

AGENDA

Meeting: Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board
Place: Clyffe Pypard and Bushton Village Hall, Bushton, Swindon, SN4 7PX
Date: Wednesday 26 June 2024
Time: 6.30 pm

Including the Parishes of: Broad Hinton, Winterbourne Bassett, Braydon, Broad Town, Clyffe Pypard, Cricklade, Latton, Lydiard Millicent, Lydiard Tregoze, Lyneham and Bradenstoke, Marston Meysey, Purton, Tockenham and Royal Wootton Bassett.

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Networking opportunity from 6:00pm.

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Wiltshire Councillors

CLlr David Bowler, Royal Wootton Bassett South & West
CLlr Allison Bucknell, Lyneham
CLlr Steve Bucknell, Royal Wootton Bassett East
CLlr Mary Champion, Royal Wootton Bassett North
CLlr Nick Dye, Cricklade & Latton Division
CLlr Jacqui Lay, Purton

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Items to be considered	Time
<u>Networking</u>	
A chance to meet your Wiltshire Councillors from 6:00pm .	
<p>1 Election of Chairman (<i>Pages 1 - 2</i>)</p> <p>The Democratic Services Officer will preside over the election of the Chairman for the forthcoming year.</p>	6:30pm
<p>2 Election of Vice-Chairman</p> <p>To elect a Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.</p>	
<p>3 Apologies for Absence</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>4 Minutes (<i>Pages 3 - 52</i>)</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2024 as a true and correct record.</p>	6:35pm
<p>5 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>6 Chairman's Updates</p> <p>The Chairman will give updates including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clyffe Pypard Parish Council will change to Clyffe Pypard and Bushton Parish Council in 2025. 	
<p>7 Information Items (<i>Pages 53 - 82</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community First • Age UK • Healthwatch Wiltshire • Update from BSW Together (Integrated Care Board) • Neighbourhood Crime Figures Search by Police Team • Wiltshire Council Consultation Portal • Wiltshire Council Information Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Local Nature Recovery Strategy ○ Lime Kiln Leisure Centre Temporary Changing Room and Pool Closure 	6:40pm
<p>8 Lyneham Banks Update</p> <p>To receive an update from Octavius Infrastructure about the</p>	6:45pm

progress towards reinstating the road at Lyneham Banks.

9 **Spotlight on Parishes and Partners** (*Pages 83 - 108*)

7:00pm

To receive updates from our key partners, including:

Verbal Updates

To receive any verbal updates from representatives, including:

- a. Wiltshire Police
- b. Parish and Town Councils

Written Updates

The Board is asked to note the following written and online updates attached to the agenda:

- a. Wiltshire Police
- b. Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership
- c. Purton Parish Council
- d. Cricklade Town Council

10 **Our Community Matters**

7:20pm

Updates from Area Board members on the Community Area Action Plan.

10a **Area Board - End of Year Report** (*Pages 109 - 112*)

To receive a report from the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager about the progress that the Area Board has made towards its priorities over the past year.

10b **Youth Forum**

Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Youth Forum update – Cllr Allison Bucknell

Royal Wootton Bassett Youth Festivals update – Cllr Allison Bucknell

10c **RWB and Cricklade Environment Forum**

Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Environment Forum and resilience update - Cllr Steve Bucknell

10d **RWB&C Community Care Group** (*Pages 113 - 116*)

To receive an update from the last meeting of the Community Care Group held on 13 June 2024.

Cllr Mary Champion and Cllr David Bowler

10e **Economy**

The household economy - Cllr Jacqui Lay

The High Street economy

10f **Community Joint Strategic Needs Assessment - Area Board Priorities - Looking Ahead to 2024/25**

The Area Board will receive an update on the Community Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) from the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager Andrew Jack. The Area Board will then agree its priority areas for the forthcoming year.

11 **Community Safety Forum** (*Pages 117 - 118*)

7:50pm

To receive updates from the recent meetings of the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Safety Forum.

12 **Appointment of Representatives** (*Pages 119 - 128*)

7:55pm

To appoint lead members to the:

- RAF Fairford Liaison Group
- Community Area Safety Forum
- Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)

To note the terms of reference of the LHFIG.

13 **Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)** (*Pages 129 - 152*)

8:00pm

To note the minutes and consider any recommendations arising from the latest LHFIG meeting held on 22 May 2024, as set out in the attached report.

Recommendations:

- 11-23-10 A3102 Wootton Bassett Infants School (School Keep Clear). Allocate £1,500.00 (RWB TC 25% - £375.00)
- 11-24-22 Cricklade Town centre Sign review. Allocate £3,855.59 (Cricklade TC 25% - £963.00)
- 11-23-19 Tockenham Passing Bay. Allocate £12,000.00 (Tockenham PC 25% - £3,000)
- 11-24-11 Broad Town Speed Limit Assessment. Allocate £3,100.00 (Broad Town PC 25% - £775.00)
- 11-24-04 High Street (East of Willis Way) Bus stop Clearway x 2 Allocate £1,500.00 (Purton PC 25% - £375.00)

Further information on the LHFIG process can be found [here](#).

14 **Funding Applications** (*Pages 153 - 156*)

8:10pm

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 Grants: £24,639
Older & Vulnerable People's Grants: £7,700
Young People's Grants: £19,916

Area Board Initiative

ABG1874 – Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Care Group requesting £500 for community support.

Community Area Grants:

ABG1473 – Royal Wootton Bassett Environment Trust requesting £5,000 towards Active Travel Network design.

ABG1833 – Royal Wootton Bassett Otters Swimming Club requesting £2,672 towards swimming blocks.

Older & Vulnerable People's Grants:

ABG1794 – Royal Wootton Bassett Reengage Tea Party Group requesting £425 towards their 50th anniversary celebrations.

Young People's Grants:

ABG1857 – Wootton Bassett Gardening Club requesting £1,900 towards stage 2 enhancements at Vale View Gardens.

Delegated Funding:

The Area Board is asked to note any funding awards made under the Delegated Funding Process, by the Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager, between meetings due to matters of urgency:

ABG1649 – Wiltshire Music Centre requesting £500 towards Celebrating Age Wiltshire's creative mini project in Royal Wootton Bassett Library.

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

An open, public question and answer session to raise issues with your local representative (please note that if answers cannot be provided on the night, written responses will be provided after the meeting).

16 **Urgent items**

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

17 **Close and Future Meeting Dates**

8:30pm

Future Meeting Dates (6:30-8:30pm):

- 9 October 2024
- 11 December 2024
- 12 March 2025

(Networking from 6pm)

For information on applying for a grant or grant application deadlines for these meetings, please contact the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager
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Procedure for the Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman

The Democratic Services representative will call for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Area Board and preside over the election. A Member's nomination must be seconded to be valid. A Member shall not be nominated in their absence without their written consent.

In the event of only one valid nomination being received the person presiding will declare the nominated Member elected.

In the case of two valid nominations the Democratic Services representative will ask for a show of hands from those Members in favour of each Member and declare the candidate receiving the majority of votes of the Members present and voting, to be the winner.

In the case of an equality of votes for the two candidates, the Democratic Services representative shall draw lots, or an equivalent method to break the tie, to determine the winner of the election and then declare the result.

In the case of three or more valid nominations being made, the Democratic Services Representative will call for a show of hands for each of the candidates. The Democratic Services representative will then announce the candidate with the least number of votes and that candidate will be eliminated (in the case of a tie for the least number of votes, the Democratic Services representative shall draw lots or use an equivalent method to determine which candidate to be eliminated). A further vote shall be taken for the remaining candidates and after each vote the candidate with the least number of votes shall be eliminated until only two candidates remain and a final vote taken.

The newly elected Chairman of the Area Board shall then preside over the election of the Vice-Chairman in the manner described above with the ability to use a casting vote in the event of an equality of votes.

MINUTES

Meeting: Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board
Place: Lyneham Primary School, Preston Lane, Lyneham, Chippenham,
SN15 4QJ
Date: 13 March 2024
Start Time: 6.30 pm
Finish Time: 9.16 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Allison Bucknell (Chairman), Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Steve Bucknell and
Cllr Jacqui Lay

Cllr Nic Puntis (Portfolio Holder for Flooding) and Cllr Caroline Thomas

Wiltshire Council Officers

Sam Howell (Director Highways and Transport),
Jason Salter (Head of Service for Passenger Transport)
Chris Clark (Head of Local Highways)
Jack Francis (Highway Project Engineer)
Mary Noyce (Technical Team Manager, Highway Operations)
Andrew Jack (Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager)
Dom Argar (Assistant Multimedia Officer)
Matt Hitch (Democratic Services Officer)

Total in attendance: 55

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
21	<p data-bbox="336 376 683 414"><u>Welcome and Overview</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 443 1487 517">The Chairman welcomed attendees to the meeting and gave an overview of the procedure.</p>
22	<p data-bbox="336 548 880 586"><u>Highway and Transport Presentations</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 616 1487 689">The Area Board received a presentation from the following officers and councillors:</p> <ul data-bbox="384 728 1487 996" style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam Howell (Director Highways and Transport), • Jason Salter (Head of Service for Passenger Transport) • Chris Clark (Head of Local Highways) • Jack Francis (Highway Project Engineer) • Cllr Caroline Thomas (Cabinet Member for Transport, Street Scene, and Flooding) • Cllr Nic Puntis (Portfolio Holder for Flooding) <p data-bbox="336 1034 1343 1072">The presentation covered, but was not limited to, the following matters:</p> <p data-bbox="336 1178 536 1216">Introduction:</p> <p data-bbox="336 1254 1487 1435">An overview of the Wiltshire transport context was provided, including how the highway network represented the Council’s largest and most valuable public asset with a replacement value of over £5billion including over 2,800 miles of road. There were 346 miles of A roads, 199 miles of B roads, 1,037 miles of C roads and 1,247 miles of unclassified road.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1473 1487 1547">The relation of Highways and Transport to the Wiltshire Council Business Plan was outlined.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1585 1487 1659">Statistics were provided about the number of assets that needed to be maintained, including 50,000 streetlights.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1765 748 1803">Investment in the Network:</p> <ul data-bbox="384 1841 1487 1991" style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of the funding available to Highways Maintenance was outlined, including that there was a Highways Maintenance fund of £21million, which was topped up by additional funds, such as a £3.6 million pothole fund.

- Other sources of funding top ups were covered, including additional investment from Wiltshire Council of £10 million for preventative maintenance and further Government funding to span a two-year period. By the end of financial year 2024/25 Wiltshire would have received an additional £5.228 million from the curtailment of the HS2 rail project.
- It was noted that as a local authority, Wiltshire was robust and had a preventative eye. The importance of prioritising issues was outlined.

The Local Transport Plan:

- The importance of having a Local Transport Plan was outlined, with it setting a framework for maintaining and improving transport in Wiltshire.
- The importance of the Local Transport Plan aligning with the Local Plan Review to help deliver Wiltshire Council's Business Plan priorities was stated, with key themes identified including decarbonisation, freight, road safety and active travel.
- It was noted that there would be plenty of opportunities to be involved in the consultation for the Local Transport Plan.

Public Transport Review:

- An overview was provided about the public transport review, which would aim to shape the future bus policy as well as priorities for support.
- There had been over 1,000 responses to the consultation, which ended on 10 November 2023.
- The aim was for a new policy and network to be implemented from April 2024.

Highways Maintenance:

It was explained that the Council had three different approaches to maintenance:

- Reactive Maintenance - Responding to issues as they arise, such as repairing potholes or replacing damaged signs.

- Planned Maintenance - Scheduling regular maintenance tasks to prevent issues from arising in the first place or getting worse.
- Asset Maintenance - Taking a long-term view of highways maintenance and involves evaluating the condition of roads and infrastructure and prioritising maintenance tasks based on factors like condition, safety, cost, and rate of deterioration.
- An overview of benchmarking for Highways was provided following a 2022 South West Road condition scanner survey. Furthermore, it was noted that this data was used to prioritise investment.
- An explanation of why so many potholes have occurred was provided as well as detail regarding interim and permanent repairs. It was noted that there had been a particularly hot summer in 2022 followed by a very wet autumn. Interim repairs were required to make roads safe in the short term whilst programming in more extensive repairs.
- Greater automation was being bought in including a Bobcat machine to speed up road repairs by cutting out damaged sections of road.
- It was noted that officers had a defect dashboard which enables them to monitor real time data relating to reported and completed defects by area.
- Flood prevention work was outlined, with it noted that the gullies of A and B roads were emptied annually with 5,500 gullies classed as high risk.

Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)

- The role and makeup of the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade LHFIG was outlined as well as areas which they could fund.
- It was stated that currently the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade LHFIG had 17 live projects with a budget of £91,431.

Parish Stewards:

- The role of Parish Stewards was outlined, with it noted that there were 18 Parish Stewards, one for each Area Board, who work with representatives in their parishes to ensure all work requests are clear and are logged for review before they start the work.
- Parish Stewards worked on small-scale discretionary highway works and also worked alongside a support gang on larger scale projects when demand and capacity allowed.

Public Transport

- It was explained that bus services fell into two categories, commercial and the supported network.
- Wiltshire Council invested well in public transport compared to the national average with £5.5 million spent on the supported network each year.
- There were plans to increase demand responsive transport. A trial in Pewsey Vale had been successful and had seen a 50 percent increase in users compared to a fixed timetabled service. The service had been funded using a £1.2 million grant from the Government's Rural Mobility Fund. 85 percent of those using the service in Pewsey Vale had booked using an app. It was noted that there used to be a service called the Bassett Boomerang and that options for a replacement service could be considered.
- The local number 55 and 53 bus would get more evening and Sunday services.

Verge and Litter Clearance:

- It was outlined that grounds maintenance and street cleaning in the Royal Wootton Bassett boundary was the responsibility of Wiltshire Council.
- Litter collection of main routes and trunk roads had received an extra investment of £0.3m in 2023/24.
- Enforcement resources were being increased to tackle the issues of fly tipping and rural littering.
- The following Wiltshire Council campaigns were outlined 'We're Targeting Fly-Tippers' and 'Don't Mess with Wiltshire'.

Lyneham Banks:

- The B4069 was closed following a landslide in February 2022.
- Once the ground had settled, ground investigations were carried out in late 2022 and early 2023.
- Multiple options for reinstating the road had been investigated and funding had been approved for the works.
- A tender had gone out for the work and a number of bids had been received from potential contractors.
- Details of how the project would be delivered would be shared in due course and the public would be kept updated [online](#) and through a quarterly newsletter.

Wiltshire Road Safety Partnership

The Area Board received a presentation from Perry Payne (Wiltshire Road Safety Partnership Manager). The presentation covered, but was not limited to, the following matters:

Partnership Work and Community Road Safety Team:

- The composition and role of Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership working was outlined. The group was made up of a number of partners including, Wiltshire Council, Swindon Borough Council, the Ministry of Defence, the South West Ambulance Service and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC).
- The role of education was emphasised, including an awareness of the 'Fatal 5' causes of road traffic accidents.
- An overview of the work conducted by the Community Road Safety Team was provided.

Community Speed Watch in the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area:

- The role of the Community Speed Watch Teams in the area was discussed, with data from July 2020 to February 2024 provided, including that a total of 324 speed watches had been carried out with 5,109 letters provided to offenders.
- The role of Traffic Surveys was discussed, 42 of which were undertaken in the Area Board's area between October 2020 and January 2024. 12 areas were recognised as needing speed education.

Roads Policing Unit:

- The role of the Roads Policing Unit was discussed, with previous examples of their enforcement work cited. 2,071 tickets were issued to motorists for road related offences between October and December 2023.

Forensic Collision Investigation Unit (FCUI):

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of the FCUI was outlined with it noted that approximately 90 road traffic collision deployments (25-30 fatalities) were attended each year. <p>Community Speed Enforcement Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of Community Speed Enforcement Officers was outlined, with it noted that though these were not police officers they did have enforcement powers. County-wide statistics from January 2023 to March 2024 were provided, with 8,433 speed awareness courses issued, 1,114 fines and points issued and 101 people having to attend court for their speeding offences. In the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area, 367 speed awareness courses had been issued with 34 fines and points. No individuals had been sent to court for speeding offences.
23	<p><u>Question and Answer Session</u></p> <p>Thanks were given by the Area Board for the presentation. The Chairman asked for further information on a couple of issues that she felt were important for local residents:</p> <p>Question – Chairman: Was there any further information available about the progress towards the Royal Wootton Bassett to Swindon Cycleway, such as a timeline for the works?</p> <p>Answer: A design had been completed by National Highways following detailed survey work on third party land. A contractor had been appointed by National Highways, who would be providing most of the funding for the scheme. The scheme was ready to enter the planning permission stage and details about the timeline would be provided in due course. The Director of Highways at Wiltshire Council noted that she was meeting with the Regional Director at National Highways so would receive further information at that meeting.</p> <p>Question – Chairman: Please could we have information about Wiltshire Council’s verge cutting policy on rural roads?</p> <p>Answer: Wiltshire Council had moved from a policy of cutting through May and June on all rural roads, to a policy of just cutting the areas of poor visibility. This approach helped to improve the biodiversity of the highway verge by enabling wildflower pollinators. The full network was cut in September. Parish councils were welcome to comment on the policy in their areas.</p> <p>An open question and answer session took place co-ordinated by the Area Board’s Chairman. Questions raised included:</p> <p>Question - Jason Cook (Royal Wootton Bassett Environment Trust): Why</p>

were over 50 mature trees removed from the A3102 and what is the plan to replace these trees?

Answer: Unfortunately, it had been necessary to remove a number of mature trees due to ash dieback and to improve visibility at junctions. A number of self-seeded trees on the road had had to be removed. Work was being undertaken to improve safety along the A3102 using funding from the Department for Transport's Safer Roads Fund. Efforts were made to plant replacement trees where possible. Wiltshire Council had recently recruited more officers to Grant Application and Planting Support (GAPS) Team.

The Chairman noted that she would have welcomed improved communication of the tree felling in advance of the project.

Mark Hopkins, Clerk at Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council, noted that they had a gift a tree scheme. He stated that he would welcome a more efficient process for planting trees on Wiltshire Council owned land.

Question - Jason Cook (Royal Wootton Bassett Environment Trust): What is Wiltshire Council's policy on collecting the cuttings after verge clearance?

Answer: Trials for 'cut and collect' were being run along the A350 corridor in areas wide enough and where the risings could be composted down. Wiltshire Council had been monitoring 'cut and collect' trails undertaken in Dorset and were keen to adopt the policy more widely. However, there were often constraints in implementing this policy on narrower verges.

Question – Stephen Kelleher: What is being done about speeding on the junction next to Purton Stoke towards Hayes Knoll?

Answer: The Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) had agreed improved signage and road markings.

Question – Mike Floyd: What gully maintenance was being carried out along the cycle path between Lyneham and Goatacre and why did grass cutting stop halfway along the route?

Answer: Cycleways were a key priority for Wiltshire Council and they were working with Active Travel England to review the network. When a gully was excavated the cleared material was piled neatly on the verge to allow invertebrates to escape. The Parish Steward Support Gang could help with gully clearance along main roads.

The Chairman noted that the grass was cut by the Ministry of Defence which was why it stopped part way along the route. She reported that the possibility of adding a cycleway to the A3102 had been investigated but the road was found to be too narrow.

Question – Tony Clements (Cricklade Town Council): Could the B4040 between Old Sodbury and the A419 be redesignated to prohibit freight traffic?

Answer: Wiltshire Council was working on revising its Freight Strategy from 2026. There was a key push to get heavy goods vehicles on the right roads and to avoid rat runs.

Question - Derek Williams: Given that the closure of the B4069 at Lyneham Banks had pushed a greater volume of traffic on to other local roads, causing damage to verges, were there any plans to repair the verges?

Answer: Localised repairs were undertaken but often sustained further damage shortly after due to the temporary increase in traffic. Once the B4069 was reopened a large programme of works would be undertaken to repair the verges damaged during the traffic diversion. Works were due to take place in the next few days to repair damage to Clack Hill caused by the increased volume of traffic.

Statement - David Arnold: Repairs had been made to Restrop Road in Purton and they had got recourse for the works as the top dressing was disappearing.

Question – public: Would replacing rumble strips really slow down traffic? What was being done in relation to road safety around schools?

Answer: Safety was at the heart of Wiltshire Council's work and many studies had demonstrated that rumble strips did influence driver behaviour. The LHFIFG was able to provide localised interventions in relation to road safety.

Question – Robert Collis: Is Clack Hill closed all night tonight?

Answer: 9:30pm – 3:30am.

Question – Ann Kingdon: The road sweeping and gully clearing along the A3102 near Lyneham was welcomed. What was being done to tackle grass overgrowing kerbs and blocking drains on roads between villages?

Answer: Road sweeping was primarily carried out on main roads where there was an overgrowth of material. The Highways Team had a special verge plough to remove vegetation and help prevent adverse impacts on drainage.

Question - Geoff Greenaway (Purton Parish Council): When will damaged chevrons, signage and potholes in Purton be repaired? A pothole was reported on 7 November and had interim repairs after Christmas but is in need of a permanent solution.

Answer: Wiltshire Council aimed to replace signs within six months and there had recently been increases in funding to help deal with signage issues. A Bobcat machine was being used to speed up road patching. Although interim

repairs were used to resolve safety issues, the recent wet weather had impacted the durability of some repairs. It was noted that safety defects did need to be repaired within specific time frame. Once potholes were reported they were given a priority rating by engineers. Priority 1 repairs needed to be fixed by the end of the following day, Priority 2 were required to be repaired within 14 days and Priority 3 potholes within 30 days.

Question - Geoff Greenaway (Purton Parish Council): If a broadband provider digs up the road and causes damage, who is responsible for repairs?

Answer: It is for utility companies to cause any defects caused by them in the first instance. Wiltshire Council would carry out inspections on a proportion of the work to ensure it has been completed correctly. If it has to step in to undertake repairs, costs can be recharged to the utility provider.

Question - Mark Hopkins (Clerk at Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council): When will the parking machines in Borough Fields car park be fixed? If Wiltshire Council was unable to resolve the issues, could the town council be given responsibility for running the car park?

Answer: Wiltshire Council had started a procurement exercise for new parking machines in 2023, but the process had had to be delayed to a legal challenge from a company that had been unsuccessful in the tender process. However, a contract had now been issued and replacement machines were expected within the next three months. Although cash machines were more expensive to operate, Wiltshire Council was committed to maintaining the option of cash payments. Connectivity issues were being resolved for card payments, Apple Pay and Google Pay.

Question – Nev Surtees (Savills): Given the local housing allocations in Wiltshire’s emerging Local Plan, were there any plans to improve the road between Royal Wootton Bassett and Junction 16 of the M4?

