

AGENDA

Meeting: South West Wiltshire Area Board
Place: East Knoyle Village Hall, Hindon Rd, East Knoyle, Salisbury SP3 6AE
Date: Wednesday 29 November 2023
Time: 6.30 pm

Including the Parishes of: Alvediston, Ansty, Barford St Martin, Berwick St John, Berwick St Leonard, Bishopstone, Bowerchalke, Broadchalke, Burcombe Without, Chicklade, Chilmark, Compton Chaberlayne, Dinton, Donhead St Andrew, Donhead St Mary, East Knoyle, Ebbesborne Wake, Fonthill Bishop, Fonthill Gifford, Fovant, Hindon, Kilmington, Mere, Netherhampton, Quidhampton, Sedgehill and Semley, Steeple Langford, Stourton with Gasper, Stratford Tony, Sutton, Mandeville, Swallowcliffe, Teffont, Tisbury, Tollard Royal, West Knoyle, West Tisbury, Wilton, Wylde, Zeals.

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Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Richard Budden, Tisbury
Cllr Pauline Church, Wilton
Cllr George Jeans, Mere
Cllr Nabil Najjar, Fovant & Chalke Valley (Chairman)
Cllr Bridget Wayman, Nadder Valley (Vice-Chairman)

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Items to be considered	Time
<u>Informal Networking</u>	
An opportunity to informally network with Area Board Members and Wiltshire Council highways officers from 6.00pm .	
<u>Highways Matters</u>	
1 Welcome and Overview	6.30pm
To welcome those present to the meeting and give an overview of the meeting.	
2 Highways and Transport Presentations	6.35pm
To receive presentations covering topics such as strategic business plan priorities, maintenance, Local Transport Plan, congestion and public transport.	
3 Question and Answer Session	6.55pm
Officers present to answer highways and transport questions from attendees.	
4 Session Summary and Next Steps	7.50pm
The Chairman will summarise the session and highlight any next steps / actions.	
<u>Area Board Business</u>	
5 Apologies for Absence	
To receive any apologies for absence.	
6 Declarations of Interest	
To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.	
7 Minutes (<i>Pages 1 - 14</i>)	
To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2023.	
8 Partner and Community Updates (<i>Pages 15 - 66</i>)	8.05pm
The Board is asked to note the following written updates:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Wellbeing Group Notes (Sep) • Wiltshire Police Road Safety • Salisbury Community Police Team 	

- Warminster Community Police Team
- [Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Report 2022-23 \(online\)](#)
- Community First
- BSW Together (Integrated Care System)
- Healthwatch Wiltshire

Wiltshire Council Information Items:

- Cost of Living Update
- Independent Visitor Scheme
- Archaeology Service

Please note that in order to allow additional time for the Highway Matters item the Area Board will only receive written partner updates at this meeting.

9 **Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group** (Pages 67 - 84) **8.10pm**

To note the minutes and consider any recommendations arising from the last LHFIG meeting held on 15 November 2023, as set out in the attached report.

Items requiring a funding decision are:

- 4a – Teffont Horse Warning Signs – £1,288.50
- 4b – Kilmington 30mph Speed Limit TRO – £1,500.00
- 4c – Dinton 30mph Repeater Signs – £1,481.32
- 4f – Wilton 20mph Speed Limit Assessment – £2,175
- 4g – Barford St. Martin NAL Sockets – £607.50
- 4h – Minster Street Wilton Coloured Surfacing – £1,413.75

10 **Area Board Funding** (Pages 85 - 90) **8.15pm**

To note the remaining budgets and to consider any applications for funding, as detailed in the attached report and summarised below:

Remaining Budgets:

Community Area Grant	Older & Vulnerable	Young People
£ 12,658.98	£ 4,700.00	£ 20,179.12

Area Board Initiatives:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG1403	South West Wiltshire Area Board -	£500.00

	Health and Wellbeing at the Lakes	
ABG1404	South West Wiltshire Area Board – Silent Disco	£500.00
ABG1405	South West Wiltshire Area Board - Tech Savvy Sessions Round 3	£500.00

Community Area Grants:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG1375	Hinton Hall Management Committee - Refurbishment of the East Window of Hinton Hall Tisbury	£4,000.00
ABG1396	The Fonthill Gifford Recreation Hut - The Fonthill Gifford Recreation Hut Disabled Toilet Installation	£2,500.00
ABG1417	Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall - Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall New Usage	£4,791.88
ABG1418	Zeals Village Hall - Zeals Village Hall Rebuild to coping stones and gables	£5,000.00

Young People Grants:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG1384	Fovant Youth Club - Furniture	£2,196.00
ABG1420	Seeds4Success – Leisure Credits Scheme	£5,000.00

Further information on the Area Board Grant system can be found [here](#).

11 Urgent Items

Any other items of business which the Chairman agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.

Close

Future Meeting Dates (6.30pm – 8.30pm):

- Wednesday 28 February 2024, 6.30pm, Broad Chalke Village Hall
- Wednesday 29 May 2024, 6.30pm, venue TBC

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MINUTES

Meeting: South West Wiltshire Area Board
Place: Broad Chalke Village Hall, South St, Broad Chalke SP5 5DN
Date: 20 September 2023
Start Time: 6.30 pm
Finish Time: 8.50 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Nabil Najjar (Chairman) and Cllr Bridget Wayman (Vice-Chairman)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Karen Linaker – Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager
Tara Hunt – Senior Democratic Services Officer
Stuart Honeyball – Director Business Transformation
Daniel Geeson – Leisure Strategy Infrastructure Officer
Dominic Argar – Assistant Multimedia Technician

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Kevin Harmsworth
Wiltshire Police – Chief Constable Catherine Roper
Police and Crime Commissioner – Philip Wilkinson OBE
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – District Commander Mark Hillier
Salisbury Hospital Foundation Trust – Tony Mears

Total in attendance: 30

<u>Minute No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
35	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Richard Budden had sent apologies due to a flat tyre. However, Cllr Budden did make it to the latter part of the meeting.
36	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>In relation to Item 7 the Netherhampton Pitches and Pavilion Community Asset Transfer, Cllrs Nabil Najjar, Pauline Church and Bridget Wayman declared for transparency that they knew one of the applicants who happened to be an officer at Wiltshire Council, however there was no personal relationship. As this did not constitute a disclosable interest they remained in the room and took part in the discussion and vote on the item.</p>
37	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were presented.</p> <p>It was;</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
38	<p><u>Chairman's Updates</u></p> <p>The Chairman announced that the Area Board would be hosting an 'All things roads' event on Wednesday 8 November at 6.30pm. The likely location would be the Nadder Centre, however this was still to be confirmed.</p> <p>The Chairman also highlighted the Local Plan review and the importance of responding to the consultation, which was running from Wednesday 27 September 2023 to Wednesday 22 November 2023. Further details could be seen in the written update under Information Items.</p>
39	<p><u>Information Items</u></p> <p>The Chairman referred the meeting to the written information items in the agenda pack and encouraged people to look at those items.</p>
40	<p><u>Partner and Community Updates</u></p> <p>The Board received the following verbal updates:</p>

- **Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS), District Commander Mark Hillier**

District Commander Mark Hillier was in attendance to represent the DWFRS rather than Station Manager Nic Courtice as stated on the agenda, Mr Hillier was the new DWFRS representative for the South West Wiltshire Area Board. The DWFRS written update could be found in agenda supplement 2. The service undertook a lot of work on prevention, particularly aimed at those considered most at risk. This was mainly undertaken through their Safe and Well visits. Anyone interested in fire safety should get in touch and further details could be found at <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits/>. The service was also undertaking business fire safety checks.

Recruitment was ongoing, further details could be found at <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/>.

Incidents with E-bikes and E-scooters were highlighted, in relation to risks with the batteries failing or 'exploding' when being charged, which could rapidly lead to a fire. The advice was to not leave them charging unattended, particularly overnight. Full details could be found here: <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safety-at-home/causes-of-fires/e-bikes-and-e-scooters/>.

There had not been any spike in incidents, however there had been a fire in an old commercial building in Tisbury.

- **Wiltshire Police – Inspector Kevin Harmsworth**

Inspector Harmsworth gave updates for the Warminster and Salisbury Community Policing Teams (CPTs) who covered the South West Wiltshire community area. Written updates were also included in the agenda.

There had been incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in Alderbury and Longhedge and the police were working with partners to try to reduce these. Rural crime was a priority, for example hare coursing. Non dwelling burglaries and relay thefts (keyless car thefts) had reduced, however there had been a spate of burglaries in Broad Chalke. The police were conducting patrols and investigating thoroughly. They were also encouraging preventative measures such as using faraday pouches which can prevent thieves from cloning a car key's signal.

Off road motorbikes had been an issue in St Peter's Place and Bemerton Heath and this had reduced, however it seemed like the issue may have moved to Harnham. The police were supporting Community Speed Watch (CSW) in conjunction with Road Safety teams. Street drinkers and ASB in Salisbury city centre were an issue, however it had reduced. There was a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in place, and a

further PSPO was planned.

In Mere and Tisbury road safety was a prevalent theme. In recent weeks 5 drink drivers had been arrested. Some of these incidents seemed to be related to the football club, so licensing was being looked at as well. Attendees were encouraged to check police social media for updates from the road safety team on enforcement. ASB and criminal damage had been an issue in Mere and communities were encouraged to report such incidents. A male had been arrested at the 'End of the Road' festival in Tollard Royal for supplying controlled drugs. A misuse of drugs act warrant had been enacted in Mere to deal with the production of cannabis.

Cllr Bridget Wayman highlighted issues with speeding in some of her parishes, particularly on the A350 East Knoyle bypass. Enforcement would be welcomed, as would details regarding any enforcement. The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) stated that details regarding enforcement could be found on his website: <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/your-pcc/campaigns/road-safety/>.

Cllr George Jeans detailed issues in Mere with ASB and criminal damage. He stated he would really like to see a dedicated Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for Mere and highlighted the long response times when reporting issues online or by calling 101. Inspector Harmsworth stated that whilst there was no dedicated PCSO solely for Mere, response officers could undertake visible patrols in between call outs. The inspector also highlighted the importance of police volunteers and stated that they were continually recruiting. It was emphasised that if you saw a crime in progress, you should call 999.

- **Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Philip Wilkinson OBE.**

The PCC stated that he had been reassured by Inspector Harmsworth's update as the local priorities were strategically aligned to the priorities set out in his [Police and Crime Plan](#). His plan was being actioned but there were still improvements to be made. The PCC's role was to hold the Police Constable to account, and he met with the Police Constable and her team on a regular basis.

The PCC detailed priorities he was working on. The PCC felt that front line engagement must be improved. In particular the control and communications centre really needed to make improvements. 999 response was good but response to 101 was not up to par.

The PCC stated that he had collaborated with other South West police forces to address county lines drug dealing. 'Operation Scorpion' had been underway for two years and tackled drug related crime. Wiltshire Police was now the top force in the country when it came to county lines disruption.

Local crimes such as speeding were also a priority. Community Speed Watch (CSW) teams coordinated with each other and with the police. Data was being collected from Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) which was analysed so that hot spots could be identified, and enforcement action taken. In 2021, 192 speed enforcement tickets had been issued. In 2023 so far, over 5500 had been issued. It was stated that the aim was not to punish drivers but to deter them from speeding.

Rural crime was another important issue. The number of officers in the rural crime team had been increased, and they now had infra-red night vision equipment and drones. 'Operation Ragwort' had been underway and addressed serious rural crime by organised crime gangs. The PCC wanted the police to be proactive and a new intelligence structure was being set up with other South West forces to tackle the issue.

The PCC had invested heavily in victim support, in particular to support the victims of rape and serious sexual offences through the criminal justice process.

Anti-Social Behavior (ASB) was a challenge. Extra funds had been acquired from government to help tackle this. When there was a spike in ASB in an area, the PCC would convene local stakeholders who would all work together to tackle not just the symptoms but also the causes of ASB.

- **Wiltshire Police Chief Constable, Catherine Roper**

The Chief Constable had been in post now for six months, having joined in February 2023. The force had been in special measures since May/June 2022 and the Chief Constable wanted to let people know how they were improving. The response to the engage process (following being put in special measures) was a priority. The control room was an issue, and the service to victims of crime was not consistent so the force was not as effective as they should have been. There was a large push to make improvements in those areas.

Another concern was that the force had not previously had a strategy, with no priorities or strategic planning and the Chief Constable was working to address that. Regular updates could be found online here: <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/police-forces/wiltshire-police/areas/about-us/about-us/leadership/elt/chief-constable-catherine-roper/my-updates-to-the-police-and-crime-commissioner/>. The force was also working to improve HR functions, bringing in people with skills.

In response to special measures the Chief Constable had designed a program of work called Evolve. The innovation and improvement strand of that was to reduce bureaucracy and to improve technology, so that officers could spend more time out in the community. Shift patterns were being reviewed, to ensure you had the right people in the right place at

the right time. The proposals had been put out to consultation with officers and it was hoped that they could be put in place in January 2024. Another piece of work was being undertaken on audit and inspection, which measured how the force was doing, looking at the work of teams and providing bespoke feedback for improvement.

Regarding the response to 101 calls, it was acknowledged that this was not swift enough, and an improvement plan had been implemented, which was being tracked. It was not going as fast as the Chief Constable hoped so more resources were going to be allocated to it. 999 response times to calls and for officers to arrive were all within Service Level Agreements.

Mobile police station van numbers were increasing and would be more visible, helping to improvement engagement and the service.

The Chief Constable thanked her teams as they had all responded well to the changes.

Inspector Harmsworth, the Chief Constable and the PCC responded to questions from Members and attendees in relation to speeding, enforcement and county lines.

- **Salisbury Hospital / NHS Foundation Trust – Tony Mears (Associate Director of Strategy)**

Mr Mears updated on some of the challenges faced by the Salisbury Foundation Trust (SFT). Finance was a really big issue, as was the elective backlog and the NHS wait list. It was hard to discharge people from hospital back out into community settings, which caused further delays. Industrial action was another issue, although this had not been as bad in Salisbury as in other areas. Wiltshire had a significant ageing population and a shrinking working population, so the SFT would be delivering more complex care, to more people, with a smaller workforce. This would mean there would need to be change in practices in order to cope. The SFT has a nationally significant high turnover in staff which had an effect. The reasons behind that were not yet fully understood. Children's mental health was an issue highlighted by JSNA data, and the boater and traveler communities needed support to get the outcomes they needed.

Mr Mears stated that it was an exciting time to be in care and that collaborative care had opened some doors. Money had been set aside for health and equality at work, and this would be targeted at the poorest areas. Mr Mears hoped that his presence at these meetings going forward would show that the hospital was trying to engage with communities more.

Highlights were detailed, including the Stars appeal, which raised funds to

	<p>support patients and staff at the hospital and funded the patient Wi-Fi there. Falls on wards had reduced 20% which was really positive. A new ward was being constructed and suggestions for the name of the ward were being taken. The SFT was in the top 10 trusts for low ambulance wait times.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Collaborative Steering group, which addressed health and wellbeing issues, was briefly discussed with the hope that another Wiltshire Councillor could be added to the group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wiltshire and Swindon Prepared Resilience Event – Cllr George Jeans Cllr Jeans gave a brief update on the Wiltshire and Swindon Prepared Resilience Event which he had attended. It had been a useful event with many scenarios discussed, such as a national loss of power. It was highlighted that new landlines did not work if there was a power cut and that mobile phones would run out of power if not charged, therefore a total loss of communications was possible. The idea of community hubs was discussed. A hub where information could be exchanged, and help provided would be really useful and was something that communities should consider. <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for their updates.</p>
41	<p><u>Netherhampton Pitches and Pavilion Community Asset Transfer</u></p> <p>At the Chairman’s invitation, Karen Linaker, Strategic Engagements and Partnerships Manager (SEPM) introduced the item.</p> <p>The SEPM explained that Community Asset Transfers (CATs) occurred when a community group wanted to take over the management and maintenance of Wiltshire Council facilities which they had been using for a long time. The CAT scheme existed to facilitate this. There were two community groups involved in the CAT application being considered and they would form one group to manage the facility. The Area Board had a duty to consider the application and approve or refuse it as they saw fit.</p> <p>The applicants then spoke to the application.</p> <p>James Repper of the Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew RFC explained that the club had been formed in 1991 and had been playing on the Netherhampton pitches since the year 2000 at least. The club had not previously been able to get grant funding as they had no security of tenure. At present, Wiltshire Council were responsible for maintenance of the site and the club used it as tenants. Therefore, by joining with Salisbury FC Youth to form the Netherhampton Sports Association they would be able to take the asset forward and run with it. They had requested a 25 year lease, as that was the minimum term that would enable them to apply for grant funding. The club managing the site would also take the</p>

costs of maintenance away from Wiltshire Council.

Paul Corfield of Salisbury FC Youth also spoke to the application. He explained that there was so much funding that they were currently unable to get. The club had applied for the Home Advantage programme, and if the asset transfer went through, this meant that they would be able to get £250,000 from the Football Council. That would enable them to do everything required and provide some ongoing funds for the club. There were nearly 300 Children in the club, and they also coached an additional 60-70 children as well as helping to coach children for two schools in the local area.

