB | Citizens Advice Bureau |
| CATG | Community Area Transport Group |
| Defra | Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs |
| JSA | Joint Strategic Assessment (for Warminster) |
| MoD | Ministry of Defence |
| NAS | National Apprenticeship Service |
| NHW | Neighbourhood Watch |
| NTG | Neighbourhood Tasking Group (Police) |
| WIC | Warminster Information Centre |
| WPSB | Wiltshire Public Services Board |
| WVCP | Warminster and Villages Community Partnership |

Appendices

- Appendix 1 WVCP consultation survey results, December 2012
 - Appendix 2 Local directory – groups and organisations, by theme
 - Appendix 3 Media contact list – where to publish Warminster events
 - Appendix 4 Volunteering opportunities – *to follow 2014 (working in partnership with DEVELOP)*
 - Appendix 5 Fundraising opportunities – *to follow April 2014*
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