Answer: The Local Plan review did include a transport assessment, as well as consideration of other infrastructure such as schooling and healthcare needs. National Highways would be consulted on new housing in the local area given the potential impact on the motorway junction. There were no plans to implement a bus lane on the road between Royal Wootton Bassett and the M4. A detailed assessment of each proposed development would be undertaken as applications came forward.

Question – Cllr Steve Bucknell: Are parish councils consulted with directly about Wiltshire Council’s freight strategy?

Answer: Parish councils would be consulted about the Freight Strategy.

Question – Cllr Steve Bucknell: Is there any data about the quality and response times for pothole repairs and has there been an impact since the

	<p>change of contractor for the highway maintenance contract to Milestone?</p> <p>Answer: It was acknowledged that it had been a challenging winter for potholes, but this was primary due to the weather conditions rather than a change in contractor. It was noted that Wiltshire Council had key performance indicators with its contractors, including a performance defect dashboard. Regular inspections of the work carried out were undertaken. Feedback from residents was welcomed to help monitor the quality of work.</p>
24	<p><u>Session Summary and Next Steps</u></p> <p>The Director of Highways noted that answers would be provided to pre-submitted questions in addition to the queries answered on the night.</p> <p>Cllr Jacqui Lay noted that she would pass on queries she received from residents and asked that answers could be attached to the minutes along with the other written questions submitted in advance.</p>
25	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Mary Champion • Phil Heads - Chair, Royal Wootton Bassett Volleyball Club • Bridget Long – Headteacher at Broad Town Primary School • Andy Bunn – Cricklade Leisure Centre
26	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Steve Bucknell declared an Other Registerable Interest in relation to Item 11, that he was a member of Royal Wootton Bassett Rugby Club. He would remain in the room and participate as a member of the public but not vote on their application.</p> <p>Cllr Steve Bucknell declared a further Other Registerable Interest in relation to Item 11, that he was a member of Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council. It was noted that under Wiltshire Council’s Code of Conduct it was possible to participate fully in the debate and vote without a need for a dispensation in respect of membership of a town or parish council.</p>
27	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr Steve Bucknell, seconded by Cllr David Bowler, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p><u>Decision</u> To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2024 as a true and correct record.</p>

28	<p><u>Chairman's Updates and Information Items</u></p> <p>The Chairman then referred the Area Board to the following updates available in the agenda pack:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, pg. 13-14 • Local Nature Recovery Strategy, pg. 15-16 • Wiltshire Best Kept Village Competition, pg. 17 • Wiltshire Cultural Strategy 2024-30, pg. 19 • Community Safety Forum Notes, pg. 21 • Community Care Group Notes, pg. 23-25 • Youth Forum Notes, pg. 27-28 • FUEL Programme (for eligible children) – Easter Holiday Activities, pg. 29 <p>She highlighted that the Community Area Joint Strategic Needs Assessment was an interesting bit of research and would be used to help inform the Area Board's priorities.</p> <p>Cllr Jacqui Lay reported that the Royal Wootton Bassett Banking Hub was now open and the official ribbon cutting ceremony would be held the following week. She noted that lots of work had gone on behind the scenes and wanted to publicly thank the Postmaster, the participating banks and Cllr Steve Bucknell for their efforts. The Chairman explained that there were named bank days with a community banker for a particular bank visiting on one day per week. The cash desk was not affiliated with a single bank. Cllr Steve Bucknell observed that it was the responsibility of each individual bank to send a representative to the hub, so if a member of the public found that their bank was not participating and wanted them to attend, they should raise this with their bank directly.</p> <p>Jason Cook from Royal Wootton Bassett Environment Trust stated that he would have welcomed greater publicity ahead of the consultation on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy drop-in session on 5 March. The Chairman said she would provide feedback to officers.</p> <p>An online survey was available for those that had been unable to attend the Local Nature Recovery Strategy drop-in session. More public sessions to discuss the mapping of priorities would be held in the summer, by which time a communications database would have been established.</p> <p>Cllr Lay encouraged people to volunteer to be a judge in the forthcoming Best Kept Village competition.</p>
29	<p><u>Spotlight on Parishes and Partners</u></p> <p>Written updates were available in the agenda pack from:</p> <p>Wiltshire Police, pg. 31-37</p>

	<p>Wiltshire Police Road Safety Update, pg. 39-49 Community First, pg. 51-53 Healthwatch Wiltshire, pg. 55 BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board, pg. 57 Cricklade Town Council, pg. 59</p> <p>Mark Clarke, Chairman of Cricklade Town Council, reported that the unitary by-election for the Cricklade and Latton division would be held the following day.</p>
30	<p><u>Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p>The Chairman noted that the Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) had agreed to invest as much of its outstanding funding as possible to ensure that it was allocated.</p> <p>The Area Board then considered the recommendations arising from the LHFIG meeting of 10 January 2024. On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Jacqui Lay, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community dropped kerbs (18 sites) Increase overall funding to £59,351.00 (3rd Party contributions = £18,790.50) • 11-23-08 Common Platt Lydiard Millicent. Progress alternative scheme for Common Platt. Allocate funding of £10,000 including Topo survey costs of £1800.00. (Combined 25% contribution from Lydiard Millicent PC / Purton PC – TBC) • 11-23-17 Lydiard Millicent – Greatfield – Allocate funding of £1,900.00 for topo survey (25% contribution from Lydiard Millicent PC) • 11-23-18 Tockenham new passing bay. - Allocate funding of £1,800.00 for topo survey (25% contribution from Tockenham PC) • 11-23-19 Tockenham passing bay signs - Allocate funding of £922.00 for new signs/posts (25% contribution from Tockenham PC) • 11-22-14 Broad Hinton Junction with B4041 Advance GW sign / SLOW – Allocate funding of £750.00 (25% contribution from Broad • Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett PC)
31	<p><u>Funding Applications</u></p> <p>The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager explained that there was insufficient funding remaining in both the Community Area Grant and Older and Vulnerable People’s Grant budgets to award all of the applications to those pots in full.</p> <p>There was £2,239.26 of Community Area Grant Funding available, £13,750 of Youth Grant funding and £950 of Older and Vulnerable People’s funding remaining. It was noted that it might be possible for applications to one pot to draw upon funding from a different pot, but only if they met the relevant criteria.</p>

The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager also reported that the following two applications had been withdrawn since the publication of the agenda:

- Broad Town School Association requesting £1,475 towards an interactive whiteboard for Broad Town Primary School (Community Area Grant).
- Purton Community Fridge and Larder requesting £500 Purton Community Fridge Free Meal (Older and Vulnerable People's Grant).

Area Board Initiative

The Area Board considered the following Area Board Initiative:

Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Youth Forum Requesting £500 Towards the Royal Wootton Bassett Youth Festival Showcase 2024

On the proposal of Cllr Steve Bucknell, seconded by Cllr David Bowler, it was resolved to make the:

Decision

To award Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Youth Forum £500 towards the Royal Wootton Bassett Youth Festival Showcase 2024.

Reason: The application met the Youth Grant Criteria 2023/24.

Community Area Grants

The Area Board considered the following applications to the Community Area Grant Scheme 2023/24. As there was insufficient funding remaining in the Community Area Grant budget to award all of the applications in full, the Chairman invited each of the applicants to introduce their projects before the Area Board voted on any of the applications.

Wootton Bassett Infants School Parent Teacher Association requesting £4,150 Towards Vale View Gardens Community Park

Andy Carr and Nicki Harris spoke in favour of their application. They confirmed that young people between the age of 13 and 19 (or 25 with Special Educational needs) would benefit. It was noted that Horizons College, a specialist facility for Young People between the ages of 16 and 25 with additional needs, was a stakeholder in the project.

The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships manager clarified that the project would be eligible for Youth Grant funding. It would not be possible to draw on funding from the 2024/25 financial year. It was also highlighted that there was a separate application to the Older and Vulnerable People's budget of £500 to support Vale View Gardens, so it was a multi-generational project.

As the Wootton Bassett Infants School Parent Teacher Association had also requested £500 from the Older and Vulnerable People's budget and there was limited funding available in the Community Area Grant Budget, this application was voted on alongside their other application. The Area Board indicated that they were happy in principle to support the application for £4,150 but waited to consider the other applications first.

Please see their application in the Older and Vulnerable People's Grant applications section for details of the vote.

Royal Wootton Bassett Arts Festival Requesting £500 Towards a Laptop for Registration/Admin

Jackie Lawrence from the Arts Festival explained that the laptop would speed up registration and allow them to publicise the event online.

The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager clarified that the project would be eligible for Youth funding, as well as Community Area Grant funding, as a large proportion of Young People were taking part.

On the proposal of Cllr Jacqui Lay, seconded by Cllr Bowler, it was resolved:

Decision

To award Royal Wootton Bassett Arts Festival £500 towards a laptop for registration/admin.

Reason: The funding would come from the Youth Grant budget. There was limited funding available in the Community Area Grant budget and the application met the Youth Grant Criteria 2023/24.

Royal Wootton Bassett Carnival Requesting £1,500

It was explained that the police had raised concerns about the poor radio signal for staff to communicate with each other at the event the previous year. The organisers were looking for funding for new radios for this year's event. In response to questions, the organisers confirmed that they would be happy to loan out the radios to other community groups planning to hold large scale events in the Area Board's area.

The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager confirmed that the application would be eligible for Youth Grant funding given the high proportion of 13–19-year-olds (or 25 with SEND) attending the event.

Cllr Steve Bucknell, seconded by Cllr Lay, proposed that Royal Wotton Bassett Carnival be awarded £1,500 towards radios.

During the debate, an amendment was proposed by the Chairman, that the

awarding of the grant be subject to the radios being publicly available to lend out for other events held in the Area Board's area. This amendment was accepted by the proposer and seconder, so added to the substantive motion. At the conclusion of the debate, it was resolved to make the:

Decision

To award Royal Wootton Bassett Carnival £1,500 towards new radios on the condition that they be made publicly available for other events in the Area Board's area.

Reason: The application met the Youth Grant Criteria 2023/24. There was limited Community Area Grant funding available. The microphones would be available to loan to ensure that a range of local community groups could benefit.

Older and Vulnerable People's Grants

The Area Board considered the following applications to the Older and Vulnerable People's Grant Scheme 2023/24.

Parkinson's UK Cricklade and Royal Wootton Bassett Requesting £500 Towards Parkinson's Carers and Cared for Café 2024

Vincent Mobey explained that they held quarterly meetings and that their sessions were well attended with between 40 and 60 people. They supported people with Parkinson's as well as the people caring for them. The sessions cost around £100 to put on each and £100 would be used to help with transport for people with mobility issues.

Cllr Lay noted that there was a bookable bus with disabled access in the Marlborough and Pewsey areas called Connet2.

The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager confirmed that it would not be possible to draw upon funds from the 2024/25 financial year. He noted that it was possible to award grants between meetings of up to £1,000 in cases of urgency.

On the proposal of Cllr Lay, seconded by Cllr Steve Bucknell, it was resolved:

Decision

To award Parkinson's UK Cricklade and Royal Wootton Bassett £500 towards Parkinson's Carers and Cared for Café 2024

Reason: The application met the Older and Vulnerable People's Grant Criteria 2023/24.

Wootton Bassett Infants School Parent Teacher Association Requesting £500 Towards Vale View Gardens Community Park

As a result of the budgetary constraints facing the Area Board they debated and voted on this application after first voting on all of the other applications. The Area Board had received information about the Vale View Gardens Community Park as part of the Community Area Grant application. Having voted on the other applications, there was £2,239.26 of funding remaining in the Community Area Grant fund and £2,438 remaining in the Youth Grant budget. The Older and Vulnerable People's budget had been fully spent.

It was noted that the combined value of the two applications being requested to go towards the Vale View Gardens Community Park was £4,650. The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager confirmed that given that the project would support Young People, and was a capital project, there was funding available to support both applications in full.

On the proposal of Cllr Steve Bucknell, seconded by Cllr Bowler, it was resolved to make the:

Decision

To award Wootton Bassett Infants School Parent Teacher Association £4,650 towards Vale View Gardens Community Park.

Reason: *The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria and Youth Grant criteria for 2023/24. There was no Older and Vulnerable People's Grant funding remaining for 2023/24.*

Wiltshire Music Centre requesting £500 Towards Celebrating Age Wiltshire Creative Mini Project in Royal Wootton Bassett Library

Rebecca Seymour from Wiltshire Music Centre explained that the funding would be used to support Older and Vulnerable People by running four sessions of a shared reading library group. Given the limited funding available in the Older and Vulnerable People's Grant budget, it was asked whether it would be possible to postpone the project until the next financial year. The applicant noted that they were also planning to apply for a grant application in the forthcoming financial year, so sought assurance that it would be possible to apply for two projects in 2024/25. It was confirmed that it would be possible to apply for two applications in the same financial year. After receiving this assurance, the applicant confirmed that they would be content to postpone consideration of their application given that the funding was not required imminently.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Lay, it was resolved to make the:

Decision

To defer the application from Wiltshire Music Centre requesting £500 towards Celebrating Age Wiltshire Creative Mini Project in Royal Wootton Bassett Library.

Reason: *There was insufficient funding in the Older and Vulnerable People's budget to support all of the applications in full during 2023/24.*

The funding was not required before the end of the current financial year and the applicant would be able to reapply for funding in 2024/25.

Royal Wootton Bassett Rugby Club Requesting £450 Towards Walking Rugby

Mr Steve Bucknell spoke as a member of the public in support of the application. He explained that the games would help people unable to play running rugby, to participate. He noted that the club had players in their 70s that were able to take part in these activities.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Bowler, it was resolved to make the:

Decision

To award Royal Wootton Bassett Rugby Club £450 towards Walking Rugby.

Reason: The application met Older and Vulnerable People's Grant criteria for 2023/24.

Youth Grants

Cricklade and District Community Association requesting £1,500 Towards a Teen Gym at Cricklade Leisure Centre

Angela Jensen from Cricklade Town Council spoke in favour of their application. It was confirmed that staff would be able to offer an induction as part of the town's youth festival.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Bowler, it was resolved to make the:

Decision

To award Cricklade and District Community Association £1,500 towards a teen gym at Cricklade Leisure Centre.

Reason: The application met the Youth Grant criteria for 2023/24.

The Rise Trust Youth Requesting £720 Towards Lyneham Detached Youth Work

A representative from the Rise Trust spoke in support of their application, explaining that there would be a six-week pilot to engage with, and get the views of, Young People. The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager noted that the project would be in partnership with Lyneham Parish Council and the Army Welfare Service.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Steve Bucknell, it was

resolved to make the:

Decision

To award The Rise Trust Youth £720 towards Lyneham detached youth work.

Reason: *The application met the Youth Grant criteria for 2023/24.*

Broad Hinton Youth Club Requesting £950

Lou Mahanty, a treasurer and member of the club's executive committee, spoke in favour of their application, explaining that it would go towards buying new equipment.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Steve Bucknell, it was resolved to make the:

Decision

To award Broad Hinton Youth Club £950 towards new equipment.

Reason: *The application met the Youth Grant criteria for 2023/24.*

Royal Wootton Bassett Volleyball Club Requesting £642 Towards a Development Pathway

The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager explained that the funding would be used to create a second court with specialist volleyball equipment.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Bowler, it was resolved to make the:

Decision

To award Royal Wootton Bassett Volleyball Club £642 towards a development pathway.

Reason: *The application met the Youth Grant criteria for 2023/24.*

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council Requesting £5,000 Towards the Youth Festival and Ongoing Provision

Mark Hopkins, Clerk at Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council, spoke in favour of their application, explaining that they commissioned over £13,000 of services through the Rise Trust. The money would go towards the festival including a skateboarding demonstration. Money would also be used to fund outreach sessions including a LGBTQ+ group.

On the proposal of the Cllr Lay, seconded by Cllr Bowler, it was resolved to make the:

	<p><u>Decision</u> To award Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council £5,000 towards the youth festival and ongoing provision. <i>Reason: The application met the Youth Grant criteria for 2023/24.</i></p>
32	<p><u>Get it Off Your Chest</u></p> <p>The public had the opportunity to ask questions of the Area Board.</p>
33	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
34	<p><u>Close and Future Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 26 June 2024, at 6:30pm in Clyffe Pypard and Bushton Village Hall.</p>

Highways Matters Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade

13th March 2024

Agenda and Housekeeping

1. Welcome and Introduction – Chair
2. Highway Matters Presentation
3. Update from Office of Police and Crime Commissioner
4. Q&A
5. Close

Wiltshire context

Modern transport has transformed our society and economy. It has enabled us to take advantage of a wide range of dispersed opportunities and to keep in contact with family and friends. Advances in road haulage and distribution methods have stimulated economic growth by helping to provide us with unparalleled consumer choices, a 24-hour society and just-in-time deliveries.

At the same time, however, our reliance on the private car and the lorry has led to busier and more congested roads. This, in turn, has resulted in fewer people keeping healthy through walking and cycling, increased concerns with regard to noise and other community aspects, accessibility issues for people who rely on public transport, and significant environmental impacts such as air pollution and climate change.

So, while transport can be viewed as simply a 'means to an end' (i.e. it just gets us from A to B), in reality it's a key element of a modern society with impacts on the economy, climate change, people's health, social exclusion, street scenes and the countryside.

Wiltshire Context

- The highway network – roads, bridges and related infrastructure – represents the Council's largest and most valuable public asset with a replacement value of over £5 billion.

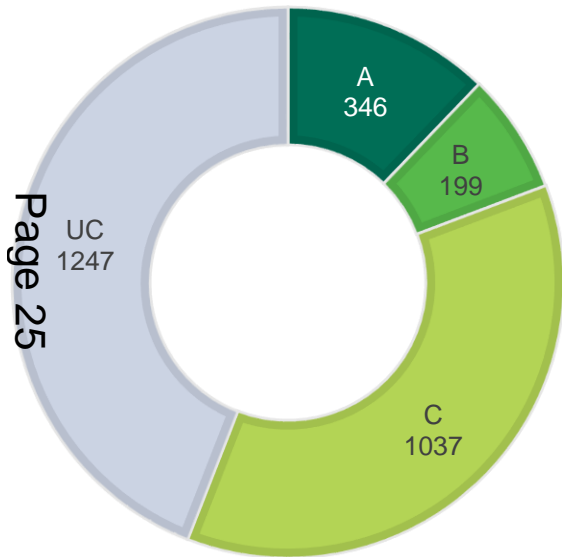
Over 2,800 miles of roads, and extensive public rights of way network;

- Extensive public transport network, which we have sustained despite financial challenges and changing travel patterns



Asset Management - some numbers

Over 2800 miles of road by class



50,000 street lights and 6000 sign lights



65 signal controlled junctions



145 signal controlled pedestrian crossings



293 Belisha beacons



981 highway bridges



85000 road gullies

Investment in our network

Highways Maintenance Fund - £21m

Additional £3.6m pothole fund

Integrated Transport Funding - £2.1m

Bus Service Improvement Plan - £4.2m

Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure - £4.7m

Additional Investment by Wiltshire Council - 2022

- £150,000 pa over three years to tackle fly-tipping
- £200,000 per year for next three years for white-lining
- £333,000 per year to help prevent flooding, directed to gully cleaning

2023

- £500,000 for signing strategy
- £510,000 for flyposting removal and enforcement, litter picking rural highways, cleaning multi-story car parks and communications

2023/24/25 - additional £10m for preventative maintenance

2023/24/25 - additional £5.228m from cancellation of HS2



Local Transport Plan

- The Local Transport Plan sets the framework for maintaining and improving transport in Wiltshire;
- It needs to align to our Local Plan Review and will help deliver Wiltshire Council's Business Plan priorities for transport across the County;
- We will be undertaking consultation on 'issues and options' towards the end of the year. Key themes will include:
 - Road Safety;
 - Public Transport;
 - Car Parking Strategy;
 - Freight;
 - Active Travel
 - Decarbonisation.

Public Transport Review - consultation

- Aim is to help shape future bus policy and priorities for support
- Will help ensure we are providing value for money whilst delivering on Business Plan priorities and objectives of the National Bus Strategy
- Bus market has changed since COVID 19 - lower patronage levels
- Driver shortage and inflationary pressures
- Stakeholder consultation June 2023 - 163 responses
- Wider public consultation until November 10th
- Over 1000 responses to date
- Aim for a new policy and network for implementation from April 2024
- <https://wiltshirebusreview.commonplace.is/>



Local Issues

- Highway Maintenance
- Flooding
- Lyneham Banks
- RWB to Swindon cycleway

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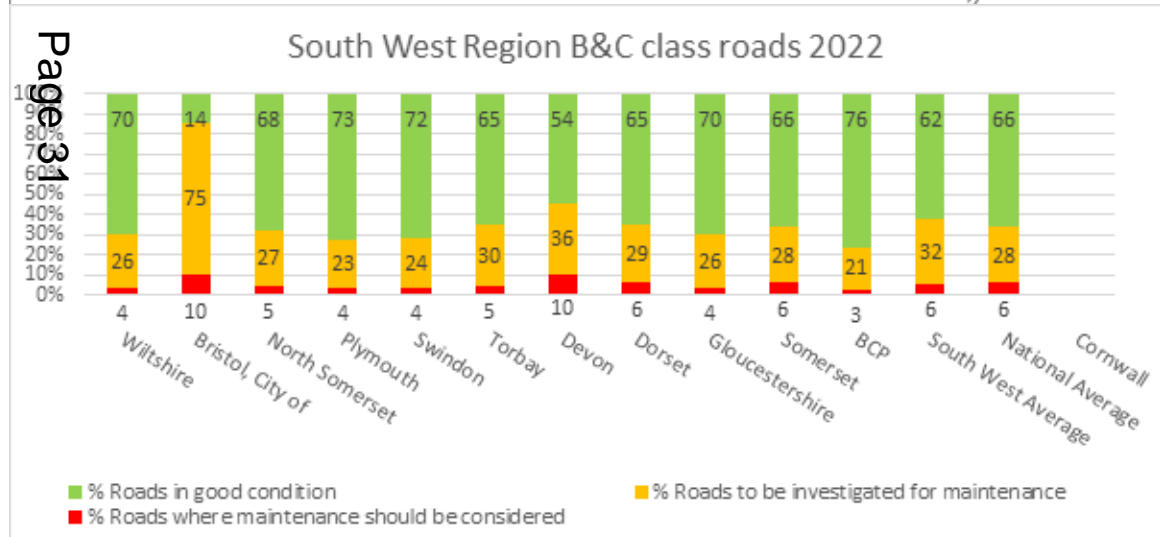
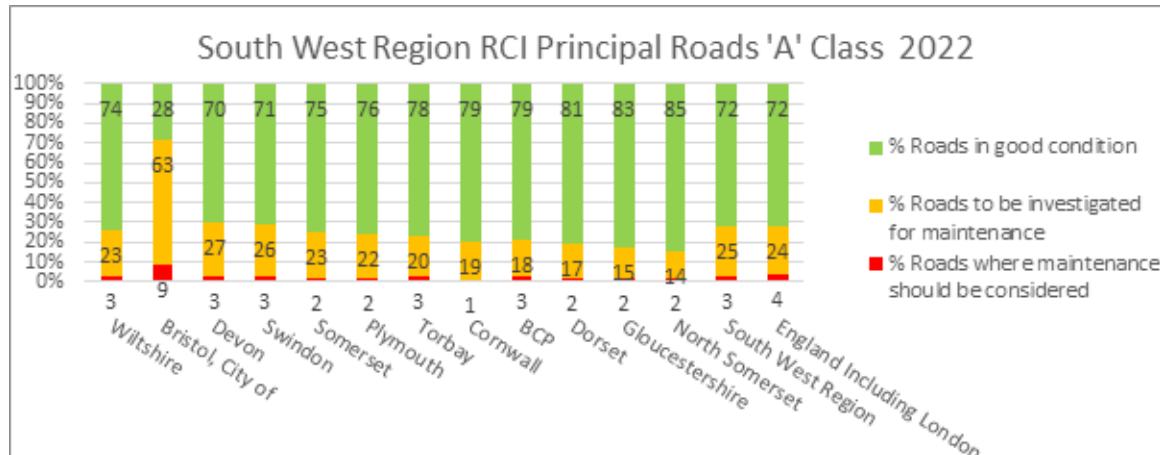
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Highways Maintenance

Highways maintenance typically refers to the upkeep and repair of public roads, pavements, and other related infrastructure. This can include tasks such as filling potholes, resurfacing roads, repairing bridges, road signs and markings, traffic signals and street lights.