Daniel Gleeson (Leisure Strategy Infrastructure Officer) stated that all the details were contained within the agenda report and appendices. It was highlighted that the site was seen as key within the FA Local Facilities Plan and was also a site of interest and a target site for the current Wiltshire Playing Pitch Strategy. This was currently being reviewed and it was thought that it would be a strategic target within the new plan. It fit well with the Local Plan Review when looking at housing growth and the strain on local supporting infrastructure. Sport England had also listed the site to be protected as playing fields for the community.

The Chairman stated that this was not a decision which the Area Board would take lightly. They had sought professional opinions and had spent a lot of time prior to the meeting analysing the application as they wanted to ensure they made the right decision for both Wiltshire Council and for the community.

The Chairman opened the item for debate, and proposed that the Area Board:

Approve the leasehold transfer subject to:

- a) Compliance with the recommendations of the Asset Gateway & Capital Programme Board meeting of 14th March 2023.
- b) Agreement of lease terms (based on the council's standard CAT transfer lease precedent).

This was seconded by Cllr Pauline Church.

During debate Members stated that they had spend a lot of time offline discussing the application, CATs were quite common to town or parish councils, but were rarer to community groups. Members had asked questions regarding the financial due diligence and had been satisfied by the responses received that it was sound. The number of houses built around the Wilton and Netherhampton area was highlighted, and there was a definite need for sporting facilities such as this, particularly for women and youth teams. The South West Wiltshire community area fell below Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) averages for a number of issues related to health and wellbeing. So, Members felt the CAT was positive and the proposal would help to keep the population fit and ageing well.

	<p>In response to a question regarding Salisbury Rugby Club, their relationship to the group and whether they could collaborate, Mr Repper stated that they were different types of clubs. Salisbury Rugby Club were a more standard club, and the Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew were an “old school rugby union pub club”. However, they were collaborative and did lend each other players.</p> <p>In response to further questions Mr Corfield explained the Salisbury Youth FC used a far larger proportion of the site and that girl’s football had taken off amazingly.</p> <p>Members commented that there had been much correspondence regarding the CAT which it was hoped had all now been resolved. Members thought that this was a great idea and hoped that, if approved, Wiltshire Council would be swift to complete the legal agreement and works required to make good the pavilion. The Chairman stated that he would be happy to contact the responsible officer to try to get things moving as quickly as possible. Following this the proposal was put to the vote and it was,</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To approve the leasehold transfer subject to:</p> <p>a) Compliance with the recommendations of the Asset Gateway & Capital Programme Board meeting of 14th March 2023.</p> <p>b) Agreement of lease terms (based on the council’s standard CAT transfer lease precedent).</p>
42	<p><u>Dark Night Skies</u></p> <p>Unfortunately, Linda Nunn, Cranborne Chase AONB Director, was unable to attend the meeting and therefore sent apologies. It was hoped that the presentation would come to a future meeting.</p>
43	<p><u>Area Board Priorities</u></p> <p>Karen Linaker, Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager (SEPM) gave an update on the Area Board Priorities.</p> <p>The Area Board priorities were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the local economy • Addressing environmental issues with the AONB • Community Safety • Older people and vulnerable adults health and wellbeing • Youth engagement <p>Particular points to note under the environmental priority were that the Big</p>

	<p>Green Week events had been delivered. The idea of an environment themed conference was being discussed.</p> <p>Under the health and wellbeing priority the popular Celebrating Age programme continued. A special Christmas intergenerational event was planned for 12 December. The Area Board digital inclusion project was oversubscribed so new sessions were being planned.</p> <p>Under youth engagement, the Board was continuing to support 20 youth clubs in partnership with the Mere based youth charity Seeds4Success. The potential for a new youth counselling initiative was being explored, to meet identified existing need.</p>
44	<p><u>Local Highways and Footpaths Improvements Group</u></p> <p>Cllr Bridget Wayman gave an update on the Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG). The last meeting had been held on 6 September and the minutes were included in the agenda pack. It was noted that accidentally one recommendation in the minutes had not been updated. The omission was around the C55 Kilmington Speed Limit Assessment and Cllr Jean’s request that funding be allocated to allow the TRO work to progress. Due to the process for awarding LHFIG funding, that recommendation could not be approved at the Area Board meeting and instead would come to the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Wayman proposed that the minutes of the LHFIG meeting be noted, and the funding recommendations approved. This was seconded by Cllr George Jeans. It was,</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the minutes of the LHFIG meeting which took place on 6 September 2023 • To approve the following funding recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4f – Improvements to the Junction of Crow Lane and North Street, Wilton – £656.25 ○ 4g – Pedestrian Safety Improvements at Junction of A30 and Fovant High Street £1,684.69 ○ 4h – Pedestrian Safety Improvements in Fovant High Street – £1,833.37 ○ 4i – C12 Speed Limit Assessment – £2,175.00 ○ 4j – Donhead St. Andrew Kissing Gates – £237.00
45	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Board noted the budgets remaining for allocation at the meeting and heard from representatives in attendance who gave a brief overview of their project</p>

followed by any questions by the Board.

Area Board Initiatives:

- South West Wiltshire Area Board Health And Wellbeing Group, £500 towards Celebrating Age Christmas Big Band Tea Party.

Cllr Richard Budden spoke in support of the application, however he highlighted that there had been concerns raised regarding how people would get to the Nadder Centre, where the event was scheduled to take place.

Members discussed the application and the possible transport issues, with Members stating support for the event and that they did not feel that the transport issues were a reason not to approve the application. There was time prior to the event to address issues and if required further funding could be provided to help.

Celebrating Age Wiltshire, who were also in attendance at the meeting, highlighted that this was a common issue that was usually overcome satisfactorily by the means of family support, car sharing, link schemes and sometimes care homes providing transport.

Cllr George Jeans, seconded by Cllr Richard Budden proposed that the grant be awarded in full.

Decision

The South West Wiltshire Area Board Health And Wellbeing Group was awarded £500 towards the Celebrating Age Christmas Big Band Tea Party.

Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24

Community Area Grants

- Semley Village Hall, £469 towards loft insulation to reduce energy use.

Dave Perry, a trustee of the hall spoke in support of the application.

Cllr George Jeans, seconded by Cllr Bridget Wayman, proposed that the grant be awarded in full.

Decision

The Semley Village Hall was awarded £469 towards loft insulation to reduce energy use.

Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24

- Friends of Broad Chalke Playground, £5,000 towards upgrading the children’s playground.

The Chairman of Broad Chalke Parish Council spoke in support of the application on behalf of the Friends of Broad Chalke Playground as they had been unable to attend.

Councillors congratulated the group on the incredible amount of money they had raised towards the project.

Cllr Nabil Najjar, seconded by Cllr Bridget Wayman proposed that the grant be awarded in full.

Decision

Friends of Broad Chalke Playground was awarded £5,000 towards upgrading the children’s playground.

Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24

- Broad Chalke Cricket Club, £2,500 towards non turf match pitch refurbishment.

Declan White, club secretary spoke in support of the application.

Cllr Nabil Najjar, seconded by Cllr Pauline Church proposed that the grant be awarded in full.

Decision

Broad Chalke Cricket Club was awarded £2,500 towards non turf match pitch refurbishment.

- **Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24**

Older and Vulnerable Adults Grants

- Wiltshire Music Centre, £1,500 towards Celebrating Age Wiltshire.

Rebecca Seymour, Creative Director of Celebrating Age Wiltshire spoke in support of the application.

Cllr Richard Budden, as lead councillor for health and wellbeing, stated his support for the project.

Cllr Nabil Najjar, seconded by Cllr Richard Budden proposed that the grant be awarded in full.

Decision

Wiltshire Music Centre was awarded £1,500 towards Celebrating Age Wiltshire.

Reason – *The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24*

Delegated Funding:

The Board noted the following funding awards which had been made between meetings under the SEPM Delegated Funding Process, due to a matter of urgency:

- The Langford Parish Hall, £234.18 towards their community kitchen.
- Mere Town Football Club, £968.88, towards MTFC youth equipment (Youth Grant).

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South West Wiltshire Health & Wellbeing Group Meeting

20th September 2023, 3.00pm

1. **Present:** Cllr Dick Budden (cldr lead), Karen Linaker (Wiltshire Council Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager, Communities Team), Becky Bye (Rethink), Ann-Marie Dean (Tisbury Memory Group), Anne Ward Ongley (Carer representative), Jane Mason (Mere Day Centre), Bev Cornish (Tisbury Parish Clerk), Clare Churchill (Wilton Parish Clerk), Irene Kohler (Salisbury Area Board-Older Person's Champion), Anne Trevett (Safe & Supportive Salisbury)

2. **Celebrating Age Programme Y4 Grant Request (£1.5k)**

The group discussed this grant and made the following key points:

- (a) Ongoing support generally for Celebrating Age and all that it does, but keen to see it deliver events to a **more varied audience, reaching new people, and to ensure that the programme stays fresh and doesn't run the risk of repeating the same experience to the same people**
- (b) Part of the solution needs to be stronger promotion of the events. The hope is that all Health & Wellbeing Group contacts, Parish Councils and all in South West Wiltshire will help with the promotion, and help to bring in new older people to the events
- (c) Events are sent to all village newsletters but sometimes the promotion doesn't sync well with publication deadlines
- (d) Transport is often a challenge as well to bring older people to the events and to find the volunteers to assist
- (e) More help is needed to deliver flyers around the villages also
- (f) Sometimes the events are under catered for also
- (g) Anne and Irene were concerned that £1.5k is a big chunk out of the £7.7k budget, but it was explained that currently the calls upon the budget were few in South West Wilts, unlike the many calls which Salisbury's budget faces
- (h) A main problem is that there are very few co-ordinators in the villages able to host and partner with the programme to the extent that the concerns raised above can be addressed

3. **Intergenerational Christmas Big Band Tea Party (£500)**

- (a) General support was confirmed for this initiative, but concern that more funds/good co-ordination would be needed to ensure a strong transport support offer to bring in older people from across South West Wilts.
- (b) Karen and Dick will review how the event was organised to achieve the best participation possible within the funding envelope available.

4. Digital Inclusion Project

Karen updated that this project was gaining good traction and that 17 older people were signed up to the Tisbury sessions in Sept/Oct 2023; 9 signed up so far to the Wilton sessions in Oct/Nov and a plan to run sessions in Mere 2024 by popular demand.

It was noted that there was a need to alter the sessions in the future to also cater for mobile phone help

5. Future Initiatives

The group discussed options for future initiatives to benefit from the Older & Vulnerable Adults area board budget, these included:

- (a) Support for warm spaces
- (b) Silent discos
- (c) Langford Lakes event
- (d) Outreach in Mere, not just to Lynch Close
- (e) Map and gap the usually successful community café/tea at 3 initiatives
- (f) Dementia support activities

6. Partner Sharing

- (a) 10th October 10am-1pm at Trowbridge Museum – Rethink Coffee Morning
- (b) Rethink is looking to facilitate new [Andy's Man Clubs](#) in Wiltshire and would welcome local insight as to where and how this could work
- (c) Silver Salisbury's 2023 Festival Fortnight is about to begin and all were asked to support and promote [Community Engagement | Silver Salisbury | Salisbury](#)
- (d) Safer and Supportive Salisbury's group's latest Dementia Services Guide edition is available, and continues to be a much needed resource

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Road Safety update – South West Wiltshire Area Board

Wednesday 29 November 2023



• #FATAL5 education



In the UK, more than

200 people die

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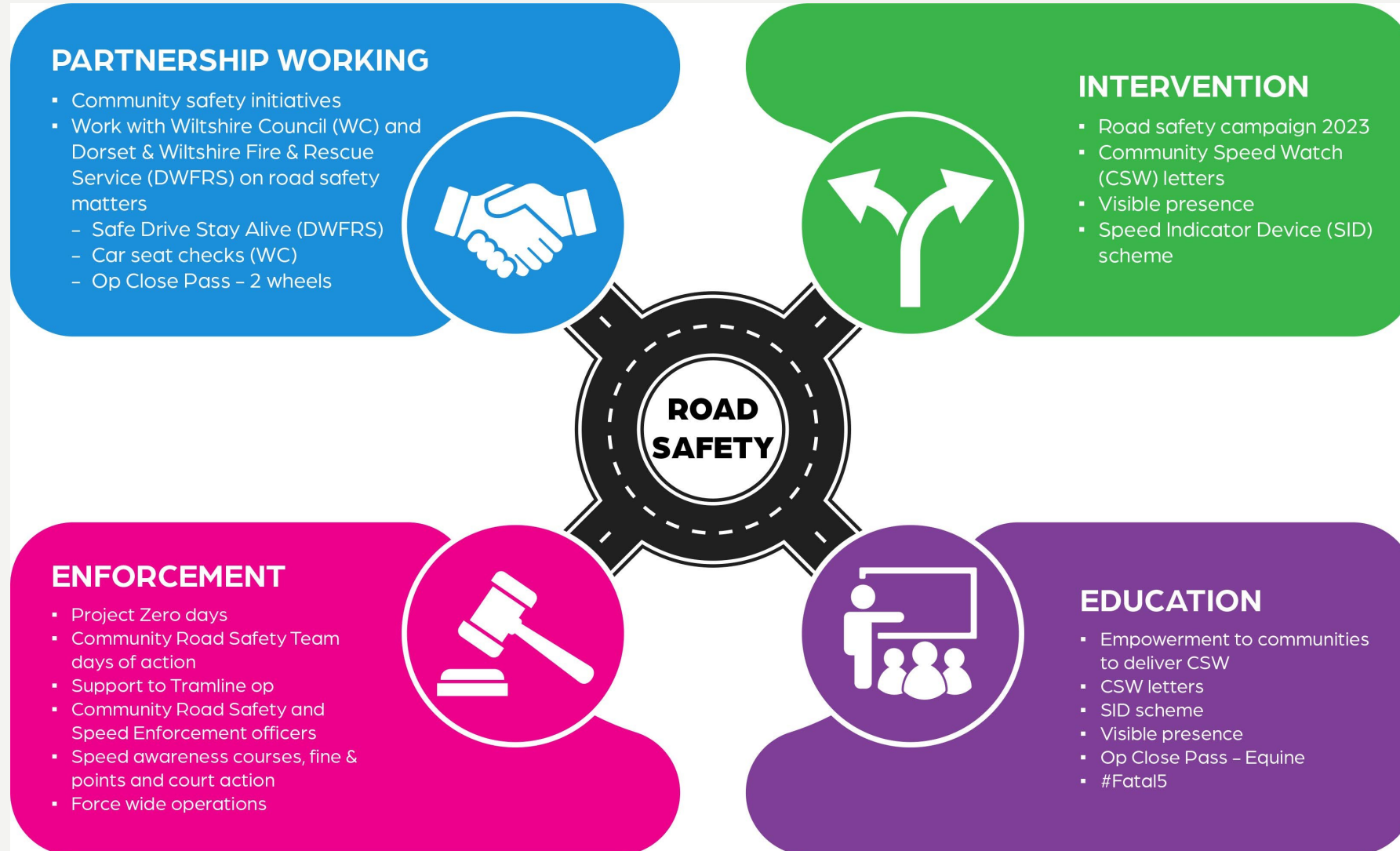


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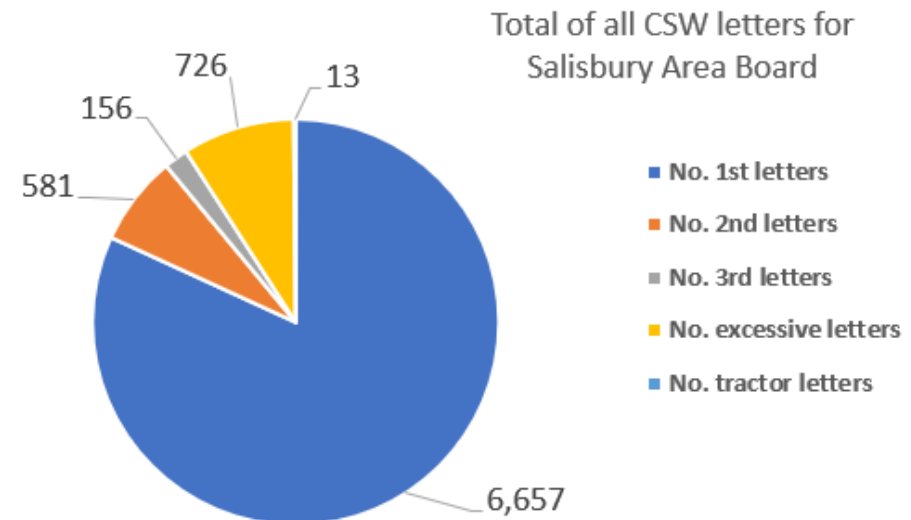
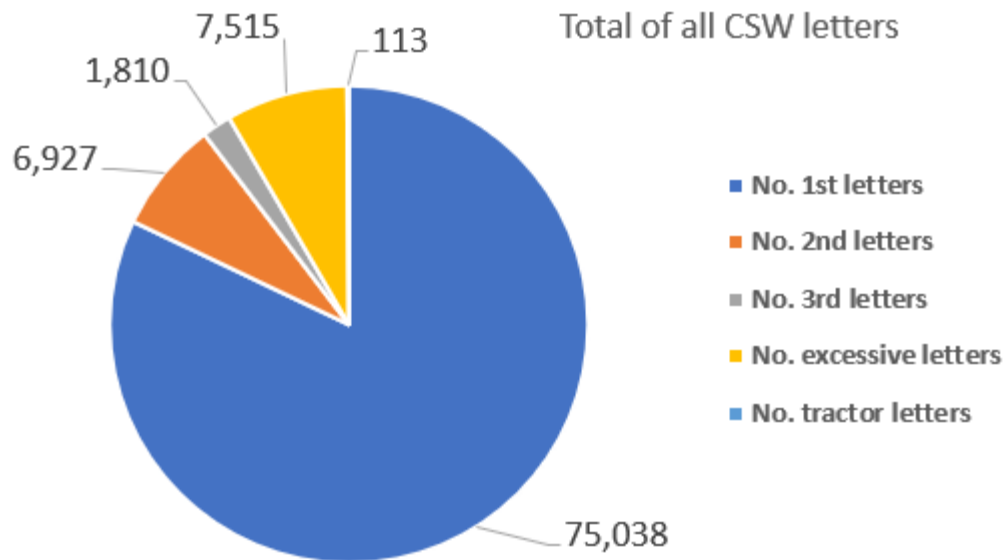
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• Community Road Safety Team; what we do