- 1. Reactive maintenance:** This approach involves responding to issues as they arise, such as repairing potholes or replacing damaged signs. Reactive repairs are primarily driven from our scheduled inspections but also public reports such as via the MyWilts app. When assessing defects, we apply intervention levels as laid out in our Highways Inspection Manual – in other words, we prioritise the response based on specific safety criteria.
- 2. Planned maintenance:** This approach involves scheduling regular maintenance tasks to prevent issues from arising in the first place or getting worse. For example, regular road resurfacing or bridge inspections to identify and address issues before they become more serious.
- 3. Asset management:** This approach involves taking a long-term view of highways maintenance, and involves evaluating the condition of roads and infrastructure and prioritizing maintenance tasks based on factors like condition, safety, cost, and rate of deterioration.

Highways Maintenance - Benchmarking



2022 South West Road condition scanner survey benchmarking

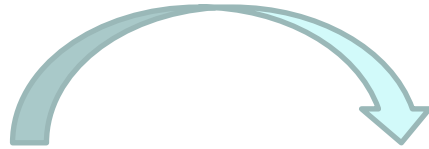
Scanner surveys provide a consistent method for measuring road surface conditions. The data is used to help inform maintenance decisions. The Scanner survey collects surface and geometric data using vehicle mounted lasers and cameras. Forty three parameters are collected and the results reported to the Department for Transport on an annual basis.

Potholes Why so many?



Summer 2022 Dry & Hot

Road Surface Temperatures in Excess of **55 degrees C**



Autumn 2022 Wet

November – 145% of normal rainfall



Winter Dec Onwards – long periods Sub Zero

Road Surface Temperatures fell below **-9 Degrees C**



Interim Repair

- Undertaken to keep road safe
- Can provide a durable repair
- Enables more extensive repairs to be programmed efficiently



Permanent Repair

- Failed Area Cut out using a mini planer
- Reinstated using “hot” material hand laid



Innovation – Defect dashboard

Wiltshire Council

P1 -4 Defects, 1 April 2023 to Present

MILESTONE
INFRASTRUCTURE
A part of MGroupServices



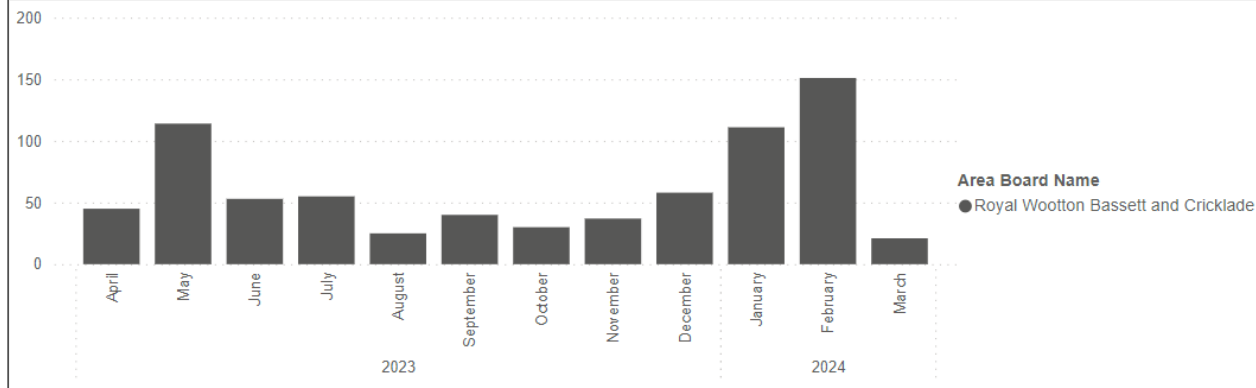
Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade
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Completed Defects

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Area Board Name
● Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade

Flood Prevention

- A & B Roads Gullies Emptied Annually
- Along with around 5500 gullies classed as High Risk
- Remaining Gullies emptied on a 3 year cycle



Gully Tanker/Vactor



Tractor Mounted Grip
Cutting Head

- Grips cut annually

Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)

- 18 Groups across the County aligned to the Area Boards.
- LHFIGs exist to enable local communities to raise local highway issues, prioritise them, and provide a mechanism for these issues to be addressed.
- The Groups have an annual funding allocation to allow delivery of solutions.
- Representation at the Group is through Parish & Town Councils.
- Lots of detail on the Wiltshire.gov.uk website on the Highways pages.

RWB & Cricklade LHFIG

- Current budget £91,431. Commitments £26,714
- 17 live projects

Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)

LHFIGs can fund the following:

Pedestrian improvements: including dropped kerbs, new footways, substantive improvements to existing footways, pedestrian crossings (including assessments).

Cycle improvements: new cycle paths, cycle parking / storage.

Bus infrastructure: new and replacement Shelters (subject to agreement on future maintenance liability), bus border kerbs, bus stop road markings.

Traffic signing: new and replacement signs (including signposts), street name plates, village gateways.

New road markings: new and replacement of existing markings.

Speed limits: assessment and implementation.

Waiting restrictions: assessments and implementation.

Footpath improvements: styles, gates, surface improvements to rights of ways (council maintainable only).

Drainage: minor improvements, new gullies.

Street lighting: new installations.

Traffic management measures: including Sockets and posts for SID (Speed Indication Device) equipment.

Parish Steward Scheme

- Our team of Parish Stewards are specially trained to complete small-scale discretionary local highways priority works to town and parishes.
- There are 18 Parish Stewards, one for each community area, who work with representatives in their parishes to ensure all work requests are clear and are logged for review before they start the work. We also have a support gang that works with the Parish Stewards on larger-scale projects, based on demand.
- Tasks include proactive and reactive works. For example, verge siding out, vegetation clearance, pothole repair, drain and gully clearance.

Public Transport

- £1.1m of UK Prosperity Funding
- Refresh and expansion of the Bassett Boomerang

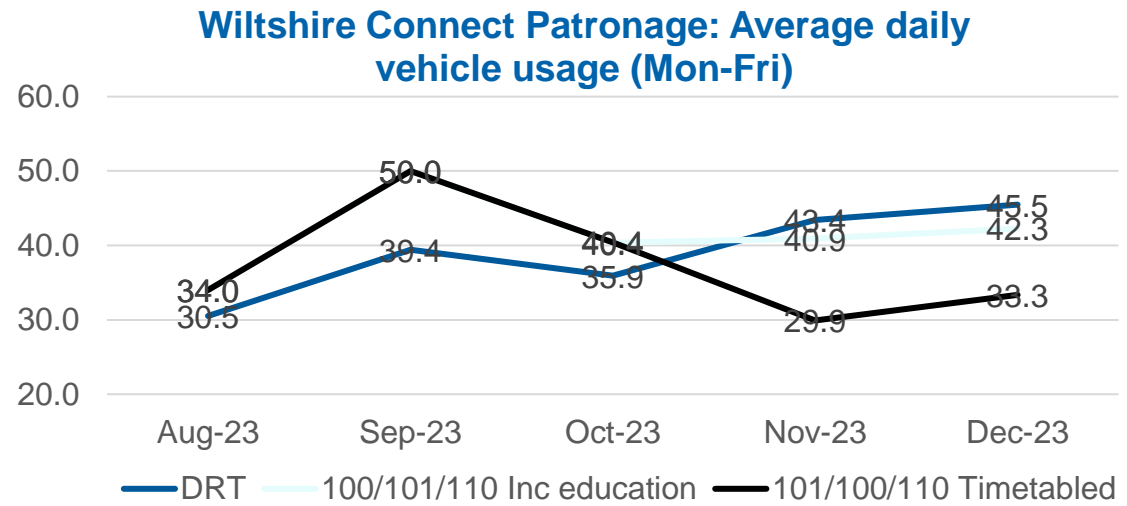
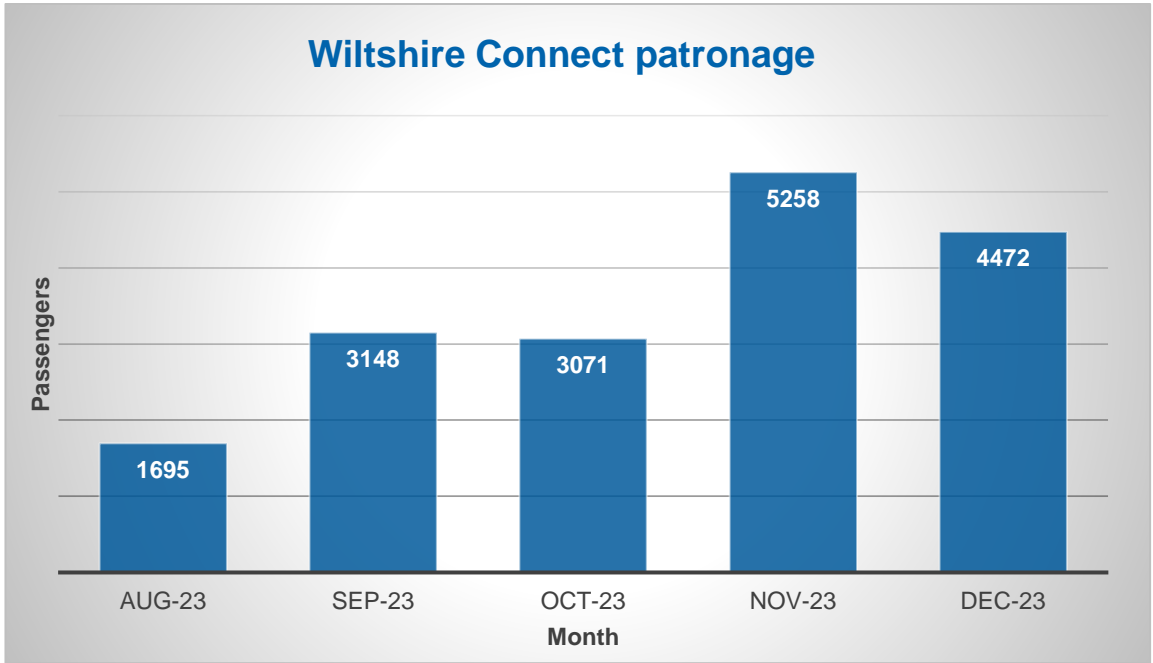
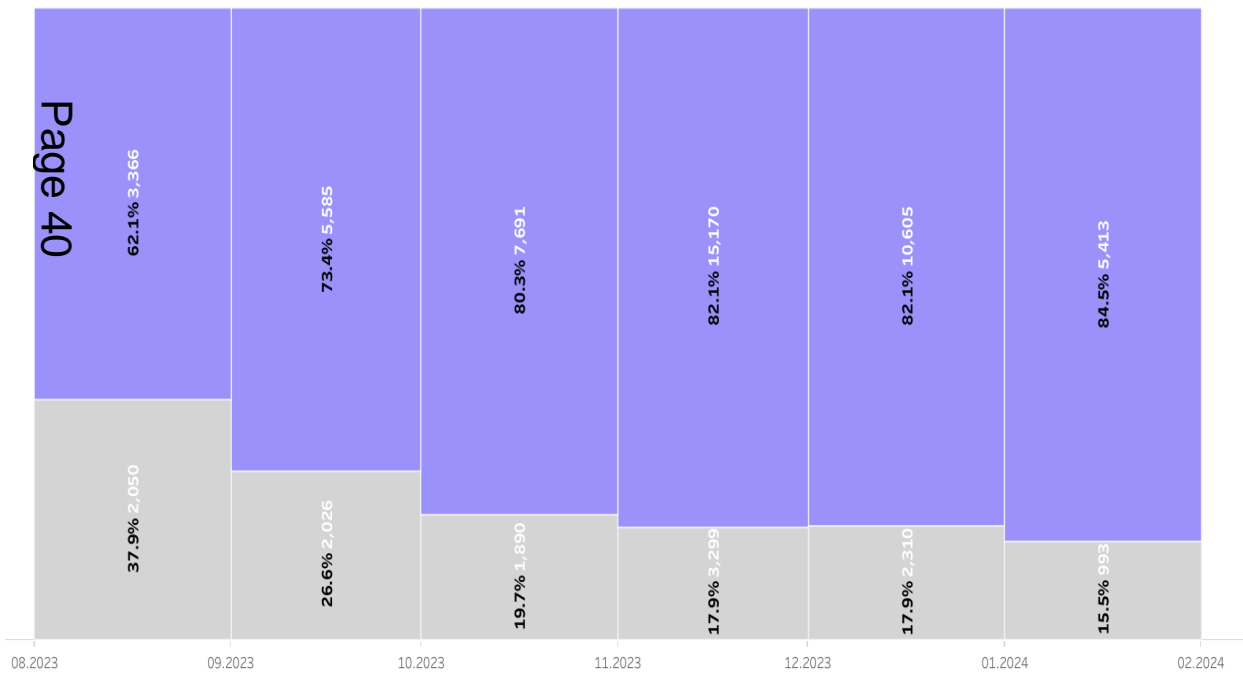


Demand Responsive Transport

DRT services have seen genuine patronage growth of almost 50% between August and December to a point where the DRT vehicles are exceeding the daily patronage load of the Wiltshire Connect timetabled / semi flexible vehicles.

App usage has gradually increased since the service launched and in January 85% of rides are being made on the app.

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Lyneham Banks

- Funding approved for reinstatement
- Currently undertaking procurement for contractor
- Delivery details to be confirmed / comprehensive engagement plan
- Continue to monitor impacts on local road network

Verge and litter clearance – extra funds

- Grounds maintenance and street cleansing in the Royal Wootton Bassett boundary is the responsibility of Wiltshire Council.
- Litter collection of main routes and trunk roads has received an extra investment of £0.3m this year.
- Enforcement resources are being increased to tackle the issues of fly posting, fly tipping and rural littering.
- Loan cleaning equipment is provided by the council's street cleaning contractor, idverde, to town and parish councils to support community events.
- Idverde are also available to support community groups with street scene improvement works.
- **'We're Targeting Fly-Tippers'** and **'Don't Mess with Wiltshire'**

Thank you for listening.

There will time for questions from the floor;

**All questions received, in advance and this evening,
will be responded to;**

Answers will be made available on our website.

Q&A

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Pre-submitted questions and answers

<p><u>1.</u></p>	<p><u>Question:</u></p> <p>Projects. What is the estimated time frame in relation to a project being agreed and a decision made to proceed? Does Wiltshire Council have a specific time frame in relation to the commencement of work following the initial assessment? i.e. drawings/spec etc being produced passed to contractors.</p> <p>Repairs. Potholes, Signage, Fixtures such as railings etc. Does Wiltshire Council have a specific time frame as to when such repairs should be carried out following issues being 'logged' on to the system/Officer inspection. Next day, One week, One month, As and when workforce available? Pothole repair. If a container of 'instant tarmac' is not sufficient or repeatedly 'comes out' and there is a need for a more substantial repair how are such repairs entered into the system and what is the time frame before the work is carried out?</p> <p>Work carried out by Gigaclear. We are all familiar with the work carried out by Gigaclear in relation to laying cables in the highway and pathways. In many areas this work has been completed for over a year now to which some of the surface infill is deteriorating, especially on the highway with 'potholes' forming. Who is responsible for the repairs to the highway and pathways following the work carried out by Gigaclear? Should they be reported on the Wiltshire Council App?</p> <p><u>Answer:</u></p> <p>Projects - There is no fixed timeline for a project from inception to delivery. Each project is looked at individually and a project plan drafted. Timelines can change however when for example a Traffic Regulation Order consultation is required as the level of interest generated can impact on the amount of work required to be undertaken. Projects undertaken at the request of the LHFIGs can also be subject to changes to timeline due to decisions taken by the Group, such as other projects coming forward that are considered to be higher priority.</p> <p>Utility defects and repairs - Reinstatements for utility works should be carried out by the Utility provider. The Council passes on reports of defects to the Utility companies for them to action. Where no action is undertaken the Council will undertake the repair and can recharge costs. Defects should be reported on the MyWilts App. If the utility company is known, it is helpful to include this in the App report.</p> <p>Repairs - When dealing with reports of defects on our road network, we utilise our Highway Inspection Manual to categorise and prioritise defects and repairs.</p> <p>Link to Inspection Manual:</p> <p>Roads, road care and cycle lanes - Wiltshire Council</p>
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2.

Question:

Can you introduce a permanent speed camera installation on Calcutt Street please?
Can you introduce a zebra crossing at the lower end of Calcutt Street near to the vehicle entrance of the school please? Sometimes the school parents need to park at the Rugby club and walk up but it is dangerous and difficult to cross over.
Can you improve the yellow lines and parking restrictions along Calcutt Street as it is dangerous to walk along the pavement on the side of the school as vehicles park on the pavement to keep off the road?
Can you introduce a narrow barrier type restriction to prevent the trucks from coming through Cricklade?
Can you do something about the mini roundabout as the large trucks mount the inside of the kerbs at the roundabout when turning left up the high street? This is dangerous to pedestrians when they are walking there as the truck tyres damage the kerbstone and flick the kerbsides up.
Calcutt Street is a 20mph zone and there is school there. Why are drivers regularly allowed to exceed it? One day there will be an accident and you will have blood on your hands. I only have to walk from the school to the high street and it gets dangerous with the speed of the vehicles and size of trucks, and the regularity of them.
Regarding Bath Road, please can you install correct kerbs along the first few hundred meters? It is all mud and grass kerbs.
Please can you install a proper road surface on the B4040? You have resurfaced it before, but it only lasts a few years. Do it properly.
Regarding Bath Road again, please can you do something about motorbikes riding around the black gate that is across the road outside Heberden House? They mount the pavement even when people are walking there. One day a child or elderly person or anyone for that matter will be knocked down. There are CCTV cameras along that road, use them.

Answer:

Speeding concerns - The Council has an adopted process for dealing with speeding concerns. The first stage is to carry out a traffic survey to determine actual driven speeds by the completion of a downloadable online form. The completed form needs to be endorsed by the relevant Town or Parish Council and they will then forward to Wiltshire Council for processing. Full details of the process followed, and the downloadable forms are available on our website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-area-boards . The results of the survey will dictate if action is required to address any recorded speeding issues. Typically, initial action to speeding issues is in the form of Community Speedwatch (CSW) and Speed Indicator Device (SID) deployment. CSW is a Police led initiative whereby they provide support and training to local volunteers to enable them to undertake educational activities. Further details can be found at: <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/782/Community-Speed-Watch> . Since 2015 the Council has delegated the deployment of temporary SID's to Town and Parish Councils in Wiltshire. You may wish to approach Cricklade Town Council direct to discuss this further with them and establish if they would be interested in deploying a SID. It should however be remembered that as speeding is a moving vehicle offence the enforcement authority is the Police and not the Council. Similarly, the deployment of speed cameras is a decision for the Police.

Defects - Damage to Highway infrastructure should be reported via the MyWilts App. The location will then be subject to inspection and intervention measures taken in accordance with the Inspection Manual.

Requests for new infrastructure (Zebra crossings, new kerbs etc) - Suggestions can be raised using a similar process as for speeding concerns. First stage is completion of a downloadable form. This is sent to the relevant Town or Parish Council for endorsement and then forwarded on to the Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) for

prioritisation and funding. Full details are available on the website at:
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-area-boards

Surfacing - The B4040 will be subject to inspection and appropriate action to keep it safe.

Motorbikes - As a moving vehicle offence the concerns expressed should be raised with the Police as the enforcement authority.

3. Question

Firstly, the sheer numbers and size of articulated vehicles that transit both ways on Calcutt Street and the High Street.

These vehicles are far too big for these roads and there are continual blockages and queues because they cannot pass each other on Cricklade's narrow roads particularly at the Clock roundabout.

Secondly, the weight of these lorries continually damages the road surfaces and the kerbs as they have to mount them to gain passage.

This is most damaging, again, at the Clock roundabout as they turn left to enter the High Street where the kerb and road are most affected. The damage was repaired recently and by the next day the apex was back as bad as it was.

There is a similar problem with these vehicles coming along the Chelworth Road and then onto the High Street or Malmesbury Road. The road surface at this junction is an appalling state and, again, although some repair was carried out recently, within days the surface was almost back to its previous state. In my opinion this is due entirely due to the excessive weight and frequency of heavy cargo vehicles.

It is my understanding that these vehicles are supposed to use the Spine Road but don't.

Be that as it may, there needs to be a total ban on vehicles over 3 tons (7.5 tons for delivery in Cricklade itself) from entering or transiting Cricklade at all and a bypass built if a ban is not feasible.

All the above combine to create a danger for, not just vehicular road users, but cyclists and pedestrians as well.

Answer:

The option of implementing a weight restriction through the town centre has been considered in all the studies undertaken regarding Cricklade and have subsequently not recommended restrictions be applied. The latest report (commissioned by the Town Council) also concludes that whilst a restriction might be feasible; "The introduction of highway regulatory measures that restrict vehicles, especially those of HGVs, are unlikely to be successful without a realistic alternative route around the town" Calidus (2021)

Wiltshire Council do consider weight restrictions as part of the suite of freight mitigation measures that we can implement. However, in this instance such a restriction would not be supported without a viable alternative route. It should also be noted that environmental weight restrictions would be 'except for access' and given that a large proportion of HGVs are known to be accessing the Chelworth Industrial estate, such a restriction would be extremely difficult to enforce and unlikely to be supported by Wiltshire Police.

A study undertaken in 2005 in the Cricklade area established that the majority of HGV's travelling through Cricklade serve local needs. Consequently, the representatives of the Cricklade/Ashton Keynes/Leigh Freight Quality Partnership Working Group agreed that it is

	<p>legitimate for HGV's serving these local needs to pass through Cricklade and imposing a weight limit in Cricklade, or designating alternative routes albeit advisory, is not considered an appropriate mechanism to address the number of HGV's in Cricklade. It is likely this would have little effect in the town centre itself and lead to the exacerbation of problems for communities on other routes in the area, for example on the B4696. Wiltshire Council did however, as a subsequent result of this study, implement some small-scale improvements in Cricklade to alleviate the impacts of HGV traffic. You will note that on Wiltshire's HGV Route Network, the B4696 is only designated as an advisory local lorry route to the Cotswold Water Park (west).</p> <p>The following studies have been undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cricklade HGV Registration Survey (2001) • Wiltshire Freight Quality Partnership-Cricklade Ashton Keynes-Leigh Freight Management Study (2004) • Cricklade HGV Traffic Management-Report of Consultations and Preliminary Designs (2005) • Cricklade HGV Survey (2012) • Cricklade Neighbourhood Plan-Report on Road Transport Mitigation Schemes (2015) • Cricklade Town – Traffic Study – HGV, (Calidus, 2021). <p>All of the above surveys and reports have confirmed and informed the council's assessment of this issue.</p> <p>In 2012 Cricklade High Street was discounted from the FAPM process because numerous studies had already been undertaken with appropriate mitigation applied and as the studies had found, the majority of HGVs on the route had local origins and destinations.</p>
<p><u>4.</u></p>	<p>Question:</p> <p>Can you please confirm when the traffic calming measures will be implemented at the entrance to Purton Stoke village.</p> <p>Can you also confirm exactly what measures are being implemented.</p> <p>Since the closure of Hayes Knoll Road a couple of years ago, exiting the junction of Purton Stoke has become a real danger to cars, horse riders, cyclists, pedestrians (including schoolchildren) needing to use the bus shelter on the opposite side of the road, horsebox trailers and milk transporters alike.</p> <p>I myself have almost been hit by the volume of vehicles travelling way too fast past the entrance whilst trying to cross the road with my dogs on more than one occasion.</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>There are no plans at the present time to implement formal traffic calming measure in Purton Stoke Village. I am pleased to inform you that a proposal has been approved via the Local Highway and Footpath Improvement group (LHFIG) to implement sign and road marking improvements on the B3553 Cricklade Road at the junctions with Newth's Lane and Stoke Common Lane, with delivery programmed for Spring 24.</p>
<p><u>5.</u></p>	<p>Question:</p> <p>B4553 - Junction of Packhorse Lane/Bentham/Cricklade Road between Purton and Cricklade.</p> <p>The impact of closing the Hayes Knoll Road C70 between Broadleaze and Cross Lanes has resulted in several road accidents of varying severity at the junction noted above, including the continuation of accidents at</p>

As well as the increased volume of traffic, due to the C70 road closure, the 50-mph speed limit around the junction on a sweeping bend contributes to these accidents, particularly as traffic travelling from Cricklade to Purton has to cross over cars travelling up to 50mph with limited visibility. Traffic turning right from Purton to Packhorse also has to cross this speeding traffic.

Living, with farmland surrounding this junction, we regularly help passengers, with minor shunts to more serious accidents where the road has to be closed to recover vehicles and only one month ago the Air Ambulance had to attend a motor cyclist who had an accident at the junction.

We have been in contact with Purton Parish Council asking as to why the Hayes Knoll Road could not be reopened into a one-way road (recognising it is a smaller C road).

It does not appear to have been fully considered and would reduce the risk of the accidents occurring at Bentham/Packhorse junction, by cutting down at least half of the traffic crossing over the bend on the junction on a 50mph B road.

We are also very aware of the issues at the Purton Stoke junction and the same issue of speed on the B4553 makes this a very difficult junction to exit out of safely, having already resulted in the death of a youngster at this junction.

Residents and farmers with land along the Hayes Knoll Road would also have increased access at the Cross Lanes, thereby reducing their travel time and fuel use they currently use by having to travel back to Broadleaze, to access the B4553.

We would like to see a study take place on reopening a one-way system on the Hayes Knoll Road C70, before there is a death at the Packhorse/Bentham junction and would welcome a response from Highways on the matter.

Answer:

There are no plans at the current stage to reopen Hayes Knoll Road C70 to motor vehicles, including 'one way'. A proposal to formalise the current arrangement and make signing and road marking improvements at the junction of the B3553/ Tadpole Lane, has been approved by the parish council and the work is programmed to take place during spring/summer 24. A proposal has been approved via the Local Highway and Footpath Improvement group (LHFIG) to implement sign and road marking improvements at Purton Stoke on the B3553 Cricklade Road at the junctions with Newth's Lane and Stoke Common Lane with delivery programmed for Spring 24.

6. Question:

Junction at the entrance to Mouldon View Estate in Purton.

As a resident of the estate, I am sure you are aware of the safety hazards posed by the current state of the junction. Despite assurances and the inclusion of this issue on the Area Board's funding list for approximately five years, it is disheartening that the necessary line markings and extended yellow lines to prevent parking at the blind T junction have not yet been implemented.

I am reaching out to request an update on the timeline for addressing this matter. Over the past couple of years, there have been promises indicating that it was of high priority, yet the situation remains unchanged. Can you please provide clarity on when we can expect the completion of the required lineage?

Additionally, once the markings are in place, it will be essential for both Wiltshire Council and the Police to enforce parking regulations rigorously. Unfortunately, recent observations suggest a lack of enforcement despite reports made through 101 and Wiltshire Council channels.

	<p>I kindly urge you to prioritize this issue for the safety and well-being of all residents and visitors to Mouldon View Estate. Improved junction markings and effective parking enforcement are crucial steps towards ensuring a safer environment for everyone.</p> <p><u>Answer:</u></p> <p>It was agreed at the January 2024 RWB & Cricklade LHFIG meeting to implement give way lines at the junction of Mustang Way / Moulden View. The work will be undertaken as part of the council's routine road marking operations. Unfortunately, agreement was made when lining operations are suspended due to the weather (October to March). It is now estimated that work will take place in early spring 24. Please note, there are no plans at this stage, to implement changes to the existing lengths of no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) at the junction.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Question:</u></p> <p>I am extremely concerned about the volume of heavy traffic which comes past my house at peak times. My concern is that because we have no pavements, a child or young person walking to school could very easily get injured. It is this thought which drives me to draw your attention to this problem. I would be interested to know your thoughts on this matter. In addition, I believe there is a weight limit for heavy vehicles going down Pavenhill. This is not policed in any way so frequent heavy vehicles use this route.</p> <p><u>Answer:</u></p> <p>The historic layout of Pavenhill and the limited width of Highway mean that a dedicated pedestrian provision, such as a footway, cannot be provided. It may be that other engineering measures can be introduced to help but this requires more detailed study. It is recommended that these concerns be raised with the Parish Council who in turn can ask the LHFIG to investigate further if deemed a priority by the group.</p>



The Carers Together Wiltshire Partnership

Community First is working in partnership with Age UK Wiltshire, Alzheimer’s Support, Wiltshire Service Users Network, Citizens Advice Wiltshire and Wessex Community Action, under the umbrella, Carers Together Wiltshire. This partnership allows us to provide tailored support to the thousands of individuals across Wiltshire identified as a carer.

For more information about the support we can offer through Carers Together Wiltshire, telephone 01380 710300 or email enquiries@carerstogetherwiltshire.org.uk.

Support for Parent Carers

Are you a parent carer, providing care to your child who needs additional support?

Here at Community First, as part of the Carers Together partnership, we can provide a support conversation to discuss your needs. We offer information, advice and guidance and can also signpost and refer you to other support services. We can carry out Carers Assessments if your child is over 18, and you meet the eligibility criteria for a funded service. We will also be providing peer support groups and sending out regular Parent Carer emails full of information and events.



Jo Hiller-Culley is the Parent Carer Lead for Carers Together Wiltshire. Jo has been working to support Parent Carers in Wiltshire since 2012. Jo worked with the Wiltshire Parent Carer Council initially, as an information officer, then with the Wiltshire SENDIASS service around educational support for young people with SEN, and then for Carer Support Wiltshire for over four years, where she developed a robust support service for Parent Carers. Jo is looking to develop her role at Community First, part of the Carers Together Partnership. She would love to hear your views about what our new offer should look like. Please join Jo and her manager Hayley Boland on teams for a chat.

- Date: Thursday 23rd May 2024
- Time: 7-8pm (drop in)

For more information, and to obtain the link, please email: jhculley@communityfirst.org.uk. You can also sign up for the Parent Carers newsletter here: <https://mailchi.mp/93192f1024d4/parent-carers-newsletter>

Voice It, Hear It - Current and Upcoming Engagement Projects



The Voice It, Hear It partnership and delivery team has been working with Wiltshire Council and BSW ICB to engage with people in Wiltshire on a variety of topics related to health and social care, with the overall aim of co-producing, co-designing and co-developing health and social care services locally.

The team has a number of projects underway and scheduled throughout 2024. These have been requested by Wiltshire Council, the Integrated Care Board and other partners.

- **Learning Disability and Autism Life Expectancy:** Working with people with lived experience and public health to understand how screening can be made more accessible and comfortable for people. Topics include bowel, breast and cervical cancer screening and testicular checks.
- **Technology Enabled Care:** Exploring how 18-25 year olds use technology to enhance their independence and how they find out what is available for them.
- **Wiltshire Council Prevention Strategy:** Working with people with lived experience to find out what prevention means to them. What improvements and solutions are needed to meet the diverse needs of our population?
- **Care Quality Commission Adult Social Care Inspection:** Engaging with adults and carers to hear their experiences of Adult Social Care in Wiltshire. Do they feel listened to? Are their choices about their care respected and are they involved in planning their care? What works well and what could be done better?
- **Accommodation Strategy:** Identify the vision and aims of older people to maintain their independence and control within their own home. If not in their own home, how service can be designed to feel like a real home. How older people can be more involved in planning for their future home needs in a timely way.
- **Wiltshire Museum Assize Court Development:** Working alongside the museum to recruit and support a disability advisory group to help inform the museum redevelopment.

For more information about Voice It, Hear It, please see the Project Summary included with this briefing pack. You can also find out more about the project on our website: www.communityfirst.org.uk/voice. To contact the team please email: voice@communityfirst.org.uk

BeMindful - New Wellbeing Pilot Project



‘BeMindful’ is a new pilot wellbeing project led by Youth Action Wiltshire. Through Health Inequalities Funding, the project targets young people aged 11-16 living in the 20% most deprived wards of Salisbury and struggling with their mental health.

By working in partnership with schools and experienced VCSE services, BeMindful offers young people a range of support including access to group work, 1:1 mentoring, counselling referrals, signposting, vocational learning, healthy living and skills development.

The following partners are involved in delivering the pilot project:



New Rural Housing Enabler Project

Community First is leading a new Rural Housing Enabler project in Wiltshire, with support from Wiltshire Community Land Trust. The Rural Housing Enabler (RHE) project will play a critical role in raising awareness of the lack of affordable housing for local people in rural parts of Wiltshire and encouraging and supporting communities to welcome and help make provision for new homes. The RHE will gather information to understand the need for affordable housing within rural communities and help empower communities so that they can explore a range of options.

The RHE will explore all options to bring forward projects that have the support of the local community. These will encompass, but not be limited to, conventional local authority and housing association new build or conversions; Section 106 or similar planning related affordable homes schemes; and schemes that combine both affordable homes for rent and shared or low-cost ownership. To achieve this the RHE will be willing to work with the two local authorities, housing associations and other not for profit providers in the area and private sector builders and developers.

The RHE will provide a great opportunity to connect with all parishes in rural Wiltshire, to begin ascertaining both the extent and type of affordable housing needs in the county and engage with those communities able and willing to do something about it. That `something` might include obtaining evidence of need, identifying possible sites (in particular `exception` sites) and in some cases establishing some form of community-led housing vehicle, such as a community land trust.

Crucially, the RHE will also be able to ascertain the existing and potential delivery agents for affordable housing, including Wiltshire Council, developers willing to provide a proportion of affordable housing in their proposals, and housing associations able to keen to work with rural communities. Accordingly, the RHE will be able to begin painting the whole picture of affordable housing needs within the county, help those villages keen to do something about it, and identify the potential ways of meeting those needs.

As well as establishing housing need another important ingredient in bringing forward more affordable housing for local people is the identification of suitable sites within or on the edge of the villages where these much-needed homes can be built. Part of the role of the RHE will be to liaise with landowners, CLTs, Parish Councils and Neighbourhood Plan groups to seek out such sites that might be brought forward.

The project is at an early stage, and we hope to have more information and project updates to share in the coming months.

Landfill Communities Fund

Are you a not-for-profit organisation in Wiltshire? Have you a capital community project you need some match funding for? Have you planning permission (if needed) and 3 quotes for the work you need doing ready to apply? If so, please fill in an Expression of Interest form which can be found on our website and send this to: mhardwidge@communityfirst.org.uk.

The Grants team will get in touch with you to discuss eligibility and an appropriate time to apply if you are in the correct area, conditional to available funds.

Download information pack: <https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/grants/>

First Aid Training



We offer a range of first aid training courses at Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre, some courses can also be delivered remotely. Training courses are suitable for schools, youth groups and organisations. We can offer training for people with no first aid experience as well as refresher and requalification training.

Courses offered include First Aid at Work, Paediatric First Aid, First Aid for Mental Health and First Aid for Youth Mental Health. Courses range from 2 hours up to 3 full days of first aid training. During your course, you will be assessed by a qualified trainer and receive a certificate on completion.

A complete list of training courses is available on our website, with details about the course content: <https://www.oxenwood.org.uk/first-aid-training/>

For more information and to book training, email dmaloney@oxenwoodcentre.com

Employability Programmes

Building Bridges

Our Building Bridges Programme, which supports people with significant barriers and challenges to move towards and then sustain education and employment, continues to deliver strongly and is currently supporting 108 participants across Wiltshire.

We will shortly be extending Building Bridges further with a specialist team to support individuals affected by homelessness as part of the Wiltshire Council Rough Sleeping Initiative.

Building Bridges also continues to provide numeracy skills support to qualifying participants as part of Wiltshire Council's Multiply Programme.

Household Support Fund

Community First has been actively involved in helping to deliver Household Support Fund assistance to households in most need across Wiltshire during the current cost of living crisis. Between November and March, our Building Bridges and Youth Action Wiltshire teams distributed £45,000 of vouchers to 156 households - 82% of these were for food, 12% for energy and 6% for other essentials. We are hoping to provide even more assistance to households in need in the next phase of this funding in the coming months.

Community Insurance

Community Insurance is a specialist insurance agent service from Community First. We offer comprehensive insurance for local councils, village halls, community building and playing field associations, with support from our friendly and professional team.

Our policies are underwritten by Zurich. Income generated from Community Insurance is reinvested back into communities including support for village halls, community buildings, local councils and other services provided by Community First.

For a free quote and more information visit our website: www.communityinsurance.co.uk. Or email: communityinsurance@communityfirst.org.uk or telephone 01380 732809.

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Voice It, Hear It, is a new project that unifies the collective strength of its partners to support the voice and engagement of people in Wiltshire.



Working alongside Wiltshire Council and the BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board (BSW ICB) we will be engaging with people living and working in Wiltshire to co-produce, co-design and co-develop health and social care services in Wiltshire.

We work alongside people with physical disabilities, sensory needs, mental health conditions, learning disabilities, neurodiversity, long term conditions, complex needs, older people and dementia. Empowering and facilitating them to have their say and get involved in shaping how health and social care services work for them now and in the future.

Voice It, Hear It Projects



We have a number of projects underway and scheduled in throughout 2024. These are requested by Wiltshire Council, the Integrated Care Board and partners in our community.

Learning Disability and Autism Life Expectancy



Working with people with lived experience and public health to understand how screening can be made more accessible and comfortable for people. Topics include bowel, breast and cervical cancer screening and testicular checks.

Technology Enabled Care (TEC)



Exploring how 18-25 year olds use TEC to enhance their independence and how they find out what is available for them.

Wiltshire Council Prevention Strategy



Working with people with lived experience to find out what prevention means to them. What improvements and solutions are needed to meet the diverse needs of our population?



Care Quality Commission Adult Social Care Inspection

Engaging with adults and carers to hear their experiences of Adult Social Care in Wiltshire. Do they feel listened to? Are their choices about their care respected and are they involved in planning their care? What works well and what could be done better?



Accommodation Strategy

Identify the vision and aims of older people to maintain their independence and control within their own home. If not in their own home how service can be designed to feel like a real home. How older people can be more involved in planning for their future home needs in a timely way.



Wiltshire Museum Assize Court Development

Working alongside the museum to recruit and support a disability advisory group to help inform the museum redevelopment.



Engagement and reporting methods

- Focus groups
- 1-1 interviews
- Surveys
- Workshops
- Social media
- Flinga
- Facebook polls/forums
- Qualitative / Quantitative Reports
- Videos
- Artworks
- Campaign sharing
- Awareness

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AGE UK WILTSHIRE

News and Views

CEO Message - Providing Support, Encouraging Independence

Welcome to the fifth edition of our external newsletter. Sarah Cardy, CEO, gives an update on our services.

“Nothing stands still for long in Age UK Wiltshire. We are continuing to find new ways to deliver services and strengthen our income to ensure we are a sustainable charity.

Having opened our Salisbury charity shop with an information point at the end of last year, it has been fantastic to open in two further locations in Bradford on Avon and Marlborough. You can read more about these brilliant shops and information points on page 3 of this newsletter. We are working hard behind the scenes on our next location, so watch this space.

Since our last newsletter I am delighted to announce our new partnership with working in partnership with Community First, Alzheimer’s Support, Wiltshire Service Users Network, Citizens Advice Wiltshire and Wessex Community Action, under the umbrella, ‘Carers Together Wiltshire’. This partnership will allow us to provide tailored support to the thousands of unpaid carers across Wiltshire.

There are currently thousands of people identified as unpaid carers in Wiltshire, we wish to ensure that these individuals can achieve a healthy balance between their caring responsibilities and their own interests and wellbeing.”

You can find out more about Carers Together Wiltshire on page 6 of this newsletter.

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Let's talk about: Offline and Overlooked – Age UK's new report on Digital Exclusion

Age UK has released a new report – 'Offline and Overlooked – Digital Exclusion and its impact on older people' – written to continue raising awareness of digital exclusion with MPs, local councils and service providers.

Age UK has been campaigning to highlight the impact on older people that the rush to go digital is having.

The report sets out how prioritising digital routes to accessing essential services like banking, NHS and GP appointments, parking, local council services and social security is disproportionately impacting older people. It highlights the important support being provided by local Age UKs to increase digital skills.

The report highlights that:

- 4.7 million people aged 65+ don't have the basic skills needed to use the internet successfully.
- 2.3 million people aged 65+ don't use the internet at all.
- 3.3 million people aged 65+ don't use a smartphone.

The report's recommendations are:

- All public services must offer and promote an affordable, easy to access, offline way of reaching and using them.
- The Government must make sure local government receives enough funding to provide offline services.
- More funding and support provided to enable people who are not internet users, but would like to be, to get online.
- The Government should lead on the development of a long-term, fully-funded national Digital Inclusion Strategy.
- The Government should change the law to require banks to maintain face-to-face services.
- Banks must accelerate the roll-out of Shared Banking Hubs.

To find out more, or to see how you can get involved, read more [here](#).

News and updates.

Charity Shops and Information Points

Following the success of our Salisbury Shop with Information Point, which opened in December, we have now opened in Bradford on Avon and Marlborough! Our charity shops are not just a retail space, but a place for people to come to us for information, help and access to advice.

These locations can only work with the support of our amazing volunteers and with the generous donations received. Each donation made, and purchase bought makes a real difference in the lives of older people living in Wiltshire.

Our shops are looking for more donations of clean, secondhand clothing and quality homeware.

What can you donate?

Clothes	Homeware
<p>Good quality and clean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men’s clothes • Woman’s clothes • Kid’s clothes • Bags • Shoes (paired) • Jewellery • Accessories 	<p>In good condition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vases, ornaments, glassware • Soft furnishings (if new) • Small pieces of furniture • Toys and games • Books



“Supporting an Older Person, One Donation at a Time”

Organisation News and Updates: Living Well

Through our Living Well service we have a team of Age UK Wiltshire staff, based within GP surgeries, providing a wide range of support to older patients. Alongside visiting people at home, we also go to local events spreading the news of our services.

On social prescribing day, the Living Well team visited Chippenham Community Hub to raise awareness in the community about the work of social prescribers. Information was shared about social groups, support services and relevant benefits.

The team had a mixture of people stop by from professionals, parliamentary candidates, and patients from the local surgeries. .



“Age UK have been brilliant, you've done so much for me, I don't know what I'd have done without you.”

Organisation News and Updates:

Our 'Wellbeing Checks with Meals' service is much more than just a hot meal delivered to your door, it is also:

- ✓ A wellbeing check for an older relative
- ✓ Peace of mind for a relative or carer
- ✓ The ability to remain independent, at home

"Thank you again for everything you do, your drivers are amazing, and it is because of you that mum can stay in her own home. So it is such a gift for us, thank you."

Socials

You can stay up to date with our latest news by following our social media accounts:



<https://www.facebook.com/ageukwiltshire/>



<https://twitter.com/AgeUKWiltshire>



<https://www.instagram.com/ageukwiltshire/>

Following our accounts and engaging with what is shared is a fantastic free way to help increase the reach of our services.

Organisation News and Updates:



Age UK Wiltshire is working in partnership with Community First, Alzheimer's Support, Wiltshire Service Users Network, Citizens Advice Wiltshire and Wessex Community Action, under the umbrella, 'Carers Together Wiltshire'.

This partnership will allow us to provide tailored support to the thousands of unpaid carers across Wiltshire.

There are currently thousands of people identified as unpaid carers in Wiltshire, we wish to ensure that these individuals can achieve a healthy balance between their caring responsibilities and their own interests and wellbeing. Caring for another person can be challenging. We work closely with Wiltshire Council to offer Carers Assessments, to enable unpaid carers to take regular time away from their caring responsibilities, and we also offer practical and emotional support.

We will work together with our partnership organisations to provide support to individuals providing informal unpaid care to another person through a range of support services.

We can provide:

- Activities
- Carer breaks
- Information
- Advice
- Information of Carer ID cards
- Counselling
- Coaching
- Training and support (including peer-support) for carers.