• CSW South West area - Data since July 2020 to 14 October 2023

Team	No. 1st letters	No. 2nd letters	No. 3rd letters	No. excessive letters	No. tractor letters	Total letters	No. of watches	Average speeders %
Harnham	4379	325	91	584	7	5386	216	7.5%
Landford	1502	165	47	88	6	1808	156	11.6%
Milford Mill	776	91	18	54	0	939	74	5.9%
Grand Total	6657	581	156	726	13	8133	446	8.7%



Traffic surveys – South West since October 2020 to September 2023

Wiltshire Council

Title	Result	Survey start date	Speed limit	85th percentile	CPT	Area Board
Britford Salisbury A338 Downton Road	Speed education	24/06/2023	30	36.5	Salisbury	Salisbury
Ford - Roman Road	No further action	17/03/2020	30	81.5	Salisbury	Salisbury
Ford - Spire View	Speed education	14/10/2020	30	40.1	Salisbury	Salisbury
Newton Toney - Beechfield	No further action	21/11/2021	30	26.5	Salisbury	Salisbury
Porton C228 Winterslow Road	No further action	12/06/2023	30	34.7	Amesbury	Salisbury
Salisbury	No further action	24/01/2022	30	25.71	Salisbury	Salisbury
Salisbury - A3094 Netherhampton Road	No further action	23/01/2022	40	36.49	Salisbury	Salisbury
Salisbury - A354 Coombe Road (1)	Speed education	21/11/2021	30	37.1	Salisbury	Salisbury
Salisbury - A354 Coombe Road (2)	No further action	21/11/2021	30	34.6	Salisbury	Salisbury
Salisbury - A354 Coombe Road (3)	Speed education	21/11/2021	30	37.1	Salisbury	Salisbury
Salisbury - C329 Laverstock	No further action	20/03/2023	30	27.7	Salisbury	Salisbury
Salisbury - C56 - The Portway	No further action	11/09/2023	40	39.8	Salisbury	Salisbury
Salisbury - Coldharbour Lane	No further action	24/07/2020	20	20.6	Salisbury	Salisbury
Salisbury - Devizes Road	No further action	14/10/2020	40	42.6	Salisbury	Salisbury
Salisbury - Devonshire Road	No further action	24/01/2022	30	27.09	Salisbury	Salisbury
Salisbury - East Gomeldon Road	Speed education	24/01/2022	30	36.71	Salisbury	Salisbury
Salisbury - Ford	Speed education	02/11/2020	30	36.5	Salisbury	Salisbury
Salisbury - Netherhampton Road	No further action	23/01/2022	40	36.49	Salisbury	Salisbury
Salisbury - New Harnham Road (1)	No further action	21/11/2021	30	32.5	Salisbury	Salisbury
Salisbury - New Harnham Road (2)	No further action	21/11/2021	30	32.8	Salisbury	Salisbury
Salisbury - St Marks Avenue	No further action	21/11/2021	30	31.2	Salisbury	Salisbury
Salisbury - St Marks Avenue	No further action	21/11/2021	30	33.9	Salisbury	Salisbury
Salisbury - York Road	No further action	21/11/2021	20	21.8	Salisbury	Salisbury
Salisbury Dews Road	No further action	04/03/2023	20	19.7	Salisbury	Salisbury
Salisbury North Street	No further action	04/02/2023	20	10.4	Salisbury	Salisbury
South Newton site 6	Speed education	23/05/2021	30	38.7	Salisbury	Salisbury
Southampton Road Salisbury	No further action	21/11/2021	40	45.1	Salisbury	Salisbury
UC Old Sarum - Sherbourne Drive	No further action	20/03/2023	30	18.6	Salisbury	Salisbury
Winterslow - C335 Tytherley Road	Speed education	21/11/2021	30	35.7	Salisbury	Salisbury

Community Road Safety Officers

CRSO's

Your officer is Charlotte Sartin

• CRSO's

Recent activity

Community Road Safety Day of Action

- **26 September - Swindon**
 - 5 Community Road Safety Officers & Staff
 - 11 Neighbourhood Officers
 - 6 RPU
 - 40+ different locations targeted
 - 2 CSW team supported
 - 150+ offences caught
- **17 October - Chippenham, RWB & Devizes**
 - 4 Community Road Safety Officers & Staff
 - 12 Neighbourhood Officers
 - 5 RPU
 - 40+ different locations targeted
 - 3 CSW team supported
 - 98 offences caught



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RESULTS:



Tier 1

National Roads Partnership Calendar 2022-2023

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September

Vulnerable Road Users
12th Sep - 25th Sep Comms
19th Sep - 25th Sep Enforcement

Project Edward
19th - 23rd Sep

#ProjectEDWARD
Every Day Without A Road Death



Chat Café visit



Upcoming activity



Tier 1

National Roads Partnership Calendar 2022-2023

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December

Fatal Four
National Alcohol and Drugs
Operation
1st Dec - 1st Jan Comms
1st Dec - 1st Jan Enforcement

• Wider work recently

All offences below made national news.

Our Roads Policing Unit (RPU) in the last quarter, covering July to September, issued over **1800 tickets** to motorists, for numerous road related offences.



Wilts Specialist Ops
@WiltsSpecOps

#RPU 'caught' this freshly stolen bus from Bristol on the M4 'hiding' in the services. Some help from the public and a swift foot patrol by RPU arrested the driver sus TWOC, drug drive plus other driving offences. You wait and wait for a bus and then....a stolen one arrives!



11:32 AM · Sep 27, 2023 · 196.5K Views

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Wilts Specialist Ops
@WiltsSpecOps

#RPU managed to get 5 McLarens stopped on the A303 after the pack were driving in excess of 100mph and close proximity driving to themselves and the public. This isn't a race track so take your 'driving experience' and sign the traffic offence report (push hard it's 3 copies)



2:04 PM · Sep 25, 2023 · 922.8K Views

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Wilts Specialist Ops
@WiltsSpecOps

#RPU caught the driver of this BMW travelling at 103mph along the M4 today. Driver also had no insurance and gave a positive roadside breath test blowing 54. Driver arrested and failed to provide in custody. Driver will be charged and disqualified #Fatal5 #Arrested #RoadSafety



7:40 PM · Sep 30, 2023 · 34.5K Views

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Community Speed Enforcement Officers

CSEO's



• CSEO – Dashboard – 1 January 2023 to date

CSEO Activity Dashboard

Outcomes are dependent on previous convictions and history

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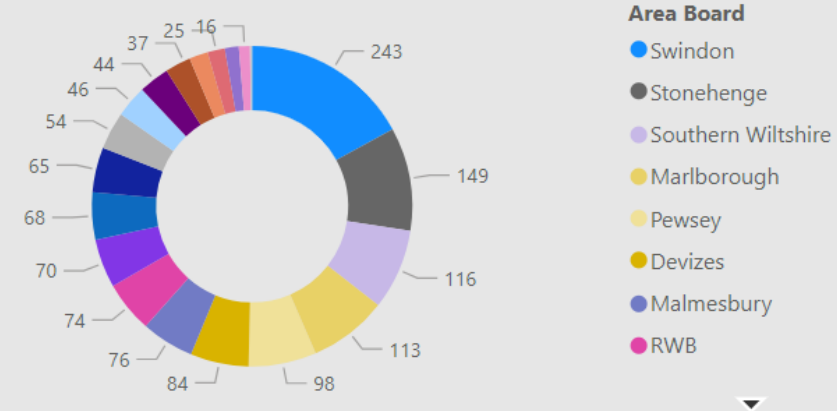
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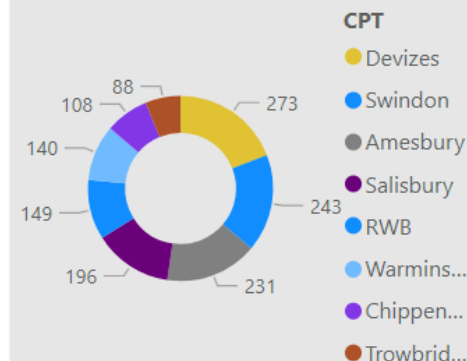
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Location	Year	Month	Speed awareness course	Fine & Points	Court	CPT	Area Board
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	August	102.00	31.00	4.00	Salisbury	South West Wi
Cricklade - Spital Lane	2023	April	80.00	10.00	0.00	RWB	RWB
Tilshhead - Candown Road	2023	August	78.00	10.00	1.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	July	71.00	9.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Harnham - Lime Kiln Way	2023	October	71.00	7.00	0.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	August	69.00	9.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	June	64.00	8.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	September	64.00	5.00	1.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Downton Road - (Project Zero RPU)	2023	September	61.00	2.00	1.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
Sutton Benger - B4069 No. 2 Box Cottage	2023	June	61.00	3.00	0.00	Chippenham	Chippenham
Ogbourne St Andrew	2023	April	60.00	4.00	0.00	Devizes	Marlborough
Enford - Old Vicarage	2023	September	57.00	12.00	1.00	Amesbury	Pewsey
Harnham - Portland Avenue	2023	September	56.00	5.00	1.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
Enford - Old Vicarage	2023	August	54.00	5.00	0.00	Amesbury	Pewsey
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	October	54.00	26.00	3.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
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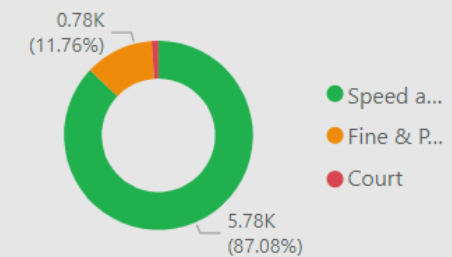
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Activity by CPT



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• CSEO – South West Area Board - 1 January 2023 to date

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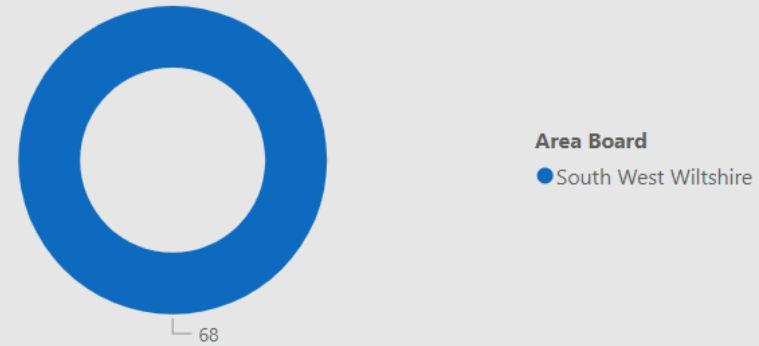
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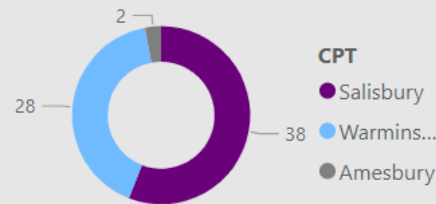
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Wilton - The Avenue	2023	January	46.00	9.00	4.00	Salisbury	South West Wilt
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	February	42.00	23.00	6.00	Salisbury	South West Wilt
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	July	36.00	4.00	0.00	Salisbury	South West Wilt
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	September	30.00	9.00	1.00	Salisbury	South West Wilt
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	April	23.00	7.00	0.00	Salisbury	South West Wilt
Tisbury - Hill Street Cottage	2023	June	16.00	6.00	0.00	Warminster	South West Wilt
Tisbury - Hill Street Cottage	2023	August	13.00	3.00	0.00	Warminster	South West Wilt
Tisbury - Hill Street Cottage	2023	September	12.00	1.00	0.00	Warminster	South West Wilt
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	October	11.00	1.00	0.00	Salisbury	South West Wilt
Durrington - Lisnagarvey	2023	August	9.00	0.00	0.00	Amesbury	South West Wilt
Edington - 14 Westbury Road	2023	September	8.00	2.00	0.00	Warminster	South West Wilt
Quidhampton - Bullnose	2023	August	6.00	1.00	0.00	Salisbury	South West Wilt
Tisbury - Hill Street Cottage	2023	July	6.00	2.00	0.00	Warminster	South West Wilt
Quidhampton	2023	April	4.00	0.00	0.00	Salisbury	South West Wilt
Dinton - Hindon Road	2023	July	3.00	0.00	0.00	Salisbury	South West Wilt
Hill Deverill - Bus	2023	October	3.00	0.00	0.00	Warminster	South West Wilt
Total			382.00	99.00	15.00		

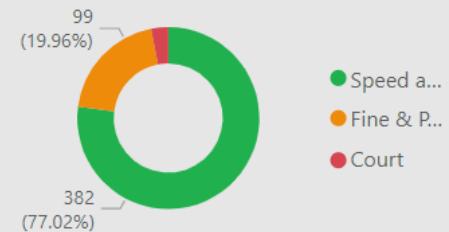
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Community Report

Salisbury Community Policing Team

November 2023

Keeping Wiltshire Safe



Your CPT – Salisbury

Inspector: Insp Tina Osborn

Neighbourhood Sergeant: Sgt Lisa Lovatt

Neighbourhood Officers:

PC Hannah Cranham / PC Harry Murphy / PC Rachel Gunn / PC Susan Malkinson /
PC Matt Boon / PC Kelvin Ramsey

PCSOs:

Alexander Heath / Charlotte King / Jennifer Moss / John Taylor / Valerie Brown /
Geanina-Mariana Tablet / Matt Murray / Simon Ward / Rebecca Fudge

Performance – 12 Months to September 2023

Force

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Crime Type	Crime Volume	% of Crime
Totals	42,814	100.0
Violence without injury	7,389	17.3
Violence with injury	5,943	13.9
Criminal damage	4,694	11.0
Shoplifting	4,170	9.8
Stalking and harassment	4,001	9.3
Other crime type	16,617	38.8

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Crime Type	Crime Volume	% of Crime
Totals	5,135	100.0
Violence without injury	847	16.5
Violence with injury	685	13.3
Criminal damage	613	11.9
Shoplifting	468	9.1
Stalking and Harassment	425	8.3
Other crime type	2,097	40.8

Stop and Search information for Salisbury CPT

During the 12 months leading to August 2023, 97 stop and searches were conducted in the Salisbury area of which 47.17% related to a search for controlled drugs.

During 58.5% of these searches, no object was found. In 41.5% of cases, an object was found. Of these cases 54.3% resulted in a no further action disposal; 21.4% resulted in police action being taken; 27.7% resulted in an arrest.