We are here to support carers, offer a listening ear and practical help and support. You can contact us on 01380 710300 or email

Organisation News and Updates: Fitness & Friendship

Our Fitness & Friendship Clubs are social clubs for older people with an emphasis on keeping active.

Sessions include gentle exercises, games, quizzes, Tai Chi, with plenty of time for a friendly chat over refreshments.

Our brand-new Fitness & Friendship Club has opened in Devizes at Northgate Gardens Retirement Housing and meets alternate Wednesday's 10.30am-12.30pm.

To find out more, you can contact: fitnessandfriendship@ageukwiltshire.org.uk

Happy birthday George!

George, a member of our Salisbury Fitness & Friendship Club, recently celebrated his 100th birthday with the club!



Information & Advice

Information & Advice received an exciting visit from some of Age UK National staff working on the Building Resilience project. They visited the team in Salisbury to see how they operate, as well as taking the opportunity to chat with volunteers and staff about the service. They were very complimentary and could see how much everyone put into the service.

Organisation News and Updates: Local Energy Grant


Local energy Grant

Could you be entitled to £100s off your fuel bills?

£200 Wiltshire Energy Grant

You could be eligible if you:

- Are over State Pension age
- Receive a means-tested benefit (core) *or* income below £366pw (single) person) / £527pw (couple or household) (discretionary)
- Worry about the cost of heating

We also advise on other benefits and schemes

Contact Age UK Wiltshire

0808 196 2424

www.ageukwiltshire.org.uk



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Wiltshire Community Foundation



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Registered Charity No. 800912

Organisation News and Updates: Padwell Road Day Centre

Padwell Road Day Centre recently celebrated its 40th Birthday!

A fantastic time was had by all.



With plants kindly donated by B&Q, Padwell Day Centre guests were able to start potting. The plants are now in the Day Centre Garden and we are delighted to share that the strawberry plants are coming along brilliantly!



Organisation News and Updates: Supportive Independence



Supportive Independence

more connected more resilient more mobile

We can provide information, guidance and support to help older people in Swindon stay active and connected.

Would you be interested in discovering local events and socialising?

Do you feel a bit unsteady on your feet and would like to know how you can prevent falls?

Do you feel, with a little support, you could be more active?

Want to make sure you are getting all the income you're entitled to?

Struggling to get around town?

Interested in learning about aids and adaptations to make your home more comfortable?



If you answered "YES" to any of these, feel free to get in touch with Dani Gibbs at 07933513209 for a friendly chat.

Organisation News and Updates: Melksham Community Support

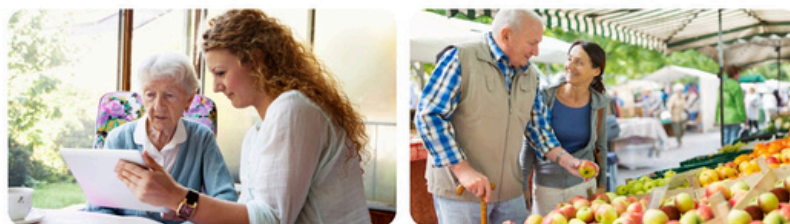
The Melksham Community Support service is commissioned by Melksham Town Council and Melksham Without Parish Council, to improve the wellbeing of older people living in the area, by offering support, access to information and practical help.

Funding for the second year of the project has recently been confirmed and we're busy promoting the support we can offer.

Melksham Community Support

- Would you like to go out and socialise if you had some information about what's going on, or someone to go along with?
- Do you feel, with a little support, you could be more active?
- Would you like to check you're receiving all the income you're entitled to?
- Do you find it difficult to get the things you need from the shops or chemist?
- Would you like information about aids and adaptations for your home?
- Maybe you just need a few things sorting at home to make it a happier place to be?

If you said YES to any of these, and would like to discuss a home visit, please call 01225 809265.



Organisation News and Updates:

Meet the trustee



Working hard behind the scenes are our amazing Trustee Board who provide a strategic lead and oversight for the direction of Age UK Wiltshire.

Chair of our Trustee board is Richard Purchase and we thought this newsletter was a perfect opportunity to find out a bit more about him.

1. Why did you decide to become a trustee of Age UK Wiltshire?

“I applied for the role as Chair and went through a rigorous selection process! Professionally I have worked in health and through my companies' provided services to the health, housing and social care sectors. It made sense therefore to continue supporting an organisation whose services are already great but could become more widely available utilising my commercial skills to help others.”

2. What difference do you feel the charity is making?

“In the last two years, and with a new strategic plan, we have seen growth and expansion with more people able to access our services whilst at the same time we have been striving to become more financially self-sufficient.”

3. What are you most excited about for the charity?

“ We have a fantastic and forward thinking Exec Team led by a brilliant Chief Executive - there will be increasing need for our services as the population ages, other charities falter and government/council requirements expand. We are very well placed and are excited to step into this space.”

4. Outside of your role with our charity, what do you enjoy doing in your free time?

“I have a number of commercial interests; however, I am a great rugby supporter, Vice Chair of Marlborough RFC, I play golf badly, have young grandchildren and I enjoy travel.”

5. What book, film, or song has had a significant impact on you and why?

“I am not sure you can pick one and it becomes an accumulation of experiences over the years. However I would encourage everyone in business to read the books by Michael Heppell and particularly "How to be Brilliant" - he has other books and all are worth a read!”

Join our team

Age UK Wiltshire is a local independent charity with around 60 members of staff, mostly part-time. We help over 1500 local older people every year, offering activities, events, social contact and information. It's a great place to work if you really want to make a difference in people's lives.

Our website is regularly updated with all of our latest vacancies.



You can find out more [here](#)

Volunteer with us

We rely on volunteers to support the services we deliver. We welcome applications and support from all parts of the community and will work with people so they get the best experience possible from working with us.



If you are ready to volunteer with us then the first step is to read about our volunteer roles on our [website](#) and complete our application form. This is how we first get to know you and understand what you want to get out of volunteering.

Visit our website for more information about our services
www.ageukwiltshire.org.uk
www.ageuk.org.uk/southampton/

How we set our priorities

Each year Healthwatch Wiltshire sets its priorities for the year ahead based on the experiences that we hear from local people.

These are gathered by:

- Reviewing feedback that we have received over the past year
- Conversations with our Board and volunteers
- All the evidence and feedback we gather is shared with the Board and they help us decide what areas we focus on in the year ahead.



- Care at home
- Accessibility of health services
- How the cost of living is affecting our health
- The impact of living in a rural county.

Our planned work

Based on the survey responses we received, and following a discussion with our volunteers and our Board, the following three priority areas have been agreed:

- **Pharmacy** - a review of the Pharmacy First scheme.
- **Living in a rural county** - focusing on the issues people face living in isolated areas and how they access services.
- **Care at home** - hearing the views of people who have an NHS@Home (virtual ward) package to provide care at home and how this is working for them.

We also talk to local commissioners and voluntary sector organisations to ensure our work can add value to what they're doing and to check that we aren't duplicating work that's already being done elsewhere.

While other people can suggest areas of focus to us, we are an independent organisation and decide our own workplan.

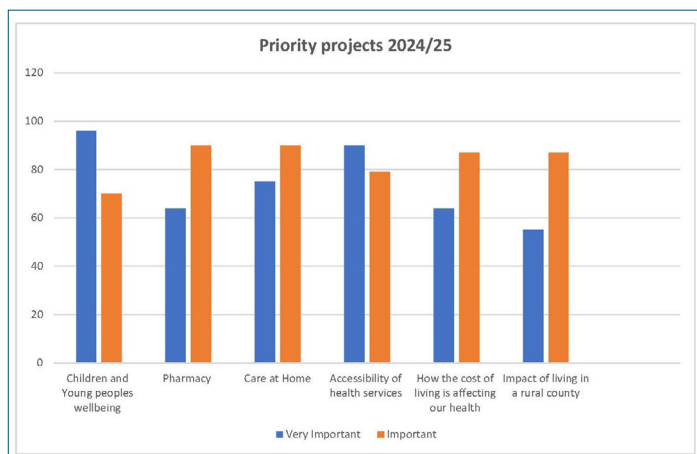
Our priorities for 2024/25

This year we ran an online survey throughout March and we also visited libraries, community campuses and local groups to gather people's views.

The survey invited respondents to choose their preferences from a list of six key project themes, all of which came from the feedback we'd received over the previous year:

- The wellbeing of children and young people
- Pharmacy

A huge thank you to the 211 people who shared their thoughts with us! Find out more about [what people told us in our blog](#).



Update for Wiltshire Area Boards

April 2024

Covid spring booster programme

The Covid-19 booster vaccination programme for those most at risk of serious illness from the virus will begin in April.

The advice for this Spring is to offer the vaccine to those at high risk of serious disease and who are therefore most likely to benefit from vaccination.

The JCVI advises the following groups should be offered a COVID-19 booster vaccine this Spring:

- Adults aged 75 years and over.
- Residents in a care home for older adults.
- Individuals aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed.

Trailblazing health centre

Devizes' state-of-the-art health centre has recently celebrated its first anniversary, with staff at the site proud to have cared for more than 59,000 people during its inaugural 12 months.

The centre, which takes pride of place as the Wiltshire town's flagship location for health and care, had its official opening on 22 February 2023, just a few weeks after the doors first opened to patients.

Since then, the team at Devizes Health Centre, which holds the title of being one of the country's first fully integrated healthcare centres, meaning GP appointments take place alongside many other health and care services, such as outpatient clinics and community care, have carried out a total of 16,834 face-to-face appointments.

When combined with appointments carried out over the phone, the Devizes team cared for 59,457 people during their first year, which equates to approximately 238 patient interactions each day.

Along with being 100 per cent energy efficient – the site uses heat pumps and solar panels to generate its own power – Devizes Health Centre is also a hub for same and next-day care.

Patients of four nearby GP practices are able to be referred directly to the new urgent care service, meaning local people need not travel further afield for quick help and treatment.

Further information about Devizes Health Centre, as well as all other local health and care services, can be found online at www.bsw.icb.nhs.uk.

BSW Care Coordination initiative wins prestigious HSJ award

Medvivo and BSW ICB have won a prestigious Health Service Journal Award for a project to coordinate health and care services so that patients receive the best possible care to meet their needs, at the right, in the right place and avoids emergency admission.

The project, which has been running across BSW since December 2022, received a Gold Award in the category 'most effective contribution to integrated health and care'.

The Care Coordination Hub see Specialist Paramedics working alongside Advanced Clinical Practitioners and other Health and Care Professionals (in the hub and virtually) to optimise the flow of patients across the region. Working this way reduces the risk of harm and makes the best use of the resources to provide high-quality care.

New Partnership announced to support unpaid carers in Wiltshire

Wiltshire has thousands of people who provide help as unpaid carers to those needing additional support. Wiltshire Council and the BSW ICB have a role to ensure those people are provided with respite, support and opportunities to network with other unpaid carers.

The council has announced that Age UK Wiltshire is working in a consortium with Community First, Alzheimer's Support, Wiltshire Service Users Network, Citizens Advice Wiltshire and Wessex Community Action (and many more charities). As a group they are called 'Carers Together Wiltshire' and will provide respite, and a range of support to adult unpaid carers from the age of 18. This will include training, carer cafes and awareness raising in the community for unpaid carers. They will also work closely with Wiltshire Council to continue conducting carer's assessments.

Community First has been awarded the contract for younger adult and young carers from ages 5 – 25, focusing on support in primary schools and supporting Wiltshire Council with their work with secondary schools and colleges, understanding their rights and what support is available to them and giving them opportunities to carry on doing the things they enjoy – whilst also teaching them key life skills as they grow up.

Both providers will work together to support carers aged 18 – 25 and family support including parent carers. There is also investment in online support so carers can access training, chats, helpful guides and support at any time.

There will continue to be a Wiltshire Carer Card which will provide unpaid carers with ID as a carer and record emergency contact details. This will be available as a physical card and a digital app for people's smartphone, if preferred. Unpaid carers can continue to use the emergency card they already have while they wait for the new card. The new providers will also continue to work closely with hospitals to ensure unpaid carers are supported. Assessments for unpaid carers will continue as normal.

From 1 April Carer Support Wiltshire will continue to run its services independently of the council including carer cafés, the Hear to Talk service, family support and activities, carer wellbeing workshops, young carer activities, carer grants and their Bereavement Help Points.

The unpaid carers contract is jointly funded by Wiltshire Council and BSW ICB.

Area Board Briefing Note – Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Service:	Environment
Date prepared:	16/04/2024
Further enquiries to:	localnaturerecoverystrategy@wiltshire.gov.uk
Direct contact:	Alison.levy@wiltshire.gov.uk

The Local Nature Recovery Strategy has been progressing with events through March collecting an understanding of what people’s priorities are for nature recovery in Wiltshire and what measures they would utilise to achieve those priorities. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

The project group have now moved into the shortlisting phase. In this phase all the information we were given from the survey and events will be merged with information gathered from existing strategies that relate to nature such as river catchment strategies. Having created a master longlist a shortlisting group and a species specialist group will reduce the longlist into a shortlist for each area of Wiltshire. A validation group comprised of people who know their areas well will then check the working and confirm the outcomes.

Once a shortlist is completed, around the end of May, we will start mapping in earnest, using “Geographical information systems” (GIS) programs to model the best locations for those priorities and measures to be located, however as good as the work on this may be, it will be purely data driven and so we need those maps to be “ground truthed”, or in other words for people who really know the land to take a look and give us feedback on the suggested areas.

Events to give people more information and gather the needed feedback will comprise of three in person drop-in days, several webinars and an accompanying online survey.

These events will take place across July and details regarding their location and times will be sent out via our contacts database so please do sign up to receive notice and your invitations.

[Sign Up](#)

this link may also be found on our webpage (awaiting an update currently at bottom, will be moved to top) if you type in Wiltshire LNRS to google it should be the first result.

Your views, local knowledge and buy in are critical to not just the building of the LNRS but also its successful delivery. I sincerely hope some of you will be able to make it to our events and I look forward to seeing you there.



20 May 2024

For immediate release

Temporary changing room and swimming pool closure as redecoration works continue at Lime Kiln Leisure Centre

As the next phase of redecoration works get underway at Lime Kiln Leisure Centre in Royal Bassett, the pool changing rooms and swimming pool will temporarily close.

Following the decoration works to the main entrance corridor and downstairs studio, completed during phase one, the second phase will involve a complete refurbishment of the swimming pool changing rooms, plus a revamp of the poolside surrounding flooring. All of works are scheduled for completion by the end of July 2024.

The changing rooms are scheduled to be closed from 17 June for approximately six-weeks to allow for the refurbishment. Customers will be advised to arrive at the centre swim ready, similar to the pandemic restrictions around swimming, and have a dry-robe or similar available to leave the centre after their swim.

A two-week swimming pool closure will take place between 24 June to 7 July. This will allow for the new flooring to be laid and for the pool hall to be redecorated. Customers will be able to access alternative swimming provision at one of the other council-run swimming pools during the closure.

Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cabinet Member for Leisure, said: "It's great that the works at Lime Kiln Leisure Centre are progressing well and the refreshed areas are already providing a much more welcoming environment and experience for our customers.

"We now look forward to the swimming pool changing room works getting underway next month. Although this phase will involve some closures to the changing rooms and pool areas, we hope that our customers will understand the importance and benefits of these works.

"We are investing in our leisure centres in this way because we want to provide residents with well maintained and fit-for-purpose facilities to try and encourage more

people to participate in sporting activities and keep physically, socially and mentally active.”

To find out more about swimming at Wiltshire Council leisure centres and the pools available in the county, go to www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-swimming.

-Ends-

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WILTSHIRE POLICE

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Sent by email

21st May 2024

Dear Councillor,

I write to you today further to some very welcome news I received yesterday. His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) has confirmed the Force will be removed from the Engage phase of its performance monitoring process. We will now enter into their 'scan' phase of monitoring – this involves quarterly monitoring of performance to ensure the improvements we've made are sustained.

Wiltshire Police was placed into the Engage status in 2022 after HMICFRS graded the force as 'inadequate' in our ability to respond to the public, protect vulnerable people, and demonstrate effective strategic planning. It further described the Force as 'requiring improvement' in a number of other areas.

Over the last 14 months, we have worked hard to improve our services in key areas and some examples of the changes we have made are:

- The introduction of a new policing model, creating dedicated neighbourhood teams which ensure increased visibility and engagement with our communities
- Significant improvements to the quality of our investigations
- Increased governance around how we monitor our performance and map our demand
- Publication of a [three-year strategic plan](#) outlining our key priorities and deliverables

Through this work we have been able to provide an enhanced service to victims - from shorter 999 and 101 call answer times, safeguarding more people by identifying vulnerability at the earliest opportunity, better quality investigations and an improvement in the number of justice outcomes.

Whilst the news from HMICFRS today is very welcome, Wiltshire Police will continue to focus on its improvement journey to ensure that it provides the consistently trusted and high quality policing which our communities and partners deserve. Our aim now is to become a Force that is rated as 'outstanding', to evidence our commitment to ensure the very best quality of service to you all.

Keeping Wiltshire Safe

I would like to thank you, as a key strategic partner, for the support you have provided to both Wiltshire Police and personally to myself as Chief Constable. I very much look forward to working with you further.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine Roper".

Chief Constable Roper

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Community Report

Royal Wootton Bassett Community Policing Team

June 2024



Keeping Wiltshire Safe

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team

Inspector: Gareth Edwards

Sergeant: Kate Smith

Neighbourhood Officers:

PC Lucy Wright (Royal Wootton Bassett and Lyneham)

PC Beth Butwell (Cricklade and Purton)

PC Jo Phelps (Malmesbury and Ashton Keynes)

PCSOs:

Kelly Hillier (Royal Wootton Bassett and Lyneham)

Mo Beasley (Cricklade and Purton)

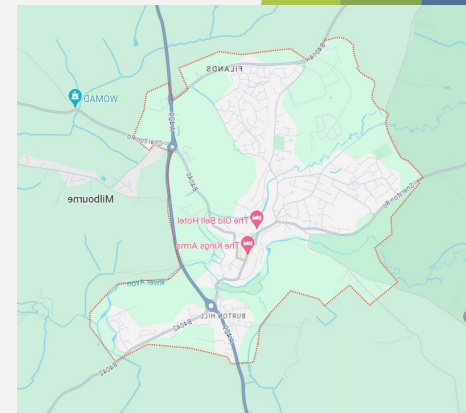
Juliet Evans (Malmesbury Rural and Ashton Keynes)



Royal Wootton Bassett



Cricklade & Purton



Malmesbury

Community Engagements

Our Engagement Vision

Community Engagement impacts on everything we do

- We use a range of techniques and channels to best connect with our communities to obtain their views on policing in the county
- We work collaboratively with a variety of partners to engage with communities
- We actively encourage and enable people to be part of our policing conversations to help shape our approach, response, policy, and delivery
- We ensure our diverse and under-represented communities have a voice and are represented in conversations
- We demonstrate where we have listened and where we have changed our service because of what our communities are telling us
- We evaluate the success of our engagement activity and learn lessons to improve future engagement

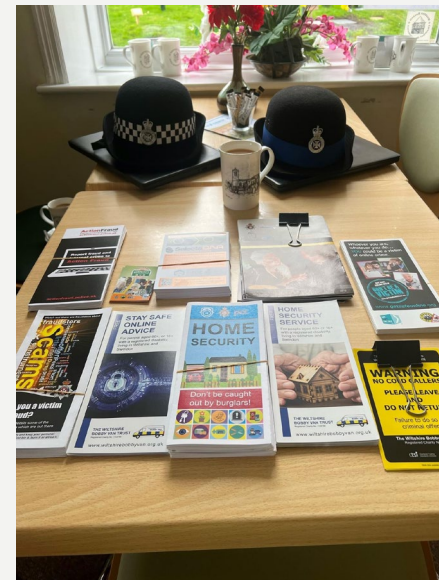


Community Engagements April & May 2024

In the last two months the Neighbourhood Policing Team have completed **98 community engagements** within the RWB, Malmesbury and Cricklade areas.

These have included:

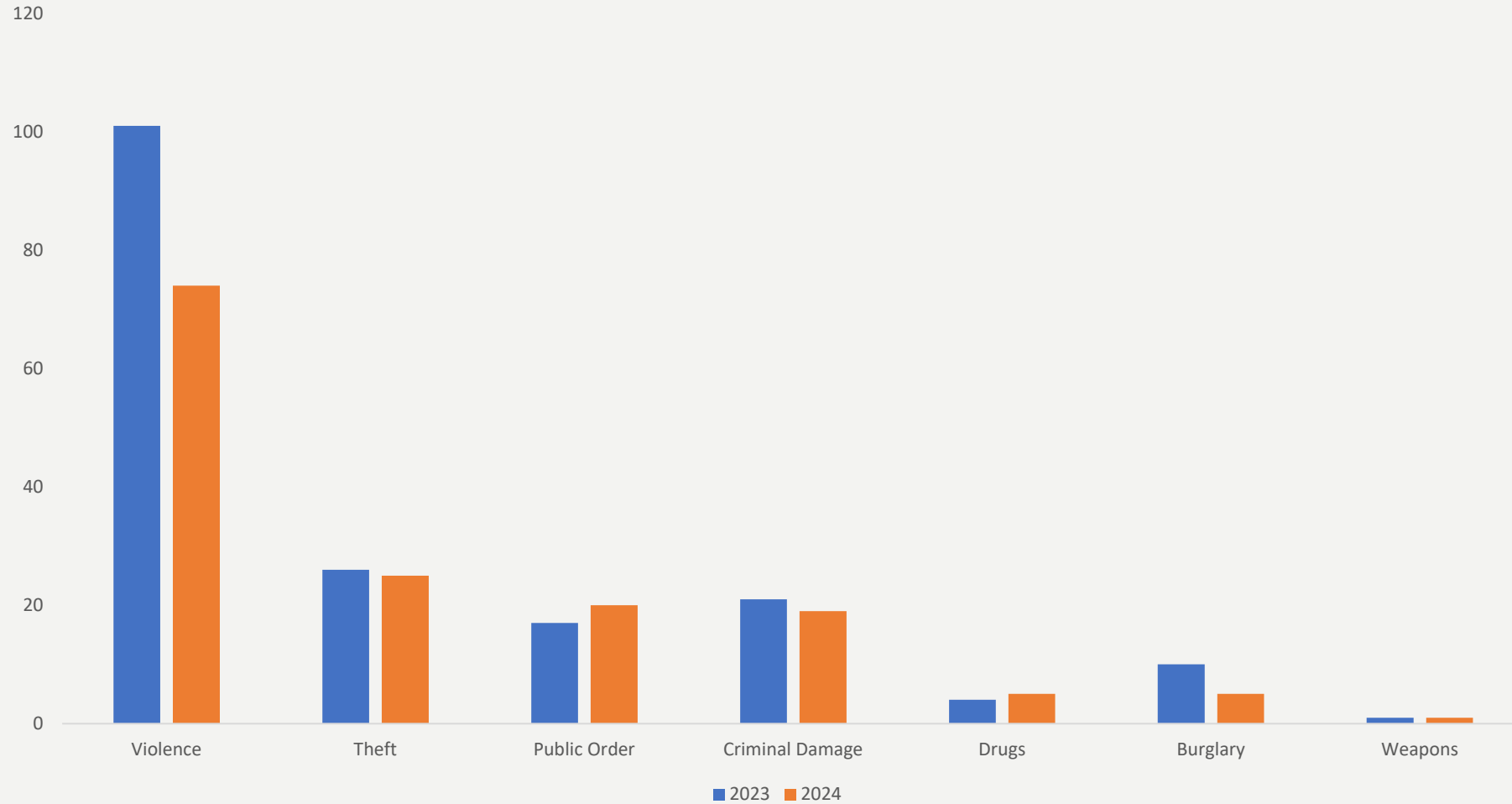
- Op Aidant – National Operation tackling drugs, county lines and exploitation
- Drop-in sessions at key town centre locations across our area
- Facebook live event
- Community meetings and consultations in the rural villages surrounding RWB and Cricklade
- Athestan 1100 events in Malmesbury
- Peak Week in Purton
- Civil War reenactment
- Op Sceptre - National Operation tackling exploitation, human trafficking and modern-day slavery
- Trading Standards day of action
- Mini Police sessions in RWB and Purton
- Proactive operation to tackle drug dealing



Crime Statistics

RWB, Cricklade and surrounding rural areas

Recorded Crime April & May



Operational/Local Priorities

Safer Public
Spaces

Violence

Violence against the person

Burglary

Drugs

Patrols of play parks and car meets at
Whitehill Industrial Estate, Cricklade leisure
centre, The Dingle - Purton

ASB

The Dingle - Purton, Boroughfields and Cricketers
Close – RWB, off road bikes - Cricklade

Speeding

and road safety patrols / parking around Braden
Forest, Noremarsh, St Mary's and St Bart's

Get involved/Get to know!

RWB CPT



bit.ly/440sizf
#YourForceYourArea

We are inviting you to get to know your Community Policing Team even better. Over the past few months, the communications team and your local officers have been working hard to create new areas on the Force website entitled 'Your Area.'

If you've not discovered them yet, the Your Area pages will give you a considerable amount of information about the area in which you live including who your neighbourhood officers and PCSOs are, how to contact them, crime statistics for your area including the top reported crimes and a crime map showing hot spots.

If you are interested to know what the local police priorities are you will find them on the pages along with an up-to-date list of meetings and events the team will be attending. You can even find out if there will be speed checks in your area.

Keep up to date with the latest news and alerts in your area by signing up to our Community Messaging service via the QR Code.

Alternatively you can register online via www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

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Alerts from Wiltshire Police

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Road Safety update – Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Wednesday 26 June 2024



• #FATAL5 education



Careless or inconsiderate driving

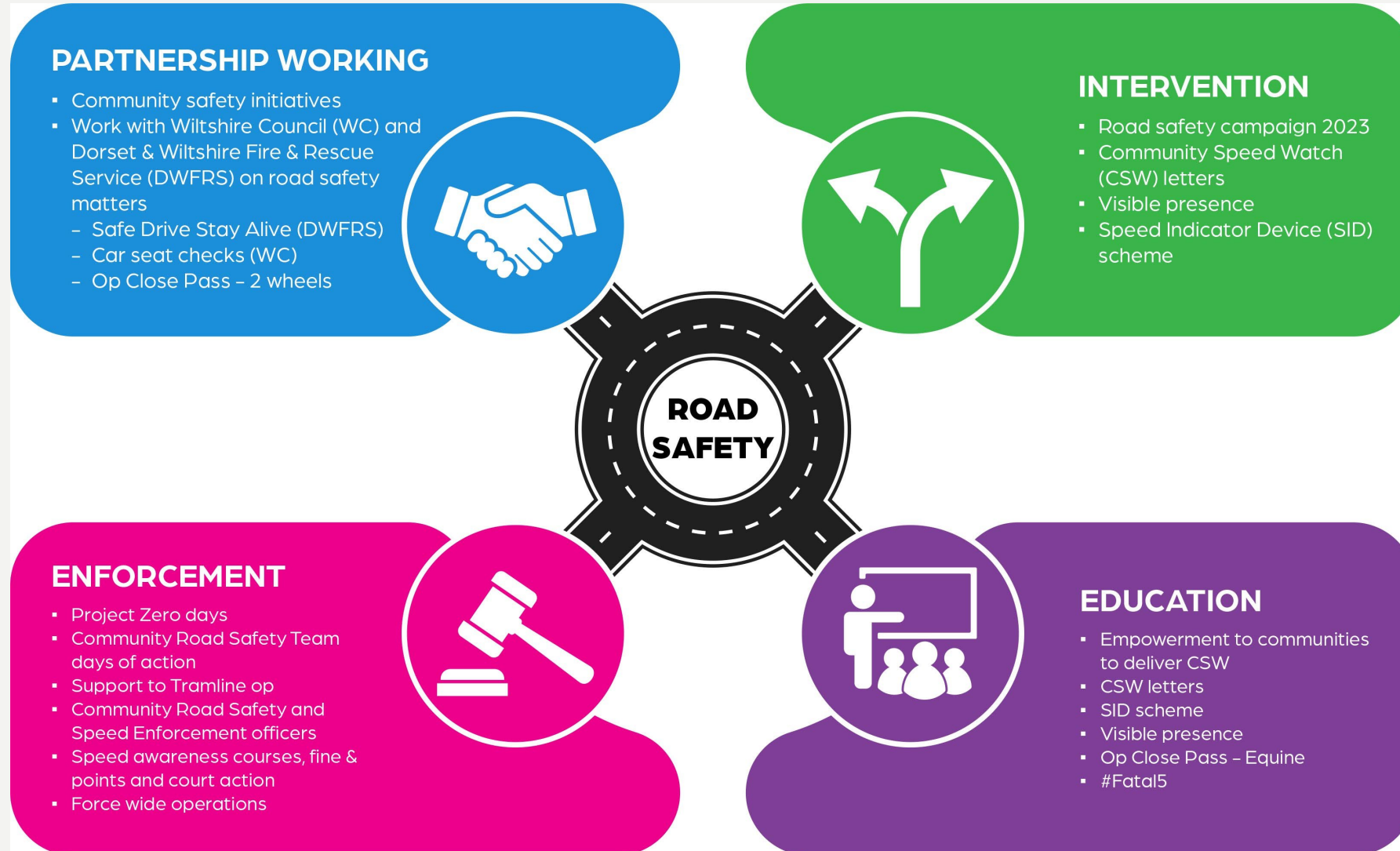
The offence of driving without due care and attention (careless driving) is committed when your driving falls below the minimum standard expected of a competent and careful driver, and includes driving without reasonable consideration for other road users.

Some examples of careless or inconsiderate driving are:

- overtaking on the inside
- driving too close to another vehicle
- driving through a red light by mistake
- turning into the path of another vehicle
- flashing lights to force other drivers to give way
- misusing lanes to gain advantage over other drivers
- the driver being avoidably distracted by tuning the radio, lighting a cigarette etc
- unnecessarily staying in an overtaking lane
- unnecessarily slow driving or braking
- dazzling other drivers with un-dipped headlights



• Community Road Safety Team; what we do



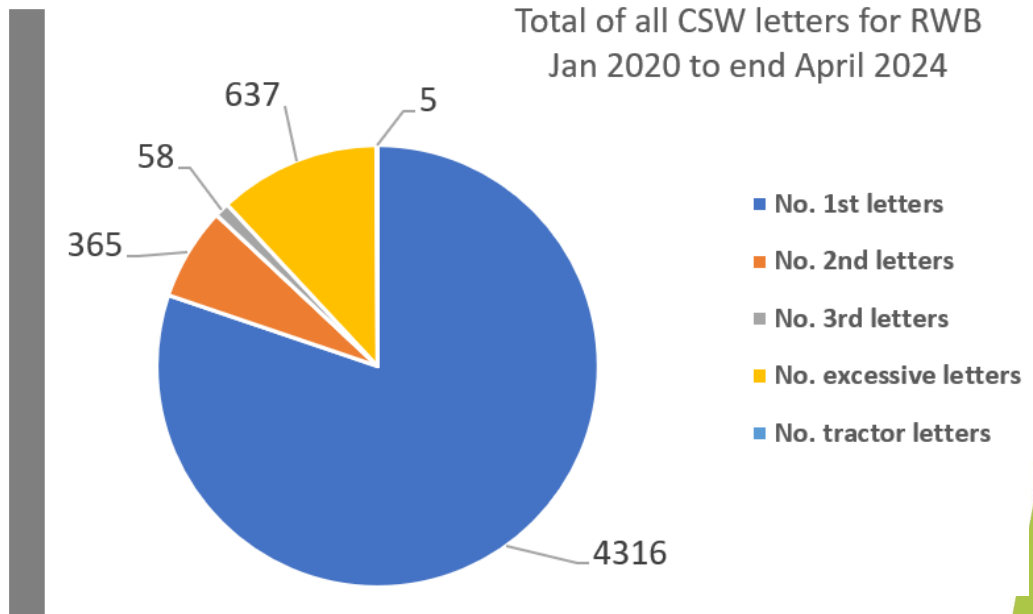
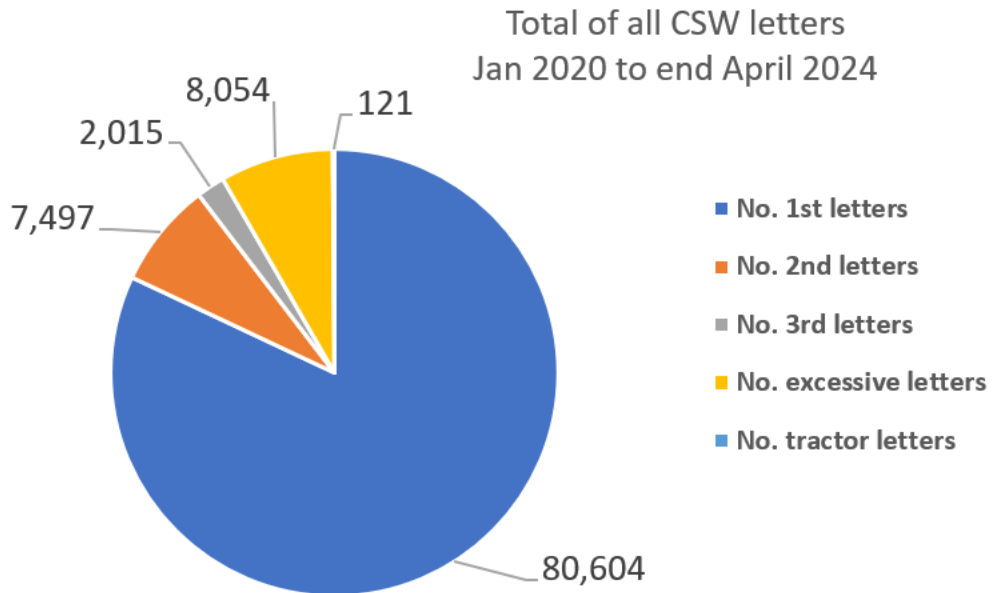
Community Speed Watch

CSW



• CSW – RWB & Cricklade area - Data since July 2020 to 8 May 2024

Team	No. 1st letters	No. 2nd letters	No. 3rd letters	No. excessive letters	No. tractor letters	Total letters	No. of watches	Average speeders %
Cricklade	2779	270	49	550	1	3649	200	10.7%
Lyneham	1374	84	6	84	4	1552	133	1.9%
Purton	72	7	2	3	0	84	9	1.3%
Royal Wootton Bassett	91	4	1	0	0	96	19	3.1%
Grand Total	4316	365	58	637	5	5381	361	4.3%



Traffic surveys RWB & Cricklade January 2022 to 30 April 2024

Wiltshire Council

Title	Result	Survey start date	Speed limit	85th percentile	CPT	Area Board
Broad Hinton - B4041 High Street	No further action	11/09/2023	30	31.8	Devides	RWB
Broad Hinton - Yew Tree Lane	Speed education	19/02/2024	30	35.1	RWB	RWB
Broad Town - 33 Broad Town Rd	Speed education	13/11/2023	30	37.5	RWB	RWB
Bushton - Unnamed road	No further action	10/01/2022	40	38.45	RWB	RWB
Bushton - Withy Bed	No further action	10/01/2022	40	44.36	RWB	RWB
Bushton - Withy Bed (South)	No further action	10/01/2022	40	39.11	RWB	RWB
Cricklade B4553 Purton Road	No further action	12/06/2023	30	32.0	RWB	RWB
Latton C419 The Street	Speed education	12/07/2023	30	38.6	RWB	RWB
Lydiard Millicent - C16 Stone Lane	No further action	20/09/2023	40	38.0	RWB	RWB
Lydiard Millicent - C28 Holborn	No further action	11/09/2023	30	30.1	RWB	RWB
Lydiard Millicent - C28 Lydiard Green	Speed education	11/09/2023	30	37.4	RWB	RWB
Lydiard Millicent - C28 The Street (east of The Beeches)	Speed education	11/09/2023	30	36.5	RWB	RWB
Lydiard Millicent - C414 Greatfield (south of Lydiard Green)	Speed education	11/09/2023	30	38.3	RWB	RWB
Lydiard Millicent - C414 Greatfield Outside Walfins	Speed education	11/09/2023	30	36.0	RWB	RWB
Lyneham - A3102 The Green	No further action	15/05/2023	30	34.8	RWB	RWB
Purton - B4553 Cowleaze Ridgeway Farm (east)	No further action	11/09/2023	30	30.4	RWB	RWB
Purton - B4553 Cowleaze Ridgeway Farm (west)	No further action	11/09/2023	30	28.5	RWB	RWB
Purton - B4553 Cricklade Road	No further action	19/09/2023	50	48.1	RWB	RWB
Purton - C34 Church Street	No further action	20/03/2023	30	30	RWB	RWB
Purton - C34 Manor Hill	No further action	15/05/2023	60	42.7	RWB	RWB
Purton - C414 Cricklade Road	Speed education	04/02/2023	30	39.4	RWB	RWB
Purton - C414 Restrop Road	No further action	12/06/2023	30	32.7	RWB	RWB
Purton - UC Witts Lane	No further action	12/06/2023	30	21.2	RWB	RWB
Purton -The Buffer	VOID	29/01/2024	20	25.7	RWB	RWB
Purton UC The Hyde	No further action	12/06/2023	30	17.2	RWB	RWB
Royal Wootton Bassett	No further action	04/02/2023	30	34.7	RWB	RWB
Royal Wootton Bassett - 13 Broad Town Rd	No further action	13/11/2023	60	51.4	RWB	RWB
Royal Wootton Bassett - 25 Broad Town Rd	No further action	13/11/2023	60	47.7	RWB	RWB
Royal Wootton Bassett A3102 Swindon Road (West)	No further action	04/02/2023	60	35.3	RWB	RWB
Royal Wootton Bassett - Garraways	No further action	04/02/2023	30	21.5	RWB	RWB
Royal Wootton Bassett - Whitehill Lane	Speed education	13/11/2023	30	36.2	RWB	RWB
Royal Wootton Bassett A3102 Swindon Road (East)	No further action	04/02/2023	50	49.2	RWB	RWB
Royal Wootton Bassett C374 Bincknoll Way	No further action	04/02/2023	60	44.5	RWB	RWB
Royal Wootton Bassett-C46-Noremarsh Road	No further action	11/09/2023	30	31.7	RWB	RWB
RWB - Whitehill Lane	No further action	10/01/2022	30	30.91	RWB	RWB
RWB - Whitehill Lane	No further action	10/01/2022	30	30.91	RWB	RWB
Tockenham - Tockenham Road C120	No further action	04/02/2023	30	29.8	RWB	RWB

• Wider work recently

Our Roads Policing Unit (RPU) in the last quarter, covering January to April issued over **2390 tickets** to motorists, for numerous road related offences.

- [Op Tramline](#) is running every month, in April the main focus was on mobile phone enforcement.
- 5 more RPU officers have joined the team.
- RPU ran a [MIB](#) no insurance operation focussing on the M4 in conjunction with TVP, A&S and Gwent Police. Wiltshire had 12 vehicles seized off the M4 and the highest in the region.



 **Wilts Specialist Ops @WiltsSpecOps · 05/04/2024**
#RPU were out again running #OpTramline today in between other jobs and commitments 🙌
Even more drivers found to be distracted at the wheel or not restrained #Fatal5



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 **Wilts Specialist Ops @WiltsSpecOps · 06/04/2024**
#RPU have this vehicle stopped in Bulford due the driver only holding a provisional licence and the vehicle holding no policy of insurance, driver reported and vehicle seized
#NoInsuranceNoLicenceNoVehicle #S165 #Seized @DriveInsured



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 **Wilts Specialist Ops @WiltsSpecOps · 17/03/2024**
Full house of document offences for this motorcycle, seized on the A429 near Kemble. No number plate; insurance; tax or MOT, ridden by a provisional licence holder.



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Community Speed Enforcement Officers

CSEO's



• CSEO – Dashboard – 1 January 2023 to 7 May 2024

CSEO Activity Dashboard

Outcomes are dependent on previous convictions and history

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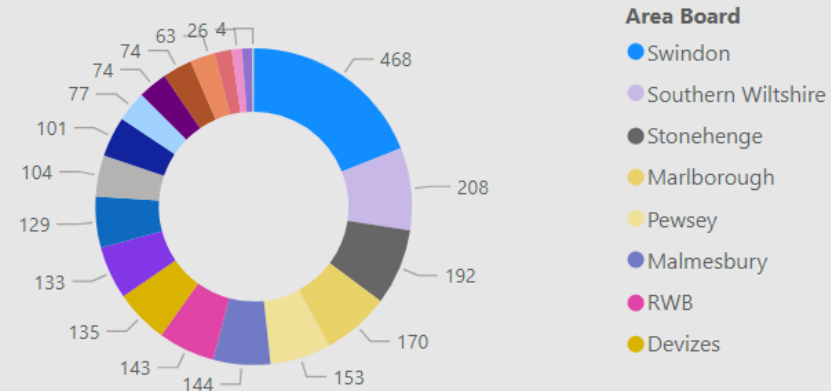
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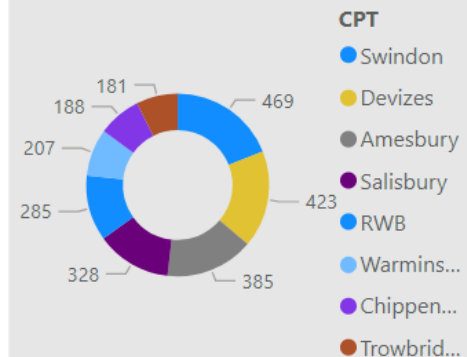
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Swindon - Thamesdown Drive	2023	December	251.00	54.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Swindon Queens Drive adjacent with Cambridge Close	2024	April	151.00	26.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Shaw and Whitley - A365 Folly Lane	2023	November	129.00	15.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melkshar
Swindon - Thamesdown Drive	2024	January	103.00	16.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	August	102.00	31.00	4.00	Salisbury	South We
Harnham - Lime Kiln Way	2023	November	97.00	11.00	0.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
Cholderton - Church Lane	2023	March	95.00	4.00	1.00	Amesbury	South We
Swindon - Thamesdown Drive	2024	March	94.00	23.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Swindon Queens Drive adjacent with Cambridge Close	2024	March	90.00	13.00	1.00	Swindon	Swindon
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	November	84.00	33.00	8.00	Salisbury	Southern
Cricklade - Spital Lane	2023	April	80.00	10.00	0.00	RWB	RWB
Tilshead - Candown Road	2023	August	78.00	10.00	1.00	Amesbury	Stoneher
Wilton - The Avenue	2024	April	77.00	23.00	6.00	Salisbury	Southern
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	November	72.00	10.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern
Total			10,667.00	1,450.00	144.00		

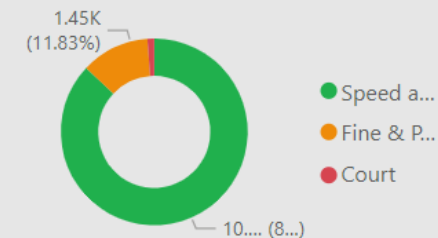
Activity by Area Board



Activity by CPT



Outcomes



• CSEO – RWB & Cricklade Area - 1 January 2023 to 8 May 2024

CSEO Activity Dashboard

Outcomes are dependent on previous convictions and history

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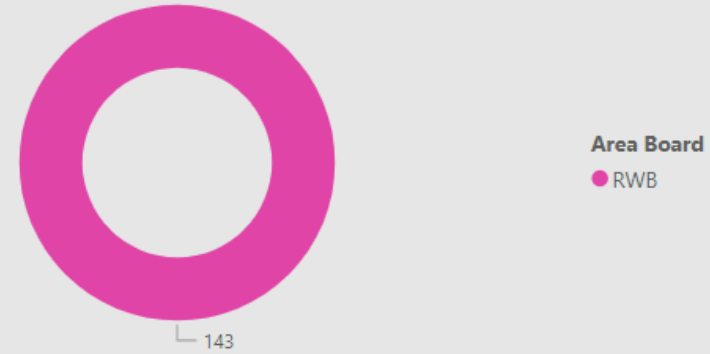
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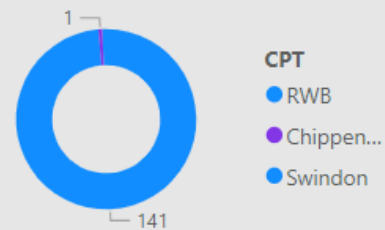
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No. of Locations

Location	Year	Month	Speed awareness course	Fine & Points	Court	CPT	Area Board
Cricklade - Spital Lane	2023	April	80.00	10.00	0.00	RWB	RWB
Cricklade - Spital Lane	2024	April	46.00	8.00	0.00	RWB	RWB
Cricklade - Spital Lane (C)	2023	November	39.00	4.00	0.00	RWB	RWB
Cricklade - Spital Lane	2023	November	33.00	4.00	0.00	RWB	RWB
Cricklade - Spital Lane	2023	March	32.00	2.00	0.00	RWB	RWB
Latton C19 THE STREET, LATTON NEAR CROFT CLOSE OPPOSITE GREEN BOX	2024	April	24.00	8.00	1.00	RWB	RWB
Cricklade - Spital Lane	2023	May	20.00	3.00	0.00	RWB	RWB
Cricklade - Spital Lane (C)	2024	March	17.00	0.00	0.00	RWB	RWB
Cricklade - Spital Lane	2024	March	14.00	0.00	0.00	RWB	RWB
Latton - C19 THE STREET, LATTON NEAR CROFT CLOSE OPPOSITE GREEN BOX	2024	March	13.00	0.00	0.00	RWB	RWB
Cricklade - Town Council - High Street (C)	2023	September	12.00	0.00	0.00	RWB	RWB
Cricklade Spital Lane	2024	April	12.00	2.00	0.00	RWB	RWB
Latton - C19 THE STREET	2024	January	9.00	0.00	0.00	RWB	RWB
Cricklade - Calcutt Street	2023	March	8.00	0.00	0.00	RWB	RWB
Total			518.00	56.00	2.00		

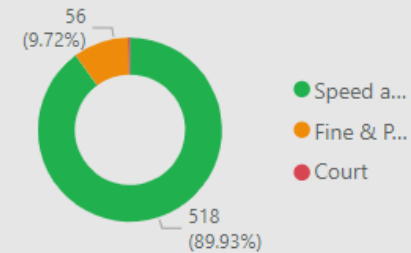
Activity by Area Board



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Outcomes



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PURTON PARISH COUNCIL – AREA BOARD UPDATE REPORT 2024

Passing of our Chair

Following the passing of our Chair at the end of 2023, the Council has now settled into 2024 with a new Chair and Vice Chair and a passion to continue the good works already proven. A new councillor also joined in May and we have another hoping to be co-opted in June.