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Performance – Hate Crime Overview

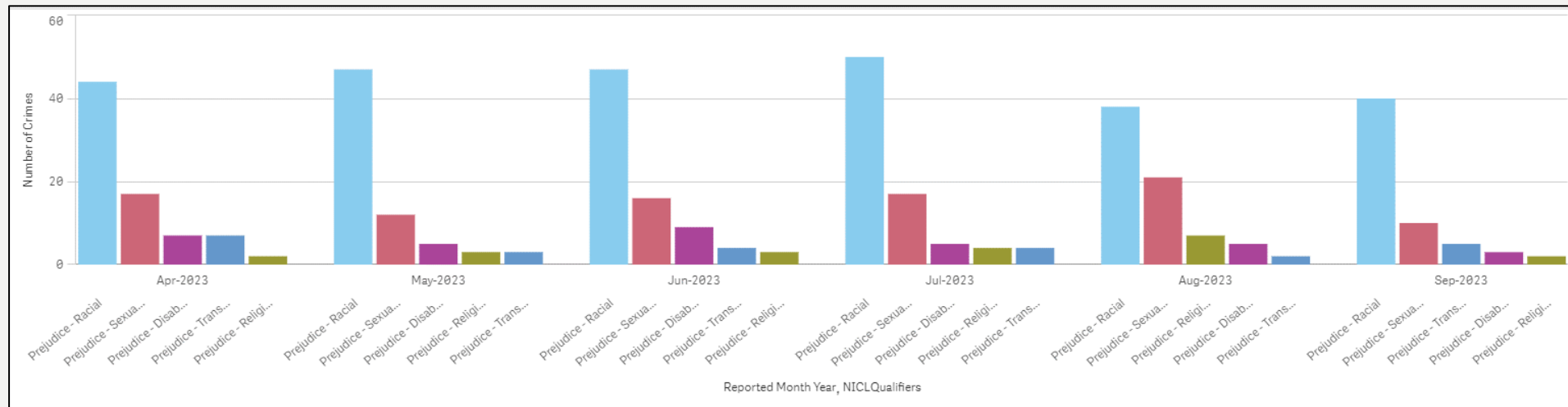
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Data from the victim satisfaction survey reports that Hate Crime victims have an 84.5% overall satisfaction rate with the service they receive from Wiltshire Police (data currently only available to March 2023).

Force Hate Crime (6 months to September 2023)



Local Priorities & Updates

Priority	Update
Non-dwelling burglaries	Whilst we have seen a significant reduction in non-dwelling burglaries over the last couple of months in the Broadchalke and Dinton areas, we are aware that there has been a few reports in Redlynch, Landford and Downton. These have predominately involved business premises and outbuildings. High visibility targeted patrols are being carried out in these areas.
ASB	ASB continues to be a priority in the Alderbury and Longhedge area. High Visibility patrols are being conducted at certain times to deal with any incidents and provide reassurance to the community. The police are working very closely with partner agencies including the Parish Councils, and local community groups to address some of the issues and concerns raised.
Off road motorbikes/ quadbikes	Reports have been received regarding the use of off road motorbikes and quadbikes being ridden in the Wilton area which is causing a danger to road users. Targeted patrols are being conducted in this area, to identify the perpetrators and deal with them robustly.
Rural Crime	Rural crime continues to be a focus for the team especially now we are in the poaching / hare coursing season. We are continuing to conduct proactive operations with our neighbouring forces and our Rural Crime Team in tackling rural crime.

Local Priorities & Updates Continued

Priority	Update
ASB regarding catapults	We have received several reports of youths using catapults in the Bemerton Heath and Redlynch areas. These incidents on occasions have caused damage to vehicles and windows. Local officers are working with partner agencies in order to identify those responsible and adopt a joined up approach in dealing with the individuals robustly.
Community Speed Watch	The teams continue to support, where capacity allows, the positive work the Community Speed Watch teams do across the area.
Business Crime	The Neighbourhood team have been working closely with are partner agencies to provide reassurance to our business community in the City Centre and deter shoplifting offences. High visibility patrols have been carried out in the City and Southampton Road.
Vulnerable checks	Officers conduct regular visits to our identified vulnerable people to both reassure them following reported concerns and to deter visits by criminals who wish to exploit them. We have been working closely with Wiltshire Council Housing on evidence to support several injunctions which we have now got in place. These premises are visited regularly by the teams to provide support to those who are most vulnerable.

Useful Links

For more information on Wiltshire Police's performance please visit:

- PCC's Website - <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/>
- HMICFRS Website - <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/>
- For information on what crimes and incidents have been reported in the Salisbury Community Policing Team area visit <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/>

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Warminster Community Policing Team

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Violence without injury	457	16.9
Criminal damage	395	14.6
Violence with injury	377	14.0
Stalking and harassment	249	9.2
All other theft offences	216	8.0
Other crime type	1,008	37.3

Stop and Search information for Warminster CPT

During the 12 months leading to August 2023, 54 stop and searches were conducted in the Warminster area of which 37.94% related to a search for controlled drugs.

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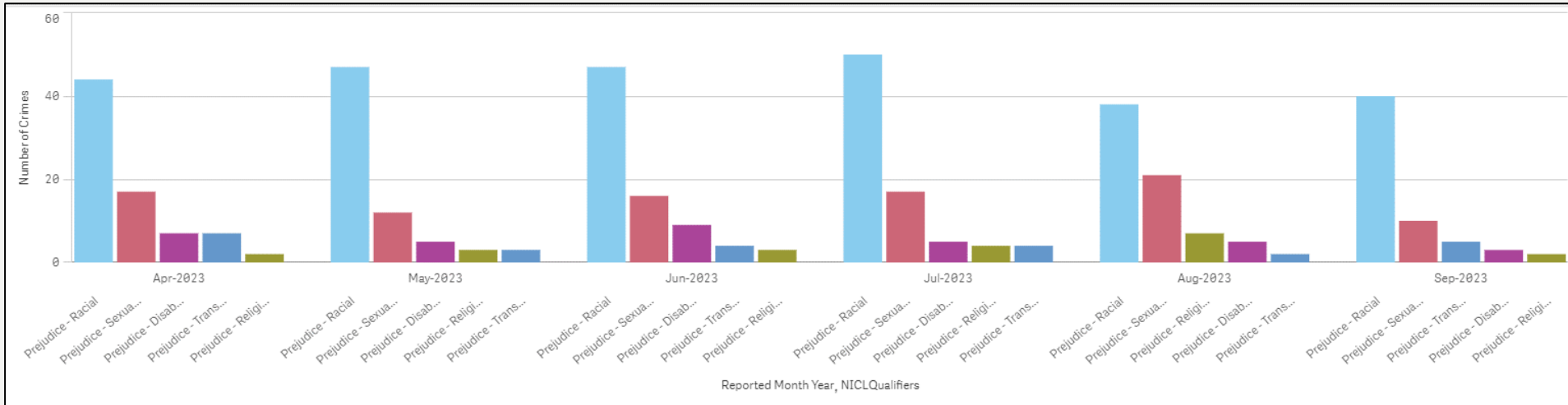
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Data is reporting increases in Transgender and Sexual Orientation related hate which follows National trends.

Data from the victim satisfaction survey reports that Hate Crime victims have an 84.5% overall satisfaction rate with the service they receive from Wiltshire Police (data currently only available to March 2023).

Force Hate Crime (6 months to September 2023)



Local Priorities & Updates

Priority	Update
Road Safety	Road Safety remains in focus, with a combination of Roads Policing conducting 'Project Zero', the Road Safety Team (civilian enforcement officers) and the Community Policing team tackling the main causes of fatal/serious injury road traffic collisions. Last week saw patrols across the area detect 18 offences, ranging from handheld mobile phone use, no insurance, not wearing a seatbelt and no MOT. The road safety team supported with excess speed enforcement at identified Community Speedwatch locations and other areas of concern highlighted by local communities. Enforcement activity continues.
Rural Crime	There continue to be ad hoc reports of hare coursing across the south of the county, which local policing continue to respond promptly to. November 14 th saw a NFU barn event, with lots of discussion and points raised to the Rural Crime Team supported by local policing. Guest speakers included members of the NFU, Police, Selecta DNA and the Farming Community Network. A further event is scheduled for December 13 th in Tollard Royal. Rural crime operations continue on a regular basis, recent successes include the arrest of three males conveying a stolen quad bike along the A303, and a male stealing from rural premises received a two-year sentence.
Antisocial Behaviour & Vehicle Interference, Mere	The neighbourhood team continue their enquiries into ongoing antisocial occurring at The Bowls Club and nearby Mere School. Recent weeks have seen reports of vehicle interference with unknown suspects attempting to force entry into vehicles, however police data doesn't reflect that being highlighted through local social media. We encourage communities to report all such and related incidents, in order the scale of the issue be mapped and partner agencies brought in as necessary to assist with long term problem solving.

Useful Links

For more information on Wiltshire Police's performance please visit:

- PCC's Website - <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/>
- HMICFRS Website - <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/>
- For information on what crimes and incidents have been reported in the Warminster Community Policing Team area visit <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/>

Get Involved

Keep up to date with the latest news and alerts in your area by signing up to our Community Messaging service – www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

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- [Warminster Police Twitter](#)
- [Westbury Police Facebook](#)
- [Mere Police Facebook](#)

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Find out more information on your CPT area at:
www.wiltshire.police.uk/area/your-area/wiltshire/warminster/



Community First - Annual Review and Celebration Video

The Community First Annual Review 2022-2023 is now available to view and download on our website. The Annual Review contains a summary of our work with people and communities over the last 12 months. This includes updates from our programmes and services, a general outline of our priorities and a summary of financial information for the year ending 31 March 2023.

<https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Annual-Review-2022-2023-FINAL-VERSION.pdf>

Alongside the Annual Review, we have also produced a Celebration Video with a summary of our work in 2022-2023 which you can view using the following link:

https://youtu.be/l_7JRAxZJGE?si=ueZugKZJx4hwWb6u

Community First AGM & Awards Celebration 2023

The Community First Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Awards Celebration took place on Wednesday 11th October at Devizes Town Hall. Thank you to everyone who attended the event as we celebrated our achievements in 2022-2023. The Community First Awards recognises and celebrates the outstanding achievements of groups, organisations, individuals and young people who give so much of their time and enthusiasm to support our charity and its services.

Full List of Winners

We are sure you will join us in congratulating our winners for their well-deserved awards, many thanks also to Community First President Sarah Troughton for presenting each of our winners with a trophy and certificate.

Award Name	Winner
The Michael Jones Award for Inspirational Link Scheme or Community Minibus Volunteer	Janice Vincent (Malmesbury Link Scheme)
Community Project Funded through the Landfill Communities Fund	Roger Baker (Ashbury Village Hall)
The Martin Hamer in Special Recognition Award	Alan Fox
Most Innovative Community Run Project or Service	Darry New (Community Bus, Haydon Wick)
Robbie's Endeavour Trophy	Winterslow Youth Club
Young Carers Achievement Award - Under 12 years	Charlie
Young Carers Achievement Award - Over 12 years	Hannah

Project Inspire Achievement Award	Edward
Splash Achievement Award	Sam
Splash Volunteer Award	John Wyeth
Community First Young Leader’s Achievement Award	Will
Building Bridges Outstanding Achievement Award	Dorcas Obeney
The Arthur Laflin Volunteer Award	Jacquie Henly (Hilmarton Parish Council)

Youth Action Wiltshire - Carols by Candlelight

Youth Action Wiltshire invites you to Carols by Candlelight to celebrate the 25-year anniversary of Wiltshire Young Carers Service. The event will take place on Friday 8th December 2023 (7pm) at Malmesbury Abbey. Drinks and canapes will be served following the service.

Proceeds will fund a programme of exciting and fun respite activities for Wiltshire Young Carers, including music and songwriting, workshops, art, wildlife and adventure activities.

To request tickets, please complete the ticket application form using the link below (a copy is included with this briefing pack) or email Ginnie Keen: ginniekeen@gmail.com.

Ticket prices are as follows:

- Adult ticket - £20
- Child ticket (14 years and under) - £10

Ticket application form: <https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Carol-2023-application-form-v2.docx>

The Big Give Christmas Challenge - Wiltshire Young Carers Service



This year Community First is participating in [The Big Give Christmas Challenge](#) in support of our Wiltshire Young Carers Service.

We currently hold open cases for Wiltshire young carers, of which 14% are recognised as the most vulnerable with some in the safeguarding system. As well as the pressures of their caring role and having to balance their own school and relationship pressures alongside the additional caring role, the recent pandemic has increased stress and worry. A national survey carried out by Carers Trust showed 58% of young carers were caring for longer and 40% said their mental health was worse.

Funds raised through The Big Give Christmas Challenge campaign will provide respite activities and support plans for 15 young carers, 30 Young Carers will access remote group webinars and a further 15 young carers can access structured one-to-one mentoring and coaching programmes with our Young Carers Support Workers. This will help them with their mental health and wellbeing. With increased investment, we can receive up to 15 new young carer referrals from our partner agencies.

Your gift will help more young people feel less alone in their caring role, they will see that home life has improved, they will feel included, be better at attending school, and feel happier.

Through this national campaign, we are aiming to secure up to £4,000 in pledges from supporters and donors which will be match-funded for 7 days between **28th November to 5th December 2023**. This is a fantastic way to help make a difference for young carers in Wiltshire and one small donation e.g. £5 will have *twice* the impact during this period.

More information about our how to support our Big Give Christmas Challenge will be available on our website and social media channels from mid-November.

Landfill Communities Fund - Wiltshire and Swindon Highlights 2022-2023

Community First manages and administrates the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) in Wiltshire and Swindon. The LCF offers capital funding for local community, heritage and environmental projects in areas where local landfill operator sites or depots are located.

Funding for the LCF in Wiltshire and Swindon is received from landfill operators The Hills Group Ltd and Crapper & Sons Landfill Ltd. Over £5.5m of funding has been distributed through the LCF since 2002.

Entrust is the regulator of the Landfill Communities Fund and has produced statistical highlights for the LCF in Wiltshire and Swindon in 2022-2023. A copy of the PDF is included with this briefing pack and is summarised below.

- £329k - total LCF funds invested.
- 31 projects completed.
- 45 jobs were created as a result of funded projects.
- 298 people volunteer due to funding offered through the LCF in Wiltshire and Swindon
- 124,720 public visits.
- £5.77 of additional economic value for every £1 invested through the LCF.

For more information about the Landfill Communities Fund in Wiltshire and Swindon, please visit the Community First website: www.communityfirst.org.uk/grants

MiDAS - Minibus Driver Awareness Training

Community First offers accredited MiDAS (Minibus Driver Awareness) Training for organisations and groups, led by our fantastic Training Co-ordinator Martin Carter.

MiDAS is a membership-based scheme designed to enhance both driving and safety standards for drivers of minibuses. MiDAS is a nationally recognised standard for the assessment and training of minibus drivers. Community First is now taking new bookings for MiDAS minibus training with our Training Coordinator Martin Carter. Martin is a retired Police Advanced Driver with over 35 years' experience of driving minibuses.

The MiDAS training course includes a session on how to operate a minibus safely. This is followed by a 30-minute multiple-choice assessment with 20 questions. Trainees will need to answer 16 questions correctly to pass the theory test. Finally, there will be a practical test which incorporates a driving skills training session and an assessment drive which will last just over an hour, with the assessment taking 30

minutes. Upon completion of the theory and practical test, trainees will receive a certificate which is valid for 4 years.

Pricing is based on a minimum group size of 3 drivers per booking and starts at £105.00 per person. We are now taking new bookings for Winter 2023, early booking is recommended to secure a training place.

Please contact mcarter@communityfirst.org.uk for more information and how to book training.

A leaflet about MiDAS training is included with this briefing pack.

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Update for Wiltshire Area Boards

November 2023

The BSW Primary and Community Care Delivery Plan (PCCDP)

The BSW ICB Board has approved a Primary and Community Care Delivery Plan (PCCDP) for BSW.

The PCCDP builds on existing BSW strategies, including the BSW Together Integrated Care Strategy and Implementation Plan as well as national policy and guidance.

It consolidates existing documentation and reflects the engagement work completed with service users, providers and wider stakeholders to identify initiatives and solutions to deliver our ambition.

This delivery plan also incorporates feedback from over 40 stakeholders including primary care GPs, integrated care board (ICB) members, the clinical oversight group, and the integrated community-based care (ICBC) programme.

It sets out a number of priorities to deliver transformation for primary and community care and reflects the engagement work completed with service users, providers and wider stakeholders to identify initiatives and solutions to deliver our ambition.

There will be opportunities for engagement with partners and our communities about how we deliver our transformational priorities.

The six transformation priorities are as follows:

1. Deliver enhanced outcomes and experiences for our adults and children by evolving our local teams. We will build on our existing primary care networks to create more integrated neighbourhoods serviced by providers who can share information, caseloads, and estates to provide more joined up care and the capacity to do so.
2. Adopt a scaled population health management approach by building capacity and knowledge. We will use data and insight to understand our populations better, identify health inequalities, target marginalised groups, and develop initiatives and services that improve access and result in fairer health and outcomes.
3. Actively co-design and co-deliver preventable models of care by strengthening local partnerships and assets. We can promote healthier communities and increase healthy life expectancies through better

understanding and working with our local communities. We recognise that care and support is best delivered by those who understand the adults and children who live within them.

4. Increase personalisation of care through engaging and empowering our people. We need to shift towards greater prevention and early intervention. We can do so by tailoring our support to a persons' specific needs and using technology advances to provide support in formats that align with individuals' needs and preferences.
5. Improve access to a wider range of services closer to home through greater connection and coordination. We will deliver excellent health and care services closer to people's homes and overcome inequality of access by creating stronger physical and virtual connections between primary and community care and specialist services.
6. Support access to the right care by providing co-ordinated urgent care within the community. We want emergency care to be for those who need it most and know we can help people to address their urgent needs within the community. This can prevent avoidable admissions and result in better outcomes and experiences.

Winter Planning

As our health and care system continues to experience unrelenting demand challenges and operational pressures, we are continuing to work with our partners to deliver existing demand management and capacity improvement plans.