Purton Neighbourhood Plan Revision

We are in the midst of our revision of the plan and aim to complete early next year. Great community interaction, continued support from councillors, staff and consultations should result in a robust Neighbourhood Plan Revision for our community.

Community Events

Purton Parish Council has arranged several large community events for the year, the first being the Children's Easter Egg Hunt with a quiz followed by a chocolate treat. Great weather, great attendance and the easter bunny was in their element ! This fun event allows families to interact at a Charity venue managed by the Parish Council of all ages and a valued feedback and communication element in a friendly safe environment.

Our next event is a family fun day on the green at the Village Centre. We aim to engage with our community whilst they enjoy, free music, child activities in the form of a bouncy castle, face painter and balloon modeller. The Purton Red House has also recently installed through their charity a kitchen to offer food to the event and community moving forward – in today's climate opening such a facility is a great achievement by the Charity. Councillors and staff are manning the event which will allow another great opportunity for engagement in a more relaxed atmosphere.

Carbon Neutral Purton

July sees us attend a Fun Day organised by one of our local churches to raise funds for their window repair. The Parish Council will have a stall promoting its Neighbourhood Plan revision and our Carbon Neutral Plan for Purton which also includes planting of sunflower seeds to take home, and a packet of wildflower seeds to have some bug/bee friendly planting additions.,

We have been working hard this year on the Carbon Plan with simple easy steps to aid the process. To date we have installed bee/bug houses including three Bug Towers made by our grounds team, plus bird houses, bat boxes and later in the year, hedgehog and dormouse tubing will be added. Our planting schemes has changed to encourage our bee community to take hold and we aim to continue and enhance this through all planting in our community.

Our new Eco Site, will house a large compost bay, chipping bay and poly tunnel to allow our own planting to reduce our carbon footprint. We also have small saplings being grown to replant at the Dingle, a piece of land owned by the Parish Council and maintained as a haven for wildlife next to our Cricket Grounds. The Dingle like many other areas suffered with Ash DieBack and we are keen to start the regeneration of this project, these saplings will be the start. As part of our Carbon Plan, we have also created large bug mounds with the fallen trees and cleared areas to allow replanting of native woodland bulbs.

Should we mention Christmas so early !!!! Late November sees our Christmas Light Switch On Event with a 35ft Christmas tree on the putting green of the Village Centre Chrity. A local band will play us into the season with Christmas songs and the Purton Red House will be open for beverages and food. This event signifies the start of our Christmas festivities which leads into the children's party – a great opportunity for children to enjoy the joys of Razzmatazz and the parents to snap pictures of these precious memories.

A brief update of some of our activities.

24th May 2024

AREA BOARD UPDATE

Cricklade Community awards 2024

At the Annual Town meeting held in Cricklade Town Hall on 16th April 2024, Cricklade Town Council are pleased to announce the three winners of the Cricklade Community Awards.



Cricklade Young Person of the year

- DARCEY BANNON

Darcey's nomination read – Darcey is an active member of Sampson Explorer Scout Unit in Cricklade. She joins in with all activities and events (she's an excellent Santa's Elf!) She ensures new members have someone to talk to and encourages them to get the full Scouting experience by joining in and being fully engaged.

This is borne out by her being appointed as a student leader at school. This involves her being accessible to all students, she is available to talk to, she listens to concerns and issues of students. She also liaises with teachers and students when required to ensure students are happy and feel secure at school.



Community Group of the year

- CRICKLADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society nomination read – The historical society is to be congratulated on the development of the museum and the events in the Town during the year. Residents and visitors can learn so much about many aspects of the Town from industry to farming, transport, education and war experiences. Residents and those from near and far are helped to find out about family history, and the history of homes, churches, shops and pubs.

The museum welcomes hundreds of visitors per year with time given by volunteers. Two walks are held annually by society volunteers. The historical society organises a wide range of talks during the year and also helps us to remember significant events of the past through a vast archive of photographs, records, maps and artefacts and regular bulletins. The historical society, its chairman, committee and volunteers deserve to be recognised for providing such rich resources to help the understanding of many aspects of our historical town, 'a delightful place' in which to live.



The Cricklade Community Award

- BOB JONES MBE

This award was presented to Mrs Kate Baker on behalf of Bob Jones MBE.

Bob's nomination read – Bob Jones played an active and influential role across many organisations and institutions within Cricklade. As well as serving the community as a local Councillor, he was a driving force in putting the Leisure Centre on a new locally run footing, he contributed to the Scout movement, was a key figure in the Cricklade Link scheme and Cricklade Bloomers. His efforts and enthusiasm helped to make many things happen, with great benefit felt by both individuals and organisations. Bob's recent involvement with the Cricklade Development Foundation has, it is reasonable to say, been

transformative to our High Street. Recognising Bob's efforts posthumously, while would seem a fitting, timely and thoroughly deserved marker of his standing within the Cricklade Community.

Queen Elizabeth Community Orchard

On 2nd March 2024 in a joint venture between Cricklade Town Council and Cricklade Bloomers a community planting day took place to plant 30 fruit trees to establish a community orchard on Fairview Fields. On 4th

May a 'Friends of the Queen Elizabeth Orchard' group was established to help with the maintenance of the orchard into the future.



D-Day 80 – Thursday 6th June 2024.

On the evening of Thursday 6th June 2024, over 200 residents came together with officers and jurors of Cricklade Court Leet at Saxon's Rest to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. There was music from the Cricklade Band, poems and readings and at 9.15pm our beacon was lit by the Constable of the Court Leet, Cllr Mike Hatton. Also, in attendance was Amanda Burnside deputy Lieutenant from Wiltshire Council.



Cricklade Festival – Sunday 9th June 2024.

This is a free event on Cricklade High Street, organised by a very small but effective committee. This year's theme was 'It's a small world after all'. There was entertainment from the Cricklade Band, country music, Bollywood and Irish dancers and a samba band to name a few. Also new for 2024 was a popular silent disco. The children's craft tent was run by the local playgroups with different activities available during the day. An enjoyable day was had by all and the attendance increased this time back to pre covid levels. Many thanks to the committee for all their hard work.



The Cricklade Band

The committee

Festival flags on the High Street



The silent disco



Residents enjoying



View from St Sampson Tower

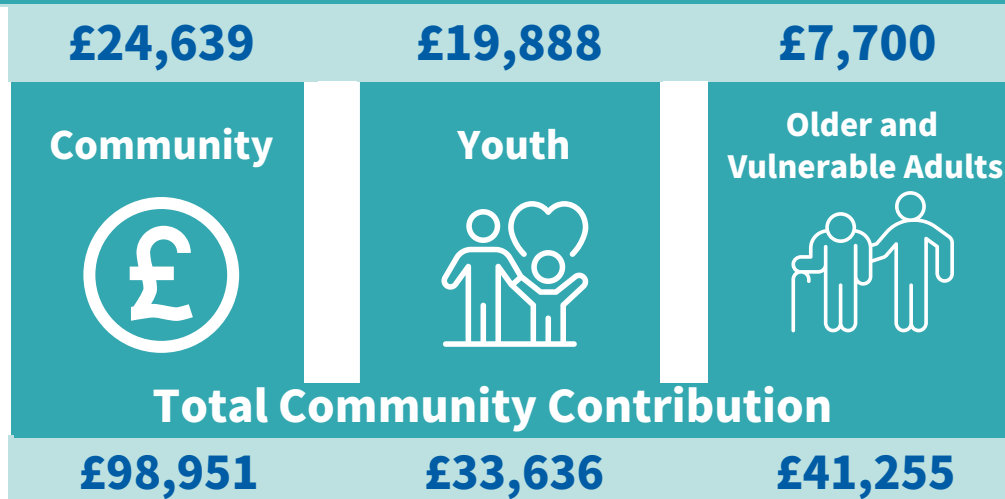
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Area Board Investment

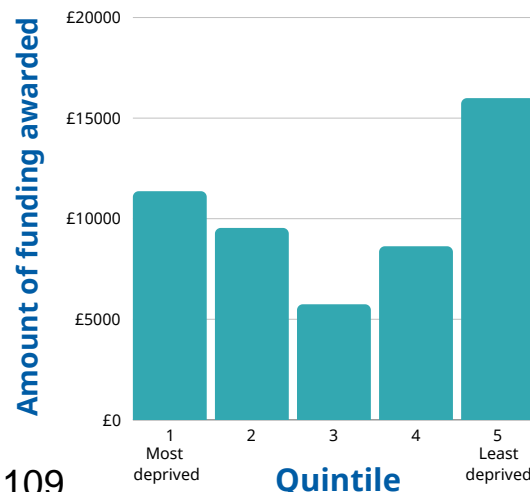
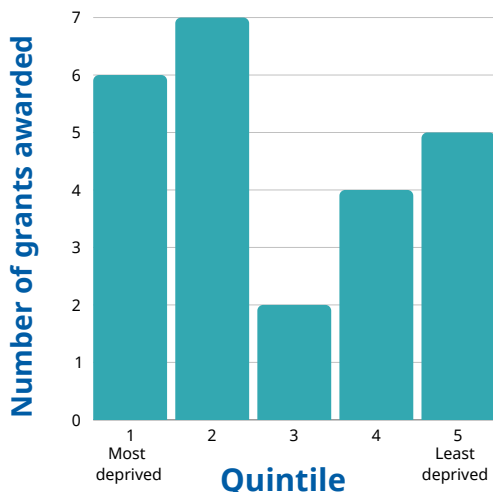
The Area Board invests in local community projects and initiatives that meet local priorities and deliver exceptional outcomes for residents. The Area Board aims to work in partnership to achieve maximum value for its investment.

Total Area Board Investment



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


Investment by deprivation quintile



Local Priorities

The Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board reviewed available local data and evidence and integrated this with local knowledge and community conversation to agree the following local priority themes. The Area Board has undertaken a series of more specific local actions to positively address them, including the key achievements below:

Young people's Mental Health & Wellbeing and Positive Activities




The community area's Youth Forum met regularly and provided a network for local organisations. Plans formed for events that would showcase the sports, activities and services available for young people. The area board worked closely with the town councils and leisure centres in Cricklade and in Royal Wootton Bassett to develop these events to put on a whole day of activities, including free swimming and gym sessions for young people. We were able to call on local sports clubs, youth groups, uniform organisation and other support services to lead demonstrations, have-a-go sessions and provide information to over 500 young people across the two events. The area board continues to have good links with youth services such as Army Welfare Service at Lyneham and Rise Trust working in Cricklade, Purton and Royal Wootton Bassett.

Environment

The area board was part of a group of local organisations that worked to help create the new Vale View Garden within RWB. This turned a plot of unused land into an outdoor learning space, a sensory area and growing land. Groups such as the Infant School, Horizons College and the youth club now use the space. The area board has developed its relationship with Royal Wootton Bassett Environment Trust through its work on new active travel routes across the town. Working together with Wiltshire Council's Sustainable Transport team and the town council, designs for these routes will be created.



Older People: Isolation and access to services



The Community Care Group met regularly and membership of the group stays consistently strong. The area board and CCG maintains strong links to Celebrating Age and funded them to deliver performances and events for our older and isolated residents. The area board funded an additional mini project from CAW to deliver 4 x weekly sessions using literature, poetry, visual art and creative skills to stimulate new activity for the Shared Reading Library Group. Members of the CCG developed a new self-help group for carers and older people in the Bradenstoke and Lyneham area. This goes from strength to strength and has had support and presentations from the like of the Bobby Van, Rewind Mental Health and Wiltshire Council's Prevention and Wellbeing team.

The Economy

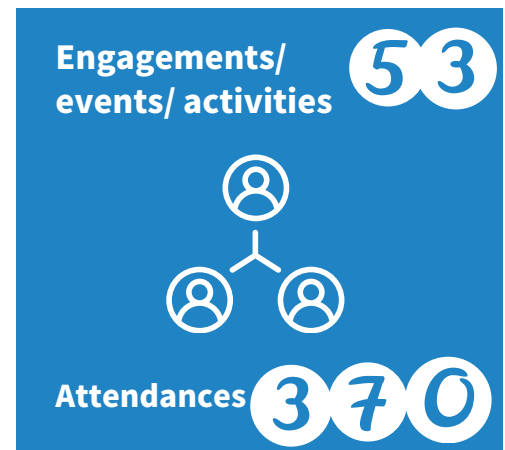
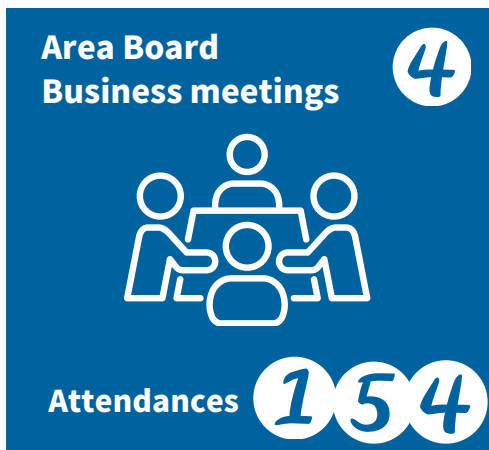
Councillors from the area board were instrumental in negotiating development of the new Banking Hub on Royal Wootton Bassett High Street. This facility hosts staff from a range of different high street banks on different days of the week and provides a venue for everyday banking business. This is the only opportunity for face-to-face banking within the town



Engagements

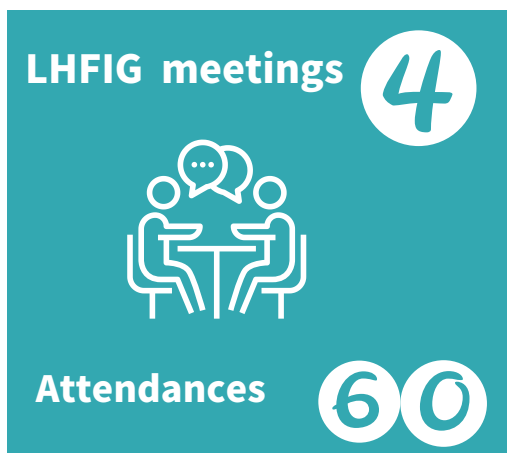
The Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board works alongside other organisations to make things happen in the local community. These groups include the town and parish councils, voluntary and community groups, youth organisations, sports clubs and local charities.

The Area Board wouldn't be able to achieve what they do without these partners working on the ground with them. The Area Board hosts regular business meetings, engagement activities, events, surveys and working groups to stimulate and support local community action.



Local Highways and Footpath Infrastructure group

The LHFIG is a sub group of the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board, which deals specifically with highway issues. They aim to find solutions for local transport issues, such as road repairs, traffic problems, road layouts and parking. The amount allocated is dependent on the geographical size and population for the community area and the funding allocation is for capital expenditure and can be used to provide new and improved highway infrastructure.



Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Community Care Group
Thursday 13th June, Cricklade Town Council offices
Notes

Item	Notes	Action
Present	Stevie Palmer; Dianna Kirby, (Tockenham PC); Kate Brooks (Age UK Wiltshire); Emma Wheeler (Cricklade TC); Tim Gold (Hartford Care); Mel Lambourne (Care Coordinator, Tinkers Lane Surgery); Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Mary Champion, Louise Nankivell, (Prevention & Wellbeing team), Andrew Jack (Strategic Engagement & Partnerships Manager) (Wiltshire Council).	
Apologies	Cat Attewell, (Home Instead); Abi Mitchell (Rethink Mental Health); Heather Ponting-Bather (Purton InTouch); Sally Price (Care Coordinator, North Wilts PCN); Alison Gardner (Reengage).	
Notes from last meeting	AJ ran through the points from the notes of January's meeting and all agreed this as a record of the meeting.	
Ideas for Carers' event, autumn 2024 – Stevie Palmer	SP gave details of the event she has been planning in Cricklade for the autumn. The event would be to help carers in the community find relevant information and assistance. SP has started a consultation with support organisations to assess interest. Cricklade has been selected for this pilot event as it covers a smaller area in the Community Area and if successful will be rolled out to Royal Wootton Bassett in the spring. Funding would be required to hire a venue and cover costs for refreshments. There was discussion around how this could be funded and AJ described the process for requesting grant funding from the area board. There had not been an application written for the next meeting in June but there is a route for requesting funding in between meetings. TG offered sponsorship towards the event from Hartford Care, explaining this is the kind of community engagement they would like to be involved with. SP can liaise with TG and with AJ about funding from either route.	SP
Community Directory review – Andrew Jack	AJ had hoped to be able to ask a colleague to begin work on pulling together information for the new community directory, but they had been seconded to work towards the general election, so would be unavailable until the 5 th July. AJ also mentioned that a replacement for Louisa Young had recently been appointed, so the team will be at full strength and there be better resource for work like this. No action had begun on this project but once team members were available in July, this would begin.	AJ
Membership of the group	AJ explained the purpose and structure of the group as the 'health and wellbeing' working group of Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board. DK felt the group already has plenty of people with knowledge and expertise in the area but there was no one to take away that information and share it with the wider community. She described how when she and SP began as members of the group, there were reps from most of the town and parish councils present who could take this back and share it with their residents. At that time, members were asked	

	<p>about their main concerns and the first was around good communication. This was why the group met monthly, with an outside speaker to generate that flow of information back to communities. DK wanted to encourage parish councils to come to meetings and find out. ML asked about care coordinators at local surgeries and will promote amongst them to help. She will also speak with the main care agency working in RWB and surrounding villages.</p> <p>SP agree the role of the group is about disseminating information. DB agreed it was important to get parish councils along to meetings although this is difficult. ML also asked about Patient Participation Groups at surgeries.</p> <p>DK felt it important that people know what to do in certain health situations when they've never had experience of it before and need to find their way through a process. SP talked about creating a flow chart to help people.</p> <p>AJ agreed we cannot get everyone to every meeting which is why the event SP is planning is important. AJ offered to help plan and put on the event. SP said this was why she had planned it with the option to role it out to other towns or villages in future.</p> <p>MC said she had taken the issue of early diagnosis, especially for cases of dementia, to Wiltshire's Health Select Committee and it was agreed this would be on the agenda for September's meeting. This is an issue that has been raised previously within this group. ML described a dementia assessment at a GP and the referral to a dementia advisor based at a surgery. If the case is not within the norm, it will take longer and if referred to the Memory Service, longer still.</p>	<p>ML</p> <p>SP</p>
<p>Funding and projects</p>	<p>AJ explained about the small amounts of grant funding available from the area board and that one role for this group was to make recommendations on new grant funding applications to the area board. AJ had circulated two applications prior to the meeting and the group discussed those:</p> <p>ABG1794 – Reengage 50th Anniversary Tea Party. Recommended</p> <p>ABG1863 – Our Time Project workshops for elders – Not recommended.</p> <p>AJ described one further application that arrived too late to be sent in advance:</p> <p>ABG1874 – Community support groups at The Little Gem - Recommended</p>	
<p>A.O.B.</p>	<p>SP raised that Georgia Tanner, Carers Commissioner from Wiltshire Council had sent details of a Carers Together website and leaflet. SP asked about paper copies of this. KB had already brought some to offer the group.</p> <p>SP said that the self-help group at Bradenstoke and Lyneham had named itself the Toucan Café. They now have basic website with info about their meetings and signposting to other sources of help and information https://e-voice.org.uk/toucancafe/</p> <p>KB described the Age Concern service in RWB and said how Age UK had been asked to take on the Monday Club. There had been an open day to find out what people want and from Monday 24th June, the club will</p>	

	<p>re-open at Sacred Heart Church in RWB. KB also said about the Fitness and Friendship running in RWB. ML asked if anyone had links to support for people with hoarding issues. LN responded with some help. TG kindly offered to host the next CCG meeting at the new Cotswold Rise venue at Ridgeway Farm, Purton.</p>	
Dates and venues for next meetings:	<p>5th September, Cotswold Rise Care Home, Upper Mill, Swindon, SN5 4FL; 20th November + date to coincide with area board in March 2025 All starting at 10.30 Further offers of a venue will be most helpful.</p>	

Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board Community Safety Forum – Report to Area Board JUNE 2024

Overview

The Community Safety Forum was set up during the height of the Covid-19 Lockdown to bring together appointed representatives of the Towns and Parishes and the Area Board Members with the local Wiltshire Police Inspector and the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Station Manager (Swindon West & North East Wiltshire – Westlea, RWB & Cricklade).

The group continues to meet virtually on the second Friday of the month.

Police and Fire priorities and issues are discussed, along with any general concerns arising from the parishes.

There will generally also be a main topic of interest with a presentation and speaker.

Notes of the meetings are sent to those present to be shared as they wish within their own parishes/organisations.

If anybody would like a copy of the notes or presentations, or to join the Forum, please contact allison.bucknell@wiltshire.gov.uk

Recent Meetings

MARCH 2024

Speaker – ANDY CORBETT, CHAIR – CRIMESTOPPERS WILTSHIRE

Andy has recently taken over as Chair of Wiltshire Crimestoppers. He explained how the service worked. For more information <https://crimestoppers-uk.org>

APRIL 2024

Speaker – Acting Sergeant LUCY WRIGHT

A discussion was held with the local NPT regarding local issues.

MAY 2024

Speaker - DS GARETH SNOAD, Wiltshire Police Burglary Unit

Gareth updated us on the work of the recently re-instated Burglary Unit .