Operationally there continues to be significant joint working in the locality under our Urgent Care, and Ageing Well programme, and the Home First project which support patients to remain at home, aiming to reduce our reliance on bed-based care and improve patient outcomes and experience.

We have also continued to increase our use of NHS@Home (virtual wards) - a flagship BSW scheme. A key focus for the coming months is on increasing referrals to the Wiltshire Health and Care service through continuing to raise the profile of the service.

Hearing from minority groups

We're working with Wiltshire Council's Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service (EMTAS), and children's charity Spurgeons to offer support and advice to minority groups.

Our work so far

In September 2022, we began our project with EMTAS and Spurgeons, funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust, to hear the experiences of Fijian and Nepalese military families.

Healthwatch Wiltshire held two workshop sessions, at Tidworth and Bulford, with members of these communities, where we listened to their feedback on services and offered advice and guidance.

Key themes were the language barrier in making GP and healthcare appointments over the phone; being understood in an emergency; and a lack of understanding about the GP triage system. But all were registered with a GP, reported good experiences of hospital treatment and had no problems with getting the medication they needed. They were also satisfied with the dental treatment they had received.

Our work this year

Our work with EMTAS and Spurgeons has continued in 2023, where we've been engaging with Eastern European and Boater communities in a series of sessions.

This project, which is funded by NHS Charities Together, aims to signpost key medical services and deliver activities to support families' mental health and wellbeing.

Support for the Eastern European community

Sessions were held on Thursday mornings during June and July 2023 at the Polish

Community Centre, Trowbridge, with interpretation provided in Polish, Romanian, and Ukrainian. We were there to provide information and signposting, while Spurgeons ran activities for children and offered practical advice for families.

Common themes included finding support for children with additional needs, finding mental health support and dealing with loneliness.

Support for the Boater community

Sessions were held at the Canal Tavern, Bradford on Avon and the Barge Inn, at Honeystreet, near Pewsey, in late July 2023.

Both sessions were planned more as listening and engagement exercises rather than structured sessions on particular topics. This was in recognition of the fact that this community is less used to being engaged and less likely to attend topic specific sessions.

Common themes included the difficulties boaters face in accessing GP and dental services, issues getting to appointments due to a lack of public transport, and collecting prescriptions as they have no fixed address.

[Read our blog](#) to find out more about what we heard.





Update from Age UK Wiltshire – November 2023

Sarah Cardy, CEO of Age UK Wiltshire has attended several community engagement events recently and seen the need for information from older people and their families. It has also been encouraging to hear positive feedback about our services.

Over the years, we've witnessed a significant growth in the demand for our services. The desire of older adults to maintain their independence and continue living fulfilling lives in their own homes has never been stronger. This is a testament to the much-needed work Age UK Wiltshire does but it also highlights the pressing need for continued support and expansion of our programs.

Surviving Winter Grants

We are currently promoting our Surviving winter grants, which can help vulnerable people experiencing fuel poverty.

The one-off grant available through Age UK Wiltshire is £200 and the scheme will run until April 2024 but may close early if all grants are allocated.

"The Surviving Winter grant will make an awful lot of difference, thank you." - Eve

The Surviving Winter Grant was introduced by Wiltshire Community Foundation over 10 years ago and has already helped 1000's of households in Wiltshire. It is a multi-agency approach working not only with Age UK Wiltshire but with Wiltshire Citizens Advice, Swindon Citizens Advice, Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living, and Wiltshire Warm & Safe to help people by providing grants towards fuel or other heating related costs.

There is eligibility criteria and an application process. More information on this can be found at www.ageuk.org.uk/wiltshire/our-services/surviving-winter/

Household Support Fund – hot food

We are also providing support for older people who need food, are in rural locations and are unable to get support. We will give support for a period of time whilst we provide holistic advice and support for a more sustainable solution. People can contact our meals team on 01793 279606 or email: communitymeals@ageukwiltshire.org.uk

Age UK Wiltshire Charity Shops

We have ambitious plans to have charity shop hubs across Wiltshire, and these are progressing which is very exciting. We've now signed the lease, and are working on our Salisbury site which should be open very soon.

It is an excellent opportunity for Age UK Wiltshire to have more of a town presence. These high street centres will include office space for our I&A advisors, providing the opportunity for residents to have accessible, face to face appointments.

We are also working hard towards the Marlborough and Devizes shops.

Although this is a great retail opportunity, the success of our charity shops is not just about selling items - it's about transforming generosity into tangible support for older people in our communities.



Melksham Community Support Scheme

Age UK Wiltshire is working together with Melksham Town Council, Melksham Without Parish Council and Melksham Area Board to improve the wellbeing of older people living in Melksham, by offering support, access to information and practical help.

“Sarah, (Melksham Community Support Senior Project Worker) who visited was brilliant and it was great to talk things through.” - Winifred

We have already seen the difference our support can make to the residents of Melksham but if your network has any referrals or would like more information, please contact us on 01225 809265 or email melksham@ageukwiltshire.org.uk

Area Board Briefing Note

Service:	Cost of Living
Date prepared:	15 November 2023
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Cost of Living

With overall inflation stabilising, it is welcome news that some cost pressures for the community have reduced, but with other financial pressures remaining on household budgets, it is anticipated that there will be continuing demand for support and advice as the winter draws in.

The Council is continuing to work with partners to deliver interventions that provide advice and support to our communities, including:

- Wiltshire libraries are continuing as warm spaces, and will also play a key role in distributing support (e.g. with Warm Packs or free Sim-cards) and advice (e.g. Providing energy advice or signposting to partners).
- Warm & Safe Wiltshire in place to help people live in warmer, safer and healthier homes including advice, outreach support or insulation works.
- We have contacted community providers to update our interactive guide to help people find key support to combat fuel and food poverty.
- We have further developed our approach to delivering Household Support Fund, working with a range of services and partners to financially support a range of programmes and initiatives.
- [Our website](#) and media channels offer a range of online support and sign-posting information on topics including council tax/benefits, energy advice and mental health support.
- A dedicated Wiltshire Wellbeing support line to provide advice and guidance, and officers are working with to improve processes to ensure people are directed to right support.
- We continue to engagement with our communities, through activity such as the Boaters Survey, which has had a terrific response so far, and Community Conversations, to understand need.

- The DWP will be issuing the second Cost of Living Payment of £300 to those in receipt of Universal Credit, Jobseekers allowance, Employment support allowance, Income support and Pension Credit between 31st October and 19th November 2023.¹
- The Council is pleased to say that, following a successful summer programme that saw more than 1,220 young people take part, Wiltshire Council's Holiday Activity and Food programme (FUEL) will be back during the Christmas school holidays. It is funded by the Department for Education and provides children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals with free access to activity, food and nutritional education during school holidays. Eligible families will be able to sign up later in the year and details will be promoted through all schools in Wiltshire in due course. More information about FUEL can be found at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/fuel-programme.

Council Tax Reduction Scheme Consultation

We are consulting on possible changes to its local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for working aged people, ensuring it continues to benefit those who need it, and that the scheme evolves in line with Government's developing plans on Universal Credit.

The consultation is now open until 27 November 2023. I'd like to encourage people to respond via the electronic survey online at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/benefits-council-tax-reduction> - paper copies are available in all of Wiltshire's libraries and main hubs. So far, more than two hundred responses have been received.

Potential changes to the scheme should result in it being more generous to people in hardship who are eligible to receive support, and that in turn should help to reduce the overall council tax debt written off each year due to those who are unable to pay.

¹ [Cost of Living Payments 2023 to 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Area Board Briefing Note

Service:	Voice and Participation
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Independent visitors (IVs) are adult volunteers who provide independent, one-to-one befriending support to children in care. Their role is to "visit, advise and befriend" the young person with whom they are matched.

The 1989 Children Act made it a duty for Local Authorities to provide IVs for those young people living in care who have little or no contact from their parents or family. In 2008, the Children and Young Person's Act extended this duty so that any young person in care could be eligible to have an IV, if considered to be in their best interests.

Current Status:

As of the most recent update, we have successfully matched 72 young people with independent visitors.

In Progress:

Additionally, there are currently 17 matches in progress, all of which are proposed to become active before Christmas. This will bring our total matches to an impressive 89. This remarkable increase of 21 matched young people in this financial year marks the second consecutive year of the most significant growth in our numbers, with the previous year seeing an increase of 10 matches. It's worth noting that this achievement is even more impressive when considering the 8 matches that are scheduled to close soon.

National Context:

Nationally, our success is measured against similar schemes by the National IV Network. Specifically, we are assessed based on the percentage of young people in care who are matched with an IV across the county. With 89 matches, our matched population will stand at 17.3%. To put this in perspective, the national average, as reported in the last Freedom of Information (FOI) report by the National IV Network, was only 3.3%. The highest matching percentage in England and Wales was 16%.

Future Projections:

In the coming months, four of our young people will reach the age of 18, causing a slight decrease in our matched population to 16.4% by the end of the financial year. Nonetheless, this remains a significant achievement and showcases our dedication to making a difference in the lives of care-experienced individuals.

Impact on Waiting List:

An essential outcome of these matches is the reduction of our waiting list. As more young people are matched with independent visitors, our waiting list is projected to decrease to 22 individuals. This will mark the lowest number of individuals on the waiting list since we began keeping records.

Promotion of the IV Scheme:

We encourage the Area Boards to actively promote the IV Scheme by directing prospective volunteers to our website: [Independent visitor scheme - Wiltshire Council](#). This will help us continue our mission to provide meaningful support to young people in care and achieve our goals of positive social change.

Conclusion:

Our remarkable increase in matched young people, high matching percentage, and the decrease in our waiting list demonstrate our commitment to making a difference in the lives of care-experienced individuals. We look forward to your continued support and engagement in promoting the IV Scheme.

ARCHAEOLOGY SERVICE

WELCOME TO WILTSHIRE COUNCIL ARCHAEOLOGY SERVICE'S FIRST ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

The Archaeology Service identifies, records and protects the archaeology of all of Wiltshire, including Swindon wshc.org.uk. We provide archaeological advice mostly through the planning system, but also to landowners, universities, local groups and societies, and to the public. We also seek to inform on and promote the archaeology of the County. Our newsletter therefore aims to provide accessible and readable information about the work of the Service and some of the more notable archaeological and historical discoveries within the County in the last 18 months or so. There is also an annual Archaeology in Wiltshire conference in the spring. Keep an eye on the Wiltshire Museum's website for further details.

In this edition we have included recent archaeological projects in the County and within Swindon Borough Council that have resulted from our advice and guidance, as well as information about our Historic Environment Record, the Wiltshire Buildings Record, the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site Co-ordination Unit and the work of Wiltshire's Finds Liaison Officer.

Our team is based in the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre in Chippenham. This state-of-the-art, purpose-built, records office was opened in 2007 and cost £11 million, but it has brought together the archives service, local studies library, conservation and museums advisory service, archaeology and Wiltshire Buildings Record under one, modernist, roof.

The Archaeology Service holds thousands of archaeological reports, aerial photographs and other records, all of which may be accessed by prior appointment. Just email us in advance at archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk
We hope you enjoy our newsletter.

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TOP
The Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre, Chippenham. Home of the Archaeology Service. © Wiltshire Council



LEFT
Some of the Archaeology Service team at Stonehenge. © Wiltshire Council



BOTTOM
The fine farmhouse at 41 Green Road, Swindon. © Wiltshire Buildings Record

'SEEING THE MONUMENTS FOR THE TREES' – A PROJECT TO CLEAR VEGETATION FROM THREE OF WILTSHIRE'S ANCIENT MONUMENTS.



TOP: Cam's Hill ringwork before clearance looking towards Malmesbury. © Aerial-Cam. Reproduced with kind permission.

BOTTOM: Cam's Hill ringwork after clearance. © Aerial-Cam. Reproduced with kind permission.

Wiltshire has some of England's most important and well-known ancient monuments. Many are designated as Scheduled Monuments, meaning they are legally protected due to their historical and archaeological importance. However, sometimes they can be harmed by natural processes such as tree and scrub growth, and burrowing animals, which can damage important buried archaeological remains and hide our history from view.

Last winter a community project, funded by Historic England, was organised by the Archaeology Service to remove the scrub over three of Wiltshire's ancient monuments. The first monument was an Early Bronze Age (1,800 – 1,500 BC) disc barrow, a rare monument type, on Burderop Down, near Chiseldon, Swindon. Large hawthorn bushes were removed from the monument so that it can now be seen in all its glory.

The second monument was a ringwork at Cam's Hill which is thought to be one of several siegeworks around the town of Malmesbury during the 'Anarchy' period, when Stephen and Matilda contested the succession to Henry I in the 12th-century. The monument has a 1.5m deep and 4m wide external ditch and a distinctive horseshoe shaped internal bank, 18m wide and around 1.8m high. It has never been excavated, although it bears close similarity to other monuments of this period in the south of England. Vegetation was cleared by volunteers in January and March 2023 and so the monument is now far more visible to those passing by on the adjacent public footpath. It is now hoped that livestock will graze the monument and deter re-growth.

The third monument was a group of four medieval lynchets at Southmill Hill, Amesbury, which survive remarkably well and are prominent features on the periphery of Amesbury. The lynchets are medieval in date and result from deliberate terracing of the steep hillslope for cultivation. The monument has been in steady decline for several decades due to unchecked scrub and tree growth, so over two days in February, volunteers, including the local scout group, cleared the scrub from one of the lynchets. It is hoped that the clearance work will recommence in autumn 2023.

The project was a great success and achieved what it set to do. As well as removing the risk of damage to these monuments from unruly scrub, all three monuments are now significantly more visible to those using public footpaths and other public rights of way. Thirty-eight volunteers participated in the project, and they all enjoyed the experience. The Archaeology Service therefore hopes to identify further monuments for clearance in the next few years...so if you would like to volunteer, we would love to hear from you!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Archaeology Service at archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk

BELOW: Volunteers at Southmill Hill, Amesbury. © Wiltshire Council.



THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE MARKET TOWN OF CALNE IS REVEALED.

Wiltshire is blessed with many historic towns and Calne is a particularly interesting example, lying on the A4, a major route to the west country before the M4 was built. The town was probably best known until the late 20th-century as the home of Harris' bacon factory which dominated the centre of the town until it was demolished in the mid-1980s. Documentary sources indicate that the town probably had Saxon origins and was a borough by the time of the Domesday Book in the 11th-century. It was an established town by the medieval period.

Archaeological evidence for the origins and historic development of the town has proved to be elusive, partly because there have been few opportunities for larger-scale archaeological investigations within the town. The demolition and redevelopment of Harris's bacon factory in the 1980s was not accompanied by any archaeological investigation, despite its location in the heart of the town.

The proposed redevelopment of a parcel of land to the rear of the Nos 8 – 13 High Street therefore provided just that opportunity. Exploratory archaeological investigation in 2016 demonstrated that medieval remains survived on the site and a detailed archaeological excavation was undertaken late in 2021 by Worcestershire Archaeology on behalf of Churchill Retirement Living.

The excavation identified a large Late Saxon (9th – 10th-century) boundary ditch, along with some lesser ditches. These are notable discoveries as it was presumed that the focus of the Saxon settlement lay around the Church of St Mary. Probably in the 11th-century, the boundaries within the site were re-aligned with the laying out of burgage plots for the medieval town, running back from the High Street. The site lay too far to the rear of the High Street to reveal the properties that the burgage plots served, but these back plots did reveal rubbish pits filled with medieval waste material. This included sherds of medieval pottery dating from the 11th- to the 15th-century and probably all locally made at kilns in Minety, Lacock and Crockerton. A notable find was a lead seal matrix, used for sealing important documents, probably reflecting the commercial use of the properties on the High Street. The remains of a lime kiln were also revealed and probably served in the construction of stone properties on the High Street.

The site was remodelled again in the 17th- and 18th-century as the fortunes of the town improved, largely based on the weaving industry, until the town became synonymous with pork and bacon with the opening of the Harris factories in the 19th- and 20th -centuries.



TOP RIGHT: Harris' bacon factory, Calne in 1924. © Historic England.

RIGHT: General view of the excavation at 8 – 13 High Street. © Worcestershire Archaeology, reproduced with kind permission.

ABOVE: The medieval lime kiln under excavation. © Worcestershire Archaeology, reproduced with kind permission.

With every historic building, the same question comes up at the end, how do you date it? When Wiltshire Buildings Record started in 1979 there was little to go on. The few books about vernacular architecture covered buildings in other parts of the country. We had help from the Salisbury office of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments but apart from emergencies they were recording only in the south-east of Wiltshire and buildings there had different characteristics from the north and west of the County. Since then, studies of vernacular architecture have increased enormously, especially, since 2009, with the assistance of tree-ring dating or dendrochronology.

The Wiltshire Dendrochronological Project started through funding provided by English Heritage (now Historic England) to train someone in the work. There were existing projects in Hampshire and Somerset which were well advanced, and Wiltshire was known to have similarly early buildings worth sampling. We already had a list of suitable medieval buildings and the project aimed to concentrate on base cruck, cruck and other early carpentry methods. This was Phase 1 of the project and we have now reached Phase 5 thanks to funding from various sources.

The results have been interesting. Overall, they have confirmed the dates we had assigned based on stylistic and documentary grounds. But they have often narrowed them down and highlighted the significance of small changes of carpentry method. There have been disappointments where the timber turned out to be elm rather than oak or came from fast-grown oak trees with a small number of wide rings which could not be matched with the master sequence.



Two former farmhouses in the Swindon area, both cruck-built, illustrate the highs and lows of the outcomes. Studley Grange Farm, Lydiard Tregoze, was brought to our attention in 2021 in a derelict state. Three of our members had a look at it and reported finding a cruck truss despite its listing as late 18th-century. As a threatened building we gave it priority. Robert Howard and Alison Arnold from the Nottingham Lab gamely tackled it for us bringing a generator to power their drills. Sadly, the oak timbers of the crucks were quick grown though dates were provided for the addition of a dairy wing in 1606 and a re-used collar of 1559-84 looked likely to come from the initial ceiling of the open hall. There is documentary evidence that the farm was a grange of Stanley Abbey at Bremhill and it was first mentioned in 1460. Robert and Alison had managed to get into the roof on the far side of the cruck truss and their photo of the joint at the apex suggests construction in the 15th-century is likely.

No. 41 Green Road, Stratton St. Margaret, was a reserve building on the day that Studley Grange was sampled so for that reason it was high on the list for future sampling. This former farmhouse had been visited briefly by our Principal Buildings Historian, Dorothy Treasure. We were not very hopeful of a good result as crucks in the Swindon area have proved before to be of elm or quick-grown oak. To our (and the owner's) amazement the lower parts of two cruck trusses dated from 1271-1296. They had been used again in a wider building with new upper parts and purlins etc in 1339-1355. This is a star building, quite exceptional, and shows just how valuable tree-ring dating can be.



The Wiltshire and Swindon Historic Environment Record (HER) consists of a database with integrated digital mapping that holds information on all the currently known archaeological and historical monuments for the County – a fantastic resource. It contains records of over 50,000 monuments, including earthworks, finds spots, and historic buildings, and contains information about all types of archaeological investigations, as well as various sources such as aerial photographs.

To give a taste of what the HER holds, this article explores some of the notable records for the town of Corsham. Starting in the centre of the town at The Corsham School, aerial photographs of 1946 show the current School playing fields under allotments (HER record MWI74074), created as part of the 'Digging for Victory' campaign introduced in 1940. To the west of the School is Hatton Way, named after Sir Christopher Hatton, a favourite courtier of Elizabeth I. Sir Christopher, when expressing devotion for his queen, always signed his letters with a hat drawn over the word 'on'. Hatton spent about four years at Corsham House (MWI34260), now Corsham Court, a Grade I listed Elizabethan country house. Unfortunately, financial problems caused him to sell up!



Halfway down Hatton Way is the site of Purleigh Barn (MWI65896), a demolished 19th-century outfarm of regular courtyard plan. The farmstead and all its historic buildings have been lost. The Wiltshire and Swindon Farmsteads and Landscapes Project Report summarises the results of mapping the historic character and survival of more than 4,000 farmsteads and 2,700 outfarms and field barns in Wiltshire, all mapped onto the HER. Knowledge and protection of the surviving historic farmsteads is essential if they are to be retained as a distinctive part of the rural landscape of the County.

Another notable Corsham building is the 'Pepper Pot', a Grade II listed toll house (MWI34400) on the A4 Bath Road. This pretty building was also once a sweet shop and is now a summerhouse. To the north of the A4 Bath Road, exploratory archaeological investigation in 2016 found a Neolithic (4,000 – 2,000 BC) pit (MWI76326), containing fragments of pottery. The field also contains evidence of ponds but the most exciting feature here lies underground. This is the former stone quarrying tunnel which probably ran from Hartham Park Quarry, sometimes known as the Pickwick Quarry. Bath Stone, a warm, honey-coloured limestone, has been desirable since Roman times and Brunel's cutting of the Box Railway Tunnel, close to Corsham, revealed a rich seam of high-quality stone. The Corsham mines were extensively worked with miles of tunnels, chambers, and air shafts, and became the ideal underground storage location for the War Office during the Second World War and of further use during the Cold War (MWI31707). One of the ventilation shafts for the tunnels can still be seen above ground. So why not explore our HER for the area around where you live in Wiltshire. Visit our [website](#) or contact us at archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk for more information.

TOP RIGHT: The derelict Studley Grange farmhouse, Lydiard Tregoze. © Wiltshire Buildings Record.

TOP LEFT: Cruck visible on the landing of Studley Grange farmhouse. © Wiltshire Buildings Record.

LEFT: Joint where 14th-century upper timbers cap a 13th-century cruck, all smoke-blackened, at 41 Green Road, Swindon. © Wiltshire Buildings Record.

TOP RIGHT: Corsham Court. Image reproduced by kind permission of the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre.

LEFT: The Grade II listed 'Pepper Pot', an 18th-century toll house. © Wiltshire Council.

RIGHT: A ventilation shaft serving the underground Pickwick Quarry. © Wiltshire Council.

AN IMPORTANT BRONZE AGE BURIAL GROUND AT NETHERHAMPTON ROAD, SALISBURY



Aerial photography has shown that several ring ditches exist in a short stretch of the Nadder Valley between Harnham and Netherhampton. Some 35 ring ditches have been identified, and more are sure to exist, located both on the valley floor, as well as the valley slopes. Their mounds have long since been denuded, but what survives still retains valuable archaeological information about the practice of burial in the earlier Bronze Age (2,200 – 1,500 BC).

Proposed residential development immediately west of West Harnham has provided the opportunity to investigate archaeologically several of these barrows and Cotswold Archaeology and Museum of London Archaeology (MOLA) have been doing just that over the winter of 2022 and into early 2023.

MOLA excavated a double ring-ditch and a second adjoining ring-ditch. Interestingly these monuments were located on the floor of the Nadder Valley. In the heavy winter rain, the barrow got close to being flooded but it seemed to occupy, probably intentionally, a slight gravel rise so that it stayed just above the flood level. The excavations revealed large graves in the centre of each ring-ditch, both of which contained the skeleton of an individual. The graves were of considerable size, far larger than was needed to bury the one individual. Samples from the fill of the grave may tell us if there was a reason for that and if there was other material buried in the grave that has not survived to the present day, such as wood or organic material.



However, one of the burials was accompanied by a very fine pottery vessel, a highly decorated Beaker. These vessels are attributed to a migrant population that arrived in Britain around 4,500 years ago bringing with them new burial practices and these distinctive pottery vessels. It is hoped that this particularly fine example will go on display in Salisbury Museum.

Meanwhile on the opposite side of the Netherhampton Road, Cotswold Archaeology on behalf of their client, Vistry Group, has been excavating a group of five ring-ditches or barrows that form a barrow cemetery just at the base of the valley side. The barrows are marked by their different size, the width and depth of the ring-ditches, and the presence or absence of graves within or adjacent to the barrows. One grave within one of the barrows contained a fine and rare food vessel with a small handle, while one grave just outside of one barrow contained five individuals, an adult and four infants, all very tightly grouped. The implication is that they died in a single catastrophic event and analysis of the human remains will elucidate why they died and

their relationship to each other, as well as to other individuals buried in the other barrows.

Most unexpectedly, the excavation has also revealed an Early Saxon (5th – 7th-century AD) waterhole, as well as a smattering of Saxon pottery. It is not unusual for later Saxon burials to be inserted into or around the mounds of Bronze Age barrows, although at Netherhampton Road, it is not clear why this functional feature should have been placed here. That there were Saxons living nearby is attested by a very famous Saxon inhumation cemetery found in Harnham in the 19th-century. For the time being, the excavations at Netherhampton Road have been concluded. The long process of analysing the results is underway and will result in a publication that will reveal the details of this important excavation.

TOP LEFT: The Bronze Age barrows under excavation south of Netherhampton Road. © Cotswold Archaeology, reproduced with kind permission.

BOTTOM LEFT: The central grave and burial from one of the barrows north of Netherhampton Road. © MOLA, reproduced with kind permission.

ABOVE: A double-ditched barrow before excavation south of Netherhampton Road. © Cotswold Archaeology, reproduced with kind permission.

MIDDLE LEFT: Beaker vessel grave good from one of the burials north of Netherhampton Road. © MOLA, reproduced with kind permission.

BELOW: The Saxon waterhole with waterlogged timbers south of Netherhampton Road. © Cotswold Archaeology, reproduced with kind permission.

Bronze Age burial mounds or barrows are one of the most common monument types to be found in Wiltshire, which, along with Dorset, probably has some of the densest concentrations of such monuments in the country. Many people will be familiar with the prominent barrow cemeteries set out on the chalk ridges all around Stonehenge which only add to the atmosphere of this most prehistoric of landscapes. Those barrows, with upstanding mounds still surviving, represent only the most visible of this monument type. Many more survive only as ring-ditches, the quarries from which the mounds were constructed, but where the mounds have long since been denuded by ploughing over centuries. Aerial photography and fortuitous discoveries have shown that these barrows, in the form of surviving ring-ditches, were constructed on a wider range of geologies and topographies and not just on the chalk downland.





**A MYSTERY HOLE IN EAST KENNETT:
A PREHISTORIC OR ROMAN OPENING INTO
THE UNDERWORLD?**

The site was of sufficient interest that Professor Josh Pollard of the University of Southampton's Department of Archaeology organised an exploratory excavation of the site in late summer 2022. Much interest centred on discovering the purpose of the feature that had created the mystery hole two years earlier. The excavations stripped an area around the hole and revealed the sarsen stones surrounding the rim and slumped into the pit. At this stage, the only way to find out what lay below the sarsen stones was to carefully lift and remove them. By this stage, interest in the story was such that it attracted the attention of Professor Alice Roberts and the 'Digging for Britain' team, who filmed the lifting of the sarsen stones (Series 10, Episode 4).

Once removed and after some more careful excavation down to a depth of 2m, it became clear that this feature was not in fact a prehistoric burial chamber but a natural sink hole, the upper portions of which had been modified in the Roman period. A sink hole is formed from the natural dissolving of the soluble chalk bedrock, creating a deep fissure or hole in the bedrock. The Romans had erected the sarsens on the inner edge of this natural feature perhaps partly to form a barrier to stop livestock and children from falling into it, but perhaps also to emphasise it, as an opening into the underworld. The project emphasises the uncertainty of archaeology. As Professor Pollard so eloquently put it, it is 'what makes archaeology a vibrant and unpredictable subject'!

In summer 2020 a mysterious hole appeared in a field close to the village of East Kennett, within the Avebury World Heritage Site, and was reported to the Archaeology Service. Being archaeologists, we are always fascinated to explore any such phenomena and so members of our team quickly went to the site and undertook an initial exploration. This found that the hole comprised a substantial pit, roughly circular, around 1m in diameter, and lined by four large blocks of unworked sarsen stone. The feature appeared to have a deliberate void, and was capped by other sarsens, two of which remained in place, while a third appeared to have collapsed into the pit, so revealing the presence of the feature. A flint blade and a rim of Roman greyware were recovered from the collapsed fill but were assumed to be incidental. The initial interpretation was that this was a prehistoric cist or burial chamber. Similar examples of sarsen-capped burials are known from the wider region.

Consequently, Historic England undertook geophysical survey of the site of the 'hole' and its surroundings in 2021 and identified other possible chambered features, along with several ditches belonging to a field or enclosure system, and two possible rectilinear buildings. Along with the possible cist, the possible buildings were of interest as they bore some resemblance to the plans of Early Neolithic houses.



TOP: The mystery hole at East Kennett as it first appeared in 2020. © Wiltshire Council.

LEFT: The sarsen stones after initial excavation by the University of Southampton. © University of Southampton. Reproduced with kind permission.

RIGHT: The 'sink hole' after excavation. © University of Southampton. Reproduced with kind permission.



**SOME FINDS REPORTED TO
WILTSHIRE'S FINDS LIAISON OFFICER**



A notable feature of the Covid-19 pandemic was the increase in the number of people who took up metal-detecting as they sought new interests that could be undertaken individually and outdoors. Everyone taking up the pastime is encouraged to follow the Code of Practice for Responsible Metal Detecting in England and Wales (2017), which sets out the legal requirements as well as more general guidance on accepted best practice [finds.org.uk](https://www.finds.org.uk). There is no doubt that the results of metal detecting have contributed significantly to our knowledge of the heritage of England and Wales. Much of this is due to the work of the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) which was established in the late 1990s. The PAS encourages the reporting of all finds of archaeological objects, whether through metal detecting or not and is not limited to items of precious metal. To date, the PAS has recorded over 1.6 million objects, which has provided an extraordinary insight into the study of archaeological objects and their distribution.

TOP: Late Bronze Age gold penannular ring. Reproduced by kind permission of the Portable Antiquities Scheme.
TOP RIGHT: Blue glass bead dating from anytime between the Iron Age and Late Saxon period. Reproduced by kind permission of the Sussex Archaeological Society.
RIGHT: 17th-century silver cufflink. Reproduced by permission of the Portable Antiquities Scheme.



Locally, the work of the PAS is overseen by Finds Liaison Officers (FLOs) who receive, identify and record archaeological objects, plus deal with Treasure finds from England and Wales. Wiltshire has its own FLO and Sophie Hawke is based at Salisbury Museum and would be very glad to hear from you if you have any objects that you would like identified and reported on (pas@salisbury-museum.org.uk).

These are some typical finds from Wiltshire that have been reported over the last 18 months or so and they show the variety in age, type and material of object that are recorded. This complete gold or gold-plated penannular ring is of Late Bronze Age date (1150-750 BC). The object is oval and about 1.5cm across. The ring is mostly gold in colour, except for a brown band that appears to wrap around it. It is likely that this is the core of the object that has been heavily coated in gold and then filed away to leave the band. The ring's function remains uncertain, although it is likely that they were personal adornments, possibly worn on the ears or nose, rather than being hair-ornaments or items of exchange.

Not all objects reported are of metal. This beautiful, complete, annular, blue glass bead, around 1cm in diameter, dating from the Iron Age to early Medieval period c. 100 BC to AD 750, was found near Alderbury. This last object, found near Wroughton, is a silver cufflink, one element of a pair that would have been linked together. The cufflink, which is around 1.5cm in diameter, has stamped decoration of a pair of hearts side by side with a crown above. Cufflinks were introduced in England in the latter half of the 17th-century and those with this design are considered to have originally been produced to commemorate the marriage of Charles II to Catherine of Braganza in 1662 but continued to be used as a general symbol of love or marriage.





THE REMAINS OF OLD SARUM'S CATHEDRAL FOUND IN NEW SARUM'S CATHEDRAL CLOSE WALL

The Grade I Cathedral Close Wall in Salisbury started to be constructed in the later 13th-century but was not completed until the 15th- or 16th-century. It was built both as a defensive structure but also as a symbol of the status of the clergy and their lordship of the Close. It is known that permission was given in the 14th-century for stone from the Cathedral at Old Sarum to be used in the construction of the Close Wall and carved stone from the Cathedral can be seen on the Exeter Street face of the Close Wall in the form of stylised flowerheads.

The repair in 2022 of a short, leaning section of the Close Wall within the grounds of Bishop Wordsworth School along Exeter Street therefore provided the opportunity to examine its masonry makeup and to identify other masonry that might have been purloined from the old Cathedral at Old Sarum. The repair work was undertaken by the stonemasons of the Salisbury Cathedral Works Department under the watchful eye of Graham Keevil, Salisbury's Cathedral Archaeologist.

The exercise proved to be worthwhile as several pieces of very fine carved masonry were identified, mostly hidden and not visible on the face of the Wall. It also seems likely that even plain ashlar blocks came from the old Cathedral at Old Sarum. It seems odd today that, despite all the effort put into constructing a fine cathedral at Old Sarum, within a hundred years or so it was used as little more than a quarry for the construction of the Close Wall. However, it does add to the historical and archaeological importance of the Close Wall, which is also a strong architectural and aesthetic feature of the Close and the city landscape.



TOP LEFT: Salisbury Cathedral Close Wall under repair. © Wiltshire Council

TOP RIGHT: Carved stone, formerly part of the Cathedral at Old Sarum, built into the Close Wall along Exeter Street. © Wiltshire Council

MIDDLE RIGHT: Carved stone, formerly part of the Cathedral at Old Sarum, built into the Close Wall along Exeter Street. © Wiltshire Council

BOTTOM RIGHT: Carved stonework from Old Sarum Cathedral built into the Close Wall. © Wiltshire Council

Stonehenge, Avebury & Associated Sites were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage Site (WHS) List in 1986 and was one of the UK's very first World Heritage Sites. Stonehenge is the most sophisticated prehistoric stone circle in the world, and Avebury is the largest. Both stone circles lie at the heart of prehistoric landscapes containing numerous impressive and amazingly well-preserved ceremonial monuments dating back over 5,000 years to the Neolithic and Bronze Age. Together they form a landscape without parallel.

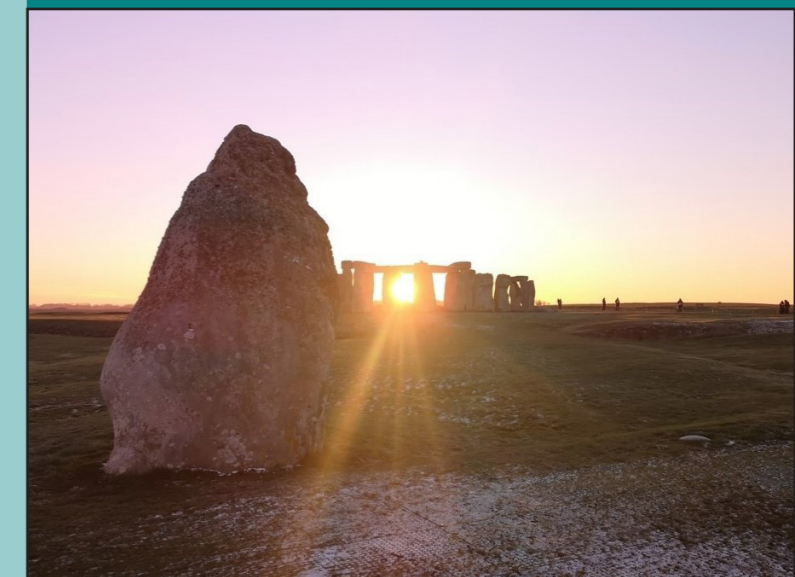
To achieve World Heritage status, sites must define what makes them to be of Outstanding Universal Value, or internationally significant, and how they intend to protect and enhance this. This is achieved through the adoption of a WHS Management Plan. In December 2022 Claire Selman joined the Stonehenge & Avebury WHS Coordination Unit within the Wiltshire Council Archaeology team. The primary aim of the unit is to coordinate the delivery of the Stonehenge and Avebury WHS Management Plan. To do so, Claire works with over 25 partners, including national organisations such as the National Trust and English Heritage, and farmers and communities living within and surrounding the WHS.

Priorities within the [Management Plan](#) cover what may at first seem a surprising span of topics extending beyond archaeology to subjects including woodland management, dark skies preservation and arts projects. Together, the Management Plan's actions work to preserve the site's buried archaeology, relationship with the landscape and accessibility for visitors. No two days within the Coordination Unit are the same from meeting with partners viewing activity on site, to engaging with visitors at local events and organising Partnership Panel and Steering Committee meetings.

Claire recently spent some time exploring the WHS through the range of services available at the Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre, which you can read about in a blog post [here](#). Her discoveries included viewing some of the 1,114 entries on the Historic Environment Record from Stonehenge and Avebury. Each record builds a picture of life across the ages on this site, from Neolithic flint tools to Bronze Age round barrows, Saxon pottery and more.

TOP: Stonehenge with a near Winter Solstice alignment, December 2022. © Wiltshire Council.

RIGHT: Attending Open Farm Sunday on the edge of Avebury WHS, June 2023. © Wiltshire Council.



The opportunity to support the management of these iconic sites has led Claire to discover even more about our County and its heritage, and there's a wealth of monuments to explore beyond the stone circles themselves. To help plan a visit to the World Heritage Site, Claire recommends the walking trails on National Trust's Avebury and Stonehenge Landscape pages and the historical information on English Heritage's Stonehenge pages.

There are currently 33 UK World Heritage Sites, and 1,157 in total globally. The UK's World Heritage Sites demonstrate the breadth of what World Heritage can be, from natural sites like the Lake District to industrial sites such as The Slate Landscape of Northwest Wales and even an entire city, Bath. Discover them all at: [UNESCO World Heritage Centre - World Heritage List](#) To find out more about the Stonehenge, Avebury & Associated Sites World Heritage Sites, visit our [website](#) and follow @StoneAveWHS on Twitter.



PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES – AN IMPORTANT SITE OF SWINDON'S 20TH-CENTURY INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE REVEALS ITS ANCIENT PAST.

In 1985 Honda started work on building their new car plant at South Marston, Swindon, providing a much-needed boost to the local economy and employment. The car plant itself replaced the site of an aircraft factory, first developed in the late 1930s as a 'shadow' aircraft factory, and then as an active manufacturing facility from 1940. South Marston Aerodrome was constructed at this time to serve in the Second World War. Phillips & Powis Aircraft Ltd, Short Brothers, and Vickers-Armstrong-Supermarine all produced aircraft at the site, including the iconic Supermarine Spitfire. Having been considered but been rejected as a possible municipal airport serving Swindon in the 1960s, the airfield came to end when Honda bought the site for their new venture. However, the runway still exists, running through the site, and was used by Honda as a test track. One of the attractions to Honda was the skilled engineer workforce of Swindon arising from its role in the railway industry. However, after 35 years, the Honda factory itself came to an end and the site is now being redeveloped again.

This redevelopment has provided the opportunity to explore the archaeology of the site preceding its 20th-century history. Remarkably, despite two significant phases of development to construct South Marston Airfield and then the Honda works, evidence for Late Iron Age (200 BC – AD 43) and Roman settlement, surrounded by extensive field systems, has come to light, some surviving under the airfield runway! Oxford Archaeology has been undertaking exploratory investigations and more detailed excavation at the site prior to development.

The evidence points to a small rural settlement that lies just off Ermine Street, the Roman road that links the local small town of Durocornovium (Wanborough) with the important regional centre of Corinium (Cirencester). The buildings might have been of slight construction and left little trace but finds of box tile, brick and tegula suggest a significant building lay nearby. A corn drier was found alongside some stone-lined pits, suggesting an area devoted to crop processing. Finds from the settlement include quern stones from grinding corn, whetstones for sharpening tools and two Roman shoes! The excavations are on-going and further discoveries are expected. The results will continue to add to the extraordinary history of this site on the edge of Swindon.



TOP: Newspaper cutting from 1965 about South Marston Airfield. © Swindon Echo, 8 January 1965. Reproduced by kind permission of the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre, document reference 2753FL.

LEFT: Aerial view of Iron Age and Roman deposits under the runway. © Oxford Archaeology. Reproduced with kind permission.

ABOVE: Excavating an Iron Age feature. © Oxford Archaeology. Reproduced with kind permission.

SOUTH WEST WILTSHIRE LOCAL HIGHWAYS AND FOOTWAYS IMPROVEMENT GROUP ACTION NOTES – 15/11/2023

	Item		Actions and recommendations	Who
1.				
		<p>Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Bridget Wayman – Wiltshire Council (BW) – Chair Cllr Richard Budden – Wiltshire Council (RB) Cllr Pauline Church – Wiltshire Council (PCH) Cllr George Jeans – Wiltshire Council (GJ) Jane Childs – Barford St. Martin & Sutton Mandeville PC's (JC) Morag Walker – Barford St. Martin Parish Council (MW) Bev Small – Chilmark Parish Council (BS) Philip Styan – Dinton Parish Council (PST) Tony Phillips – Fovant Parish Council (TP) Frank Freeman – Hindon Parish Council (FF) Graham Cotton – Kilmington Parish Council (GC) Debbie Beale – Mere Town Council (DE) Roger Pipe – Mere Town Council (RP) Tony Deane – Teffont Parish Council (TD) Bev Cornish – Tisbury Parish Council (BC) Alan Crossley – Wilton Town Council (AC) Clare Churchill – Wilton Town Council / Burcombe PC (CC) David Button – Wiltshire Council (DB) Paul Shaddock – Wiltshire Council (PS) <p>Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Nabil Najjar – Wiltshire Council (NN) Dickie Winchester – Compton Chamberlayne Parish Council (DW) Richard Mitchell – Tollard Royal Parish Council (RM) Steve Banas – Swallowcliffe Parish Council (SB) 		

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2.	Notes of previous meeting			
		<p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed at the South West Wiltshire meeting on the 20th September 2023.</p> <p>The South West Wiltshire Area Board minutes can be found at: https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=169&MId=14927&Ver=4</p> <p>Please note there was an omission from the minutes presented to the South West Wiltshire Area Board in September 2023. Please refer to Item 4b for more information.</p>	That the update is noted.	Area Board
3.	Financial Position			
		There is currently £7,924.75 still unallocated.	That the update is noted.	Area Board

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4.	New Issues / Issues Requiring A Decision		
a)	<p>Issue No: 14-22-13</p> <p>Teffont PC Request for measures to address speeding traffic on the B3089.</p>	<p>As reported at the last meeting of the group the speed limit assessment recommended the introduction of a 50mph speed limit along a length of the B3089 Hindon Road on the western side of the village. The PC have still yet to advise whether they wish to accept the recommendation of the speed limit assessment. No further action is to be undertaken with respect to this issue until such time as the PC have confirmed they support the recommendation of the speed limit assessment and wish to proceed with the speed limit change on the ground.</p> <p>The PC have indicated that whilst they are still determining whether they wish to proceed with a speed limit change they would like to proceed with the provision of horse warning signs on the B3089 to highlight the presence of horses on the road in the vicinity of Clarendon Stud. The provision of such signs was identified as being of benefit in the speed limit assessment.</p> <p>The estimated cost of providing two horse warning signs, complemented with SLOW road markings, is £1,718 (LHFIG contribution £1,288.50 / PC contribution £429.50). [Note: Figure includes a 25% contingency].</p> <p>If the group wished to just go with the warning signs without the SLOW road markings, then the estimated cost of the works is £1,208 (LHFIG contribution £771 / PC contribution £257). [Note: Figure includes a 25% contingency].</p>	<p>TD commented that the PC were keen to see the 30mph speed limit extended past Clarendon Stud. PS commented that, as previously advised, a 30mph was not possible on this section of the B3089 as this section didn't meet the property frontage density criteria to allow such a speed limit to be considered. BW advised TD that if the PC wished to pursue a 30mph speed limit at this location they would need to take the matter up directly with the Cabinet Member for Highways.</p> <p>The group supported the provision of warning signs complemented with SLOW markings.</p> <p>That the Area Board approves the allocation of £1,288.50 towards this project.</p> <p>That the PC approves the allocation of £429.50 towards this project.</p>

Area Board

PC

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<p>b)</p>	<p>Issue No: 14-22-17</p> <p>Kilmington PC Request for speed limit assessment along New Road and Kilmington Common</p>	<p>Officers, in liaison with the PC, have submitted a request to the Cabinet Member for Highways seeking their consent to introduce a 30mph speed limit in Stourton Lane in line with the PC's request. Discussion and consideration from the Cabinet Member (and Director of Highways) is ongoing. It is anticipated that the Cabinet Member will ask for the production of a formal Cabinet Member Decision report in advance of them making a decision on this matter. Confirmation on the need to produce a Cabinet Member Decision report expected in December 2023.</p> <p>Additionally at the previous meeting Cllr Jeans asked if the group would consider the allocation of funding to allow the TRO work for the speed limit to be taken forward once the Cabinet Member had made their decision with respect to Stourton PC's request. The group supported this request, but this information was omitted from the report presented to the South West Wiltshire Area Board in September 2023. It has been agreed with the LHFIG Chair and the local member that funding will be formally ratified this time around.</p> <p>The cost of the TRO is £2,000 (LHFIG contribution £1,500 / PC contribution £500).</p>	<p>The group agreed to allocate funding towards the TRO work.</p> <p>That the Area Board approves the allocation of £1,500 towards this project.</p> <p>That the PC approves the allocation of £500 towards this project.</p> <p>GJ and GC expressed their extreme disappointment that a decision concerning this matter had still not been reached by the Cabinet Member for Highways.</p> <p>PCH advised that the Cabinet Member for Highways was due to be attending the next Area Board meeting and this would present an opportunity to raise this matter with them directly.</p>	<p>Area Board</p> <p>PC</p>
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c)	<p>Issue No: 14-22-21</p> <p>Dinton PC Request for village gates and other measures to address speeding in the village</p>	<p>Following the previous meeting of the group the PC have further considered this matter and have indicated that they only wish to pursue the provision of yellow backed 30mph repeater signs on the B3089 and the relocation of a SID post. The PC have indicated that they would be prepared to make a 50% contribution to the scheme costs.</p> <p>The estimated cost of this work is £2,962.63 (LHFIG contribution £1,481.32 / PC contribution £1,481.31). [Note: Figure includes a 15% contingency].</p>	<p>That the Area Board approves the allocation of £1,481.32 to allow this work to be undertaken.</p> <p>That the PC approves the allocation of £1,481.31 to allow this work to be undertaken.</p>	<p>Area Board</p> <p>PC</p>
d)	<p>Issue No: 14-23-04</p> <p>Sedgehill & Semley PC Request to address drainage issue at pedestrian entrance to St Leonard's Church</p>	<p>Unfortunately, a meeting hasn't taken place with the PC. However, officers have investigated the issue in detail. The proposed solution would be the installation of a small length of kerbline to incorporate two inlet kerbs, soakaways and dropped kerbline to direct water towards the kerb inlets.</p> <p>The estimated cost of this work is £6,720 (LHFIG contribution £5,040 / PC contribution £1,680). [Note: Figure includes a 25% contingency].</p>	<p>As no representative of Sedgehill & Semley PC was in attendance at the meeting the group decided to hold this issue over for consideration at the next meeting of the group.</p> <p>That the update is noted.</p>	<p>Area Board</p>
e)	<p>Issue No: 14-23-16</p> <p>Sutton Mandeville Drainage issues on SMAN20 and C24</p>	<p>DB to provide an update at the meeting with respect to the CCTV drainage survey, if there is one available.</p> <p>The Rights of Way Team have not yet been able to investigate the drainage issue on SMAN20 but have indicated that will do so and report back directly to the PC in December 2023</p>	<p>DB advised he had submitted a request for a CCTV drainage but was unable to advise when it would take place.</p> <p>JC advised that the main drainage concerns existed around SMAN20 and would await the outcome of the visit by the Rights of Way Team.</p> <p>That the update is noted.</p>	<p>Area Board</p>

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f)	<p>Issue No: 14-23-17</p> <p>Wilton TC Request for a 20mph Speed Limit in the centre of Wilton</p>	<p>The TC have submitted a request for a 20mph speed limit to be introduced into the centre of Wilton.</p> <p>In line with the Council's approved policy, 20mph speed limits are not introduced on 'A' class roads. This policy has only been varied once, in Bradford On Avon (BOA). A 20mph speed limit was introduced on an 'A' road in Bradford On Avon because the speed limit assessment showed that the mean speed of traffic using the road was below 24mph so a reduction in speed limit would not impact on the primary function of an 'A' class road which is to enable the movement of motor vehicles.</p> <p>With respect to Wilton, and for absolute clarity, the introduction of a 20mph speed limit on the A30 through Wilton will only be considered if the traffic surveys undertaken as part of any speed limit assessment record the average speed of traffic using the A30 to be below 24mph. If the average speed of traffic on the A30 is recorded to be above 24mph then the current speed limit will remain in place.</p> <p>The cost of a speed limit assessment is £2,900. (LHFIG contribution £2,175 / TC contribution £725).</p>	<p>PCH commented that careful consideration would need to be given to where traffic surveys were undertaken to ensure they didn't cover too wider an area and reduced the chances of having a 20mph speed limit introduced. PS advised that the position of surveys would be agreed with the PC and the extent of any potential 20mph could be determined once the results of the traffic survey are known.</p> <p>That the Area Board approves the allocation of £2175 to allow this work to be undertaken.</p> <p>That the TC approves the allocation of £725 to allow this work to be undertaken.</p>	<p>Area Board</p> <p>TC</p>
g)	<p>Issue No: 14-23-18</p> <p>Barford St. Martin PC Request for NAL sockets on the A30</p>	<p>The PC have requested the installation of two NAL sockets on the A30 to enable the deployment of a SID.</p> <p>The estimated cost of this work is £810 (LHFIG contribution £607.50 / TC contribution £202.50. [Note: Figure includes a 25% contingency].</p>	<p>That the Area Board approves the allocation of £607.50 to allow this work to be undertaken.</p> <p>That the PC approves the allocation of £202.50 to allow this work to be undertaken.</p>	<p>Area Board</p> <p>PC</p>

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h)	<p>Issue No: 14-23-19</p> <p>Wilton TC Request for coloured surfacing on the A30 Minster Street.</p>	<p>The coloured surfacing used to highlight the informal crossing point on the A30 Minster Street is starting to wear away. The TC have requested that the coloured surfacing is re-laid.</p> <p>It should be noted that there is no legal requirement for advisory crossing points (such as the one on Minster Street in Wilton) to be highlighted with coloured surfacing. Wiltshire Council has moved away from replacing coloured surfacing as part of routine maintenance activities due to the relatively high costs and short lifespan of such material. Similarly, the Council has moved away from using coloured surfacing at advisory crossing points and village gateways for the same reasons. However, the group can fund the relaying of coloured surfacing if they determine it to be a scheme they wish to support.</p> <p>The estimated cost of this work is £1,885 (LHFIG contribution £1,413.75 / TC contribution £471.25. [Note: Figure includes a 25% contingency].</p>	<p>That the Area Board approves the allocation of £1413.75 to allow this work to be undertaken.</p> <p>That the PC approves the allocation of £471.25 to allow this work to be undertaken.</p>	<p>Area Board</p> <p>PC</p>
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5.	Other Issues			
a)	Tisbury PC 20mph Speed Limit Extension	Preparation of works order currently 75% complete. Works order to be issued to Milestone in December 2023.	That the update is noted	Area Board
b)	Issue No: 14-20-4 Hindon PC Stops Hill Traffic Calming	The road space has been booked for the 19 th February 2024 (for five days) and a street works permit obtained to allow the works to be undertaken.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
c)	Issue No: 14-20-11 Fovant PC A30/High Street Kerb Realignment	Design work 75% complete. Revised proposals to be circulated to the PC in November 2023. Proposals to be brought to the next meeting of the group for a funding decision.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
d)	Issue No: 14-21-7 Swallowcliffe PC Request for Unsuitable for HGVs sign at the junction of the A30 and Barber's Lane	Works programmed for the 14 th and 15 th December 2023.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
e)	Issue No: 14-21-10 Mere TC Request for speed limit assessment along Shaftesbury Road	Draft TRO submitted to the Legal Team for processing in October 2023. Formal TRO consultation period expected to commence in December 2023. Exact date of the TRO consultation period to be supplied to the TC when known.	That the update is noted	Area Board

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f)	Issue No: 14-21-11 Tollard Royal PC Investigations into whether virtual footways could be provided in Tollard Royal	Design work 50% complete. Revised proposals to be circulated to the PC in December 2023. Proposals to be brought to the next meeting of the group for a funding decision.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
g)	Issue No: 14-21-12 Ansty PC Request for a 20mph speed limit.	Officers, in liaison with the PC, have submitted a request to the Cabinet Member for Highways seeking their consent to introduce a sign only 20mph speed restriction introduced in Ansty. Discussion and consideration from the Cabinet Member (and Director of Highways) is ongoing. It is anticipated that the Cabinet Member will ask for the production of a formal Cabinet Member Decision report in advance of them making a decision on this matter. Confirmation on the need to produce a Cabinet Member Decision report expected in December 2023.	That the update is noted	Area Board
h)	Issue No: 14-22-02 East Knoyle PC Request for the provision of additional Unsuitable for HGV signage at junction of Church Rails and Holloway / Church Road.	Project passed to the Signing Team to progress. Design works commenced in August 2023. Revised proposals to be circulated to the PC in November 2023. Subject to the PC agreeing the proposals works pack to be issued to the contractor in December 2023.	That the update is noted.	Area Board

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i)	Issue No: 14-22-04 Chilmark PC Request for a 'Blind Summit' warning sign.	Signing works undertaken in September 2023. To reduce costs to the group and PC the laying of the SLOW marking will be undertaken alongside the lining works at Item 5j .	That the update is noted.	Area Board
j)	Issue No: 14-22-06 Chilmark PC Request for extension of existing edge of carriageway line	Works pack issued to Milestone in October 2023. Awaiting programming of works by contractor.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
k)	Issue No: 14-22-07 Tisbury PC Request to convert a limited waiting parking bay in the High Street to a disabled parking bay.	Works pack issued to Milestone in October 2023. Awaiting programming of works by contractor.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
l)	Issue No: 14-22-08 Hindon PC Request for 'Pedestrians in Road' warning signs.	As requested at the previous meeting the PC would like to keep this issue on the agenda for revisiting in the future. PC to advise if they wish to proceed with this issue at this time.	PC to advise how they wish to proceed with this issue in due course.	PC
m)	Issue No: 14-22-14 Wilton TC Request for pedestrian crossing facility in South Street.	Design work not yet commenced. Design work will only commence following completion of the design work for Items 5c and 5f .	That the update is noted.	Area Board

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n)	Issue No: 14-22-15 Mere TC Improvements to Rights of Way MERE50 and MERE66.	The bid submitted to the Substantive LHFIG fund for match funding to allow the TC to take forward the project to provide better pedestrian access to and from the town centre via MERE50 and MERE66 was successful. The TC are currently developing the proposals and preparing tender material.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
o)	Issue No: 14-22-19 Fovant PC Request for Pedestrians in Road Warning Signs	Traffic Signing Team have raised a query regarding one of the proposed locations of the signs. PS to discuss issue with PC. Subject to resolving the issue issued raised by the Traffic Signing Team the works order will be issued in November 2023.	PS to discuss query raised by the Traffic Signing Team with the PC.	PS
p)	Issue No: 14-23-02 Wilton TC Request for parking bays in Market Square to be resized to make them easier to use.	Works pack issued to Milestone in October 2023. Awaiting programming of works by contractor.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
q)	Issue No: 14-23-03 Stourton with Gasper PC Request for the provision of two Oncoming Vehicles in Middle of Road warning signs in Stourton Lane	Works allocated to the Traffic Signing Team. Project awaiting allocation to an engineer to produce the works order. Traffic Signing Team have indicated that they anticipate having resource available in December 2023 to start working on this project.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
r)	Issue No: 14-23-08 Wilton TC Request for improvements to address safety concerns at junction of North Street and Crow Lane.	Works allocated to the Traffic Signing Team. Project awaiting allocation to an engineer to produce the works order. Traffic Signing Team have indicated that they anticipate having resource available in December 2023 to start working on this project.	That the update is noted.	Area Board

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s)	Issue No: 14-23-11 Dinton PC Request for 7.5t weight limit on Steep Hollow and Sandhills Road	The PC have requested the introduction of a 7.5t weight limit on Steep Hollow and Sandhills Road to address inappropriate use of these roads by HGVs. The PC have submitted traffic survey applications to determine the overall level of HGV use of Steep Hollow and Sandhills Road, the results of which will help to determine if the introduction of a formal weight restriction is necessary. Group to consider this issue further once the results of the traffic survey are known.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
t)	Issue No: 14-23-12 Fovant PC Request for an improved footway outside of The Greater Good Pub	Design work currently ongoing with Apprentice Engineer. Proposals to be issued to the PC for comment in December 2023. This item is being progressed in tandem with the Item 5u .	That the update is noted.	Area Board
u)	Issue No: 14-23-13 Fovant PC Request for a footway at the junction of High Street and Tisbury Road	Design work currently ongoing with Apprentice Engineer. Proposals to be issued to the PC for comment in December 2023. This item is being progressed in tandem with the Item 5t .	That the update is noted.	Area Board
v)	Issue No: 14-23-14 Bishopstone PC Broad Chalke PC Request for a speed limit assessment on the C12	Atkins first availability to undertake this speed limit assessment is January 2024. Brief for speed limit assessment to be issued in December 2023.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
w)	Issue No: 14-23-15 Donhead St. Andrew PC Request to replace two stiles with kissing gates.	Funding transferred to the PC to enable them to take forward their project to replace two stiles in the parish with kissing gates. PC to advise when works have been completed so issue can be closed.	That the update is noted.	Area Board

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6.	Closed Issues			
a)	Issue No: 14-20-5 Tisbury PC The Quarry / Weaveland Road Narrow Road	All works complete. Issue has been closed.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
b)	Issue No: 14-21-5 Sutton Mandeville PC Request for Unsuitable for HGVs sign at the junction of the A30 and Glasses Lane	All works complete. Issue has been closed.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
c)	Issue No: 14-21-6 Sutton Mandeville PC Request for Unsuitable for HGVs sign at the junction of the A30 and Sutton Hill	All works complete. Issue has been closed.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
d)	Issue No: 14-21-9 Kilmington PC Request for pedestrians in road warning signs in The Street.	All works complete. Issue has been closed.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
e)	Issue No: 14-22-20 Donhead St. Mary PC Request for two School Keep Clear markings at Ludwell Primary School	All works complete. Issue has been closed.	That the update is noted.	Area Board

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7.	Other Items			
a)	Highway Maintenance Update	<p>DB advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That staff resources in the Local Highways Office had improved. He had a new technician (Jordan Tidd) working with him in the South West Wiltshire Community Area. A new Technical Officer had recently started so back-office administration issues were now better resourced. A new engineer had also started this month. • Pothole reports had recently increased following the recent wet weather and were likely to remain high over the winter period. The pothole gang resource from Milestone was currently working well. • There are two hot material gangs, the hand gang who can do up to 20m² per day (and was currently achieving good outputs, and the small machine (Bobcat) gang that could patch up to 60m² per day. The small machine gang would be in the community area for two weeks before Christmas. • The velocity (jet) patching programme in the community area was disappointing and he was pushing for improvements to be made to this service. • The annual grass cutting programme had been ongoing for a month or so and would carry on until Christmas. The grip cutting programme will commencing shortly, the start of the programme had been slightly delayed as Milestone sought to employ additional tractor drivers to undertake this work. 	That the update is noted.	Area Board

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The gully tanker is currently undertaking lots of ad-hoc visits in response issues being identified. The larger vector gully tanker is very large and is struggling to fit into some of the narrow lanes. In response a small jetter had been brought in for a day but would need to return to the area to undertake further works. • The Wiltshire Council Sewer Tanker Service has been suspended for 10 months or so and would not be coming back on stream until January 2024 at the earliest. • Resources issue has meant that many of the major resurfacing schemes had not yet been delivered the Major Maintenance Team. Ray McKenzie (the officer responsible for delivery those schemes) was currently preparing a revised programme for 2024 and DB was pushing for the works in South West Wiltshire to be undertaken as soon as possible in the revised programme. The Major Maintenance Team were also seeking to bring back a verge overrun programme in the new financial year. • Reactive surfacing is where areas up to 400m² are resurfaced. Wishford Road in Water Ditchampton and Shaftesbury Road had recently been undertaken through this programme. Most of the sites he had put forward had been costed and he was hopeful these sites would be picked up before the end of the financial year. • He was still awaiting the JCB ditch clearing resource and would be undertaking a small programme of works in the community area once it became available. 		
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DB advised the group that the programme to replace faded and degraded signs using the extra funding made available this financial was ongoing and that the PC could report issues with signs via MyWilts. • The road markings repainting programme had finished for this financial year. Poor weather has meant that a small amount of the work will need to be rolled forward into the next financial year. 		
8.	Date of Next Meeting:	7 th February 2024		

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1. Environmental & Community Implications

1.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the LHFIG during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent, and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

2. Financial Implications

2.1. All decisions must fall within the Highways funding allocated to the South West Wiltshire Area Board.

2.2. If funding is allocated in line with LHFIG recommendations outlined in this report, and all relevant 3rd party contributions are confirmed, South West Wiltshire Area Board will have a remaining highways funding balance of £0 in the LHFIG allocation available for the 2023/2024 financial year and will advance allocate £541.32 from the Area Board's allocation in the 2024/2025 financial year.

3. Legal Implications

3.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

4. HR Implications

4.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

5. Equality and Inclusion Implications

5.1 The schemes recommended to the Area Board will improve road safety for all users of the highway.

6. Safeguarding implications

6.1. There are no specific safeguarding implications related to this report.

South West Wiltshire Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the South West Wiltshire Area Board. These could include:
 - community area grants
 - youth grants
 - older and vulnerable people grants
 - area board initiatives
2. To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2023/24	£ 24,876.00	£ 21,148.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 12,217.02	£ 968.88	£ 3,000.00
Current Balance	£ 12,658.98	£ 20,179.12	£ 4,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ -3,812.90	£ 12,983.12	£ 3,200.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1403	Area Board Initiative	South West Wiltshire Area Board	Health and Wellbeing at the Lakes	£900.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: To facilitate a simple day of wellbeing activities at Langford Lakes for older people, including those living with frailties such as dementia. Activities will include a volunteer led, age suitable, arts and craft session and a Celebrating Age led musical activity. This will be the third health and wellbeing event of this nature held at Langford Lakes which has a very suitable venue in a beautiful natural setting.</p>					
ABG1404	Area Board Initiative	South West Wiltshire Area Board	Silent Disco	£500.00	£500.00

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p>Project Summary: Silent Disco's are one way in which older people can be encouraged to get active and socialise in a fun enjoyable setting. Partners, supported by Pound Arts, Corsham have formed a small organisation to deliver silent discos in the county. Mere's "Mere-kits Women's Institute" are a new group who would like to host a Silent Disco in spring 2024. The disco's involve older people being supported to come and dance, or to sit and sing, toe-tap and simply enjoy time together with mocktails and friendship. The head-sets can play a range of appropriate music and attendees could be listening - none-the-wiser - to a totally different piece of music to the person dancing next to them. Dancing, listening to music and sharing a space in this fun way can definitely lift the spirits for a moment.</p>					
ABG1405	Area Board Initiative	South West Wiltshire Area Board	Tech Savvy Sessions Round 3	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: To deliver a third series of digital inclusion sessions for older people, following on from the success of the first two rounds and the ongoing demand.</p>					
ABG1375	Community Area Grant	Hinton Hall Management Committee	Refurbishment of the East Window of Hinton Hall Tisbury	£8000.00	£4000.00
<p>Project Summary: Hinton Hall was the old village school, date 1843. The window to the kitchen is in desperate need of refurbishment. The window is a large area of thin glass in a poor and dangerous state and the kitchen gets very cold. Replacing the current single glazed windows with double glazing will also improve the security of the building.</p>					
ABG1396	Community Area Grant	The Fonthill Gifford Recreation Hut	The Fonthill Gifford Recreation Hut Disabled Toilet Installation	£5000.00	£2500.00
<p>Project Summary: The current toilets are not accessible for disabled or less able users and generally require repair and modification. We propose removal of the existing dilapidated gents toilets, repair of the female toilet which will become a unisex toilet and the creation of a new unisex accessible toilet. This modification will ensure the Hut continues to provide a community space which is inclusive and accessible by all.</p>					
ABG1417	Community Area Grant	Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall	Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall New Usage	£9943.76	£4971.88

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p>Project Summary: The Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall serves the villages of Ebbesbourne Wake, Alvediston and Fifield Bavant. It has funded itself over the past 25 years through renting out its space during the daytime to a nursery, fitting in village functions in the evening, weekends and holidays. This provided a regular income and contributions to heating and electricity which financed the upkeep of the hall. The nursery has closed in July 2023 and the hall needs to find new revenue streams and needs to make the hall usable for new daytime use options. The hall has been built in 1987 as a community effort and has not had any major renovations since then. In September, the village hall committee has consulted the villages on how they would like to see the hall used in the future and is now preparing the hall infrastructure to meet the demand for more social functions during the day time, sports classes and attractiveness for function hire. Income from these will be essential in addition to the regular fundraising activities throughout the year that the committee is organising. The work will include changes to the outdated and not properly functioning lighting with more flexible lighting options, making do of wall surfaces after the works, replacing broken toilet infrastructure and replacing the flooring across the toilet and kitchen areas with a new surface that covers broken floor areas, is safer and easier to keep hygienic. It will also include investing in new and more comfortable seating to cater for the aging population and make the hall usable for smaller community interest groups that would like to use the hall. The village hall committee will carry out other works through community effort to update the hall, but a major investment is required now to ensure the viability of maintaining the hall for a very remote community and give it a new lease of life for new daytime hires. The village hall is lucky to have reasonable reserves at the moment, however, it covers a large site with a playing field, a pavilion, a playground and a car park in addition to the large hall itself which all require investment into aging infrastructure and to cope with the change of use. These total costs exceed the means of the village hall committee. Ongoing maintenance of this is high, but essential to provide amenities in a remote section of the valley for all ages groups.</p>					
ABG1418	Community Area Grant	Zeals Village Hall	Zeals Village Hall Rebuild to coping stones and gables	£15357.60	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Dismantle, supply and rebuild, fix new corbels, kneeler, brickwork section and coping to both sides of gable in lime</p>					
ABG1384	Youth Grant	Fovant Youth Club	Fovant Youth Club Furniture	£4392.00	£2196.00
<p>Project Summary: To improve the use of the building which we own, we would like to increase the number of chairs (60) and replace/ enhance the number of tables by 10. Additionally we would like to increase our outside storage area with a shed not exceeding 8ft x 6ft.</p>					
ABG1420	Youth Grant	Seeds4Success	Leisure Credits Scheme	£22719.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Leisure Credits is a social action initiative delivered by Seeds4Success, where young people aged 12+ carry out a range of volunteering jobs within the local community that are of benefit to the environment or others and in return young people earn credits for their work. Sessions run on alternate Saturdays throughout the year as well as on most Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school holidays. This project benefits the young participants, through developing a range of social and practical skills as well as the wider community, through young people helping with community events, improving the large network of rights of way or enhancing local play areas.</p>					

Background

3. Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council's website.
4. Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:
 - Community Area Grants (capital)
 - Youth Grants (revenue)
 - Older and Vulnerable People Grants (revenue)
5. The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

Main Considerations

6. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young persons funding guidelines have been adhered to.
7. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
8. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

Safeguarding Implications

9. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Public Health Implications

10. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Environmental & Climate Change Implications

11. Grant funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

Financial Implications

12. Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

Legal Implications

13. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

Workforce Implications

14. There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

Equalities Implications

15. Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.
16. Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

Proposals

17. To consider and determine the applications for grant funding.

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