JUNE 2024

Speaker - PAUL CROFT, Wiltshire Police

Paul has developed a Dog Safety Course alongside the Blue Cross Charity. This is used as an Out of Court Disposal (similar to Speed Awareness Courses) for owners of dogs involved in dog bite incident, also KS1 and KS2 school assemblies to educate young children how to behave around dogs.

Report by

Clr Allison Bucknell, 16th June 2024

Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board 26 June 2024

Appointments of Representatives 2024/25

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To appoint Councillor representatives for the Area Board. This will include appointing to Outside Bodies and to reconstitute and appoint to any Non-Priority Working Groups and the LHFIG for the year 2024/25.

2. Background

- 2.1. Area Boards are invited to appoint Councillors to be their respective lead for particular Outside Bodies, Non-Priority Working Groups and the LHFIG. The following guiding principles are in place for Councillors when taking on one of these roles:
 - To be the main Area Board point of contact for local Officers within their respective area
 - To attend (and often Chair) relevant working groups of the Area Board
 - To work collaboratively with relevant local partners and community groups
 - To provide regular updates back to the Area Board in relation to their Group/Outside-Body including providing feedback on the success or limitations of previously funded Area Board grants (if applicable)
- 2.2. The Area Board is invited to appoint Councillor representatives to the Outside Bodies or Non-Priority Groups (which do not fall under one of the Area Board Priority areas) listed at **Appendix A**. These appointments will continue for the duration of Councillors' terms of office, and will be reviewed annually, unless the Board determines otherwise.

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. The Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group ([LHFIG](#)) operates as an informal working group making recommendations to the Area Board for approval. Terms of Reference are set out in **Appendix B** for information. The Area Board are invited to appoint a Lead Councillor on an annual basis.
- 3.2. Any amendments to the currently appointed Representatives on Non-Priority Working Groups can be agreed by the Area Board here or at any future scheduled business meeting.
- 3.3. If a new Non-Priority Working group is required, the Strategic Engagement & Partnerships Manager will work with the Board to set out the exact purpose and Membership, which would then be agreed by the Area Board at its next scheduled business meeting.

4. Financial and Resource Implications

4.1. None.

5. Legal Implications

5.1. Some appointments carry responsibilities and duties, for example, those which involve becoming a trustee. Councillors are advised to seek advice on individual appointments if required. [Protocol 3](#) of the Council's Constitution sets out Guidance to Members on Outside Bodies.

6. Safeguarding Implications

6.1 Processes are in place to ensure Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are undertaken as appropriate.

7. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

7.1 None.

8. Equality and Diversity Implications

8.1 None.

9. Delegation

9.1 By convention, appointments to Outside Bodies which operate within the boundary of a community area are made by the relevant Area Board.

9.2 The appointment of Councillors and other representatives to Non-Priority working groups operating under the Area Board is a matter for the Area Board to determine.

10. Recommendation

10.1 The Area Board is requested to:

- a. Appoint Members as Lead representatives to Outside Bodies and any Non-Priority Working Groups as set out at Appendix A;
- b. To appoint a Lead representative for the LHFIG;
- c. Note the Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix B.

Matt Hitch, Democratic Services Officer

Appendices:

Appendix A – Appointments to any Outside Bodies and Non-Priority Working Groups
Appendix B –LHFIG Terms of Reference

Unpublished background documents relied upon in the preparation of this report

None.

Appendix A

Representative Appointments 2024/25

Appointments on Outside Bodies and Working Groups not on the priority list will continue for the duration of Councillors' terms of office, and will be reviewed annually, unless the Board determines otherwise.

Outside Body	Councillor Representative
Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade RAF Liaison Group	None

Working Group	Councillor Representative
Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Safety Forum	Cllr Allison Bucknell

LOCAL HIGHWAY & FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENT GROUPS (LHFIG)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Membership of the LHFIG

The LHFIG will normally be made up of:

- Members of the Area Board
- Town and Parish Council representatives
- Community / Stakeholder representatives

It is recommended that the groups do not normally consist of more than 10 representatives, but for larger community areas this may not always be feasible.

Representatives should act as a conduit between their organisations and the LHFIGs by putting forward the views of the body they represent and providing feedback to its members regarding the work of the LHFIGs. The group members will also need to be mindful of the needs of the community area when making their recommendations, as not all councils and groups may be represented on the LHFIGs.

Recommendations to the Area Board will usually be reached by consensus, but if necessary, these can be agreed by a show of hands by those representatives present at the meeting.

The group will normally be chaired by a Wiltshire councillor. Membership of the LHFIGs will cease when a member ceases to hold the stated office as first appointed, or when a parish/town council or group choose to nominate an alternative representative.

The LHFIGs may invite representatives from local organisations to its meetings to give technical advice or to share pertinent local knowledge on projects in the area.

Appointment of LHFIGs members

Appointment of Wiltshire Council members to the LHFIGs will normally be agreed at a full meeting of the Area Board. Membership may be varied, with the agreement of the Area Board Chairman, subject to approval at the next full Area Board meeting.

Where required for flexibility, the Area Board may appoint an unnamed representative of an organisation to the LHFIGs (e.g. town/parish council or Community Area Partnership) to ensure that the organisation is always represented at meetings. However, it is preferred that the same representative attends if possible to ensure consistency of membership.

Media relations

Members of the LHFIGs must not issue press statements on behalf of the Area Board.

Any press statements about the work of the LHFIGs should be agreed between the Chairman of the LHFIGs and the Chairman of the Area Board, and in consultation with

Wiltshire council's communications team. You can contact the communications team at communications@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Meetings

It is recommended that the LHFIGs meet four times a year. Ideally the meetings should be 2 to 4 weeks in advance of the Area Board meetings. Meetings are intended to be limited to the membership set out above and is open to other members of the Area Board who wish to attend. It can be open to public if the LHFIG chair wishes, and by invitation. It should be noted that LHFIGs are advisory bodies and do not exercise delegated decision-making powers. All decisions are to be ratified by the Area Board.

Officer support

Meetings will be attended by relevant officers from Wiltshire Council, including a Senior Transport Planner, a Senior Traffic Engineer, Local Highway Maintenance Engineer and the local Community Engagement Manager. Attendance by officers of other expert knowledge may be arranged when necessary.

Additional support will be provided outside of the meeting by the Corporate Office Business Support unit as currently for Area Boards, for the purpose of arranging meetings, venues, and the production of meeting action notes.

Terms of reference

The LHFIGs have no formal decision-making authority on operational matters or budget expenditure but act as an informal discussion forum making recommendations to the Area Board. Recommendations must be agreed at a full LHFIG meeting before being brought to the next Area Board for approval.

The LHFIGs terms of reference are set out at Appendix 1:

Examples of projects the LHFIGs can and cannot fund are set out in Appendix 2:

Terms of Reference

1. Small-scale transport schemes – discretionary funding

To make recommendations to the Area Board to determine priorities and levels of expenditure required for small-scale transport schemes in the community area. A discretionary highways budget has been allocated to the board by the Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste, Street Scene and Flooding. The funding allocation is a mixture of highways and council capital funding and can only be used to provide new and improved highway infrastructure. It is suitable for schemes that improve safety, increase accessibility and sustainability by promoting walking, cycling and public transport and improve traffic management.

It cannot be used to fund revenue functions, such as routine maintenance schemes or the provision of passenger transport services.

A list of schemes which the groups can fund in contained in Appendix B

Schemes considered by the LHFIGs must have first been raised through the highway improvement request system and endorsed by the relevant town or parish council.

The LHFIG's can be directed to look at issues identified by Highways Officers when considered appropriate. For example, when an issue is raised for which other centrally held resource does not exist.

In choosing their local transport schemes, Area Boards will need to be mindful of the priorities of the Local Transport Plan and the likely availability of future funding for implementation.

2. Small scale transport schemes – substantive funding

To submit bids for funding from the centrally held substantive funds. A scheme qualifies as substantive if the estimated cost is more than the total discretionary amount available as part of the group's annual allocation.

Appendix 2 – Example of projects which can and cannot be funded by LHFIGs

LHFIGs can fund the following:

Pedestrian improvements: including dropped kerbs, new footways, substantive improvements to existing footways, pedestrian crossings (including assessments).

Cycle improvements: new cycle paths, cycle parking / storage.

Bus infrastructure: new and replacement Shelters (subject to agreement on future maintenance liability), bus border kerbs, bus stop road markings.

Traffic signing: new and replacement signs (including signposts), street name plates, village gateways.

New road markings: new and replacement of existing markings.

Speed limits: assessment and implementation.

Waiting restrictions: assessments and implementation.

Footpath improvements: styles, gates, surface improvements to rights of ways (council maintainable only).

Drainage: minor improvements, new gullies.

Street lighting: new installations.

Traffic management measures: including Sockets and posts for SID (Speed Indication Device) equipment.

As a general rule, an asset should exist at the end of the project, i.e. something new that wasn't there beforehand.

LHFIGs cannot fund:

Routine maintenance: such as gully emptying, ditch clearing, hedgerow cutting, pot hole repairs.

Service subsidy: bus services

Promotional campaigns

SID equipment

Improvements for individuals and properties

As a general rule, activities that repair, clean, tidy or remove something that is already present are likely to be considered routine maintenance and cannot be funded by LHFIGs.

MEETING NOTES FOR 22nd MAY 2024 MEETING

Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)

Date of meeting: **Wednesday 22nd May 2024.**
 6pm Upper Function Room at Lime Kiln Leisure Centre, Royal Wootton Bassett SN4 7HG.
<https://www.google.com/maps/>

Chair – Councillor Allison Bucknell, Highways Officer – Martin Rose

Notes taken by - Martin Rose

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	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
1.	Attendees and Apologies			
	Attendees:	Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Steve Bucknell, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Nick Dye, Cathy Limbrick (Cricklade TC) John Coole (Cricklade TC) Jim Gunter (Broad Hinton & Winterbourne Bassett), Nic Hughes (RWB TC), Steve Walls (RWB TC), Geoff Greenaway (Purton PC), Kevin Woolnough (Tockenham PC) Rose Love (Lydiard Tregoze PC), Rupert Pearce (Broad Town PC), Samantha Chalker (Lydiard Millicent PC), Shendie Green (Lyneham and Bradenstoke PC)		
	Apologies			

Agenda Item 13

2.	Notes of Previous Meeting																															
		<p>The notes and recommendations of the previous LHFIG meeting held on 10/01/24 were presented to the Area Board at its 13/03/24 meeting and agreed.</p> <p>The meeting minutes can be found: https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=174&MId=14993&Ver=4</p>																														
3.	Financial Position																															
Page 130		<p>The closing balance for 2023/24 is confirmed at £65,541.95 (see APPENDIX 1 -End of Year Account). This figure is carried forward to the 24/25 financial year.</p> <p>Note: The closing balance for 23/24 includes a number of committed schemes that we not completed, totalling £76,029.87, less estimated 3rd party contributions of £19,007.47. These have been carried over to 24/25.</p> <p>The current balance and budget for 24/25 is £38,705.55 (see below)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="533 1109 1310 1468"> <tr> <td>LHFIG Budget 24/25</td> <td>A</td> <td>£30,186.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carryover from 23/24</td> <td>B</td> <td>£65,541.95</td> <td>(Underspend)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Budget for 24/25</td> <td>C</td> <td>£95,727.95</td> <td>(A+B)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Committed Spend 24/25</td> <td>D</td> <td>£76,029.87</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>less 3rd Party Contributions (Estimate)</td> <td>E</td> <td>£19,007.47</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>F</td> <td>£57,022.40</td> <td>(D-E)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance</td> <td></td> <td>£38,705.55</td> <td>(C-F)</td> </tr> </table>	LHFIG Budget 24/25	A	£30,186.00		Carryover from 23/24	B	£65,541.95	(Underspend)	Total Budget for 24/25	C	£95,727.95	(A+B)	Committed Spend 24/25	D	£76,029.87		less 3rd Party Contributions (Estimate)	E	£19,007.47			F	£57,022.40	(D-E)	Balance		£38,705.55	(C-F)	<p>Closing figure now includes removal of contribution from Cricklade TC for 11-23-3 Swindon Road, Cricklade. Final Account now received.</p>	
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		Refer to APPENDIX 2 UPDATE for latest finance sheet.		
	Item	Latest Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
4.	Priority Schemes for 23/24			
a)	<p>11-22-16 Cricklade Chelworth X-roads Submitted 03/08/22</p>	<p>New sign and road markings installed wk. commencing 09/10/23.</p> <p>11/10/23 - Concern raised that the work undertaken will fail to address the longer-term problems and suggested that alter the geometric layout of the crossroads is required. Future consideration to be given to traffic study at junction funded by LHFIG with a view to making a bid for a substantive scheme. Suggestion was made re, a reduction in current speed limit from 60mph (de-restricted) to 50 / 40mph. MJR to discuss in first instance with David Thomas (Head of asset management & commissioning) and report back to members. https://www.google.com/maps/</p> <p>10/01/24 MJR discussion with David Thomas re. Chelworth crossroads. Identified cluster site (#12) prior to recent sign / line changes. Extension of existing 50mph speed limit from Leigh to cover crossroads is unlikely, but formal assessment not ruled out. Significant geometric changes to the junction would be difficult and require land purchase.</p> <p>Short term option to remove nearside National speed limit terminal signs on side roads which are currently placed underneath the Give way signs.</p>	<p>22/05/24 – De-restriction signs located underneath existing give way signs at crossroads removed. Site remains on collision cluster site list for 24/25, but data does not reflect recent changes. Site visit to look at issues May / June. CTC have agreed that site will need monitoring but have asked for a review at 6 months / 12 months. Remove from next tracker</p>	To Note

		MJR to remove national speed limit sign on nearside on side road approaches to the crossroads to encourage lower speed. No cost to group.		
b)	<p>11-21-8</p> <p>C34 Purton, Manor Hill</p> <p>Submitted 23/06/21</p>	<p>Request for speed reduction. PC 25% contribution agreed.</p> <p>11/10/23 - Purton Parish council unhappy following the speed limit assessment undertaken by Atkins and recommendation for a 40mph limit. Geoff Greenway expressed the PCs safety concerns and set out the reasons (email dated 21/09/23) why the existing 30mph (by the cemetery entrance) should be extended to cover the Church End junction (distance of 218m) shown as Section 1 on the assessment plan to link up with the proposed 40mph from the Church Lane junction to Lydiard Millicent (section 2 on the assessment plan).</p> <p>10/01/24 MR discussed issue with David Thomas who indicated he would not wish to change the recommendations in the Atkins report (40mph limit) Email sent to Cllr Greenaway 24/10 to confirm. Email (22/11/23) sent by Cllr Jacqui Lay to Cllr Caroline Thomas (Cabinet member for highways & Transport) requesting site meeting to discuss Manor Hill speed limit and agree a way forward. Meeting date not yet agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Jacqui Lay and Cllr Greenway (Purton PC) reiterated wish for on-site meeting with Cabinet Member and David Thomas. Cllr Bucknell suggested a cutoff date and 40mph limit implemented if matter isn't resolved by next meeting in May. MJR to speak to David Thomas again to try and move issue forward.</p>	<p>22/05/24 – Purton Parish Council and Cllr Lay requested a meeting with new Cabinet member for Highways and Transport Cllr Holder, however meeting was not agreed. MJR met with Geoff Greenaway and Cllr Lay on 02/05/24 to discuss and look at issues of concern.</p> <p>To move issue forward it is suggested the speed limit proposal is formally advertised as per the recommendation (40mph) and objections reported via Cabinet member who will make a final decision.</p> <p>Purton Pc have agreed to proceed with advertisement of the 40mph limit. MJR to inform Purton PC of date for formal advertisement</p>	MR

<p>c)</p>	<p>11-23-08 Lydiard Millicent Common Platt safety Submitted 14/02/23</p>	<p>11/10/23 . Members agreed to develop proposal towards implementation, subject to agreement on 3rd party contribution. https://www.google.com/maps/</p> <p>Provisional Budget allocation up to £10k agreed at 11/10/23 meeting. 25% contribution from parish council(s) Email received from Purton Parish Council 14/11/23 re. the steps/pathway on north side leading to the proposed crossing point which constitutes a breach of the planning permission as granted by Wiltshire Council in respect of access from Ridgeway Farm onto the highway. Concern the access from Little Ground as constructed does not form part of the permission granted and should be removed/permanent barrier/hedgerow installed.</p> <p>10/01/24 - MJR presented draft proposal to improve crossing by means of nearside buildout and priority scheme. Initial support to proposal indicated by LMPC and PPC. MJR to send copy of outline proposal to PCC. Topo survey required. Estimate £1800</p> <p>Recommendation – MJR to arrange for topo and prepare formal design and costing at next meeting. Topo to be funded from £10,000 already allocated to project.</p>	<p>22/05/24 – Topo survey completed. Outline design completed and civils element costed at £14,000 (less street lighting)</p> <p>Issue with availability of electrical supply as street light in The Willows is not maintained by Wiltshire Council highways but maintained by Swindon under a local agreement. (Common Platt was the same until recently) Supply has to come from further afield increasing overall cost of Street lighting which is now estimated to be in the region of £20,000. Total scheme cost likely to be £34,000</p> <p>Group has agreed to consider submitting project for funding as a '<i>substantive scheme</i>' in 24/25 and maintain current allocation of £8,550. (£10,000 - £1,450)</p>	<p>MR</p>
<p>d)</p>	<p>11-22-3 Cricklade, Swindon Rd Submitted 09/02/22 Speed limit on approach to</p>	<p>Existing traffic order information obtained but nothing available to determine the speed limit within the street lit area. https://www.google.com/maps/</p> <p>Site visit undertaken with Cllr Jones. Length of road under WC control not NH. Extension of 30mph limit can be achieved as part of restricted roads order (Street lighting system in place)</p>	<p>22/05/24 – Works complete. Awaiting billing from contractor. CTC contribution £0.00 as agreed by chair due to original speed limit anomaly. Remove from next tracker</p>	<p>MR</p>

	<p>Cricklade from the east.</p>	<p>Proposal Plan agreed by Cricklade TC. Cost estimate £2632.84.</p> <p>11/10/23 - Proposal presented to group who agreed to move to Priority 1 and implementation. Cricklade TC 25% contribution (£675)</p> <p>10/01/24 Works programmed for week commencing 15th Jan 24.</p> <p>Town council to be invoiced upon completion of works.</p>		
<p>e)</p>	<p>11-23-12 B4533 Purton Stoke, speed reduction Submitted 02/09/22</p>	<p>Signing and road marking scheme being developed and to be shared when complete. https://www.google.com/maps/</p> <p>Sign Proposal prepared. Issued to Purton PC and John Crawford (Purton Stoke Traffic Action group) for comments. No response to date. Cost estimated at £4,710.00.</p> <p>Meeting 11/10/23 - Discussion took place re. hedges obscuring visibility at common Lane junction. Geoff Greenway indicated would still like to the 50mph speed limit reduced. It was agreed by members to proceed with the current signing and lining scheme to review the speed limit issue once the changes have had time to bed in i.e., 6-12 months</p> <p>MJR met owner of Meadow Farm 27/11/23 to speak about the need to substantially reduce the overall extent of the hedge on the east side (running alongside his land) to erect the proposed signs W1 and ADS1 on the B4553</p>	<p>22/05/24. Sign and road marking work complete. Awaiting billing from contractor. Geoff Greenway (PPC) has asked if there is potential to move give way line on Stoke Common Way further out into main carriageway with single white line either side of give way line/junction to try and improve visibility. MJR to look and report back. Extra road markings would need to be funded separately.</p> <p>A single new sign is partially obscured by hedge leading to reduced forward visibility to sign on approach to junction from the north. MJR to speak to Martin Cook to see if Parish Steward can undertake work.</p> <p>MJR to take a further look as moving the existing give way line forward and if possible combine with other road marking work to reduce overall cost</p>	<p>MR</p>

		<p>Owner objected in the strongest terms. He explained the hedge provided important screening to his field and cattle and reducing its size would have a massive impact on the wellbeing of his animals.</p> <p>Signing Plan amended to remove requirement to cut back hedge on east side. ADS1 moved to offside and W1 moved further north with a distance plate, rather than 'reduce speed now'.</p> <p>Amended proposal plan emailed to Purton PC on 28/11/23. To be discussed at Jan 24 meeting.</p> <p>10/01/24 - PCC have agreed to amended proposal via email dated 8th Jan. Scheme will now move to implementation and be monitored for residual issues upon completion</p>		
f)	<p>11-23-14 Review of disabled parking bays High Street Cricklade (duplicate of 11-23-7)</p>	<p>11/10/23 - Request to review update disabled bay signs on High Street Cricklade.</p> <p>10/01/24 Work complete. Cost £300. Awaiting final account. Cricklade Town Council to be invoiced for 25% contribution (£65). Remove from next tracker</p>	<p>22/05/24 – Final cost £211.28. CTC invoiced for 25% contribution. Remove from next tracker.</p>	MR
g)	<p>11-21-10 Broad Hinton Submitted 14/08/21</p> <p>Extension to 50mph from Elm Cross to beyond Winterbourne Bassett turning.</p>	<p>Investigation being undertaken regarding signage and road marking improvements. These have been shared with the Parish Council.</p> <p>It was noted that there may be surfacing work planned at this spot soon. Officers to liaise further to establish most cost-effective approach to implementation. Signing completed. However, road markings not implemented because the maintenance surfacing work was not undertaken at this location. It is understood that maintenance surfacing work was undertaken, and the road marking</p>	<p>22/05/24 Update – Road marking work programmed in June. Cost now covered by Marlborough LHFIF. £3,404.24 Cost removed from finance sheet.</p>	MR

		<p>amendments were overlooked by the organiser. Revised road markings will now have to be undertaken from April under the Milestone contract. Road markings on Milestone programme for end of June. Confirmation of completion required. Works Estimate £3404.24</p> <p>10/01/24 - Sign work completed however road markings (centre lines) remain outstanding due to the weather. Issue to remain on priority list to chase work in early spring 24. Final account to be agreed. PC to be invoiced for 25% contribution once work complete.</p>		
<p>h)</p>	<p>11-22-01 Greenhill Crossroads, Lydiard Millicent Submitted 04/02/22</p> <p>Resubmitted as 11-24-16 12/042/23</p>	<p>Greenhill Crossroads speed reduction https://www.google.com/maps/ Replacement sign post ready for SID has been installed by Martin Cook. No cost to LHFIG.</p> <p>11/10/23 Mo Suleman (LMPC) raised his continuing concerns about the crossroads and asked if another examination could take place with a view to identify further possible improvements. MR to prepare outline proposal and report back to next LHFIG meeting. No financial commitment made at this stage.</p> <p>Site visit taken place 04/01/24. Options for improvement to be discussed at Jan 24 meeting. including.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tidy up / rationalising signs at junction. 2. Additional warning sign - 'Crossroads Ahead' with 'Reduce speed now' plate on northern approach. <p>Possibility of moving existing 30mph terminal point further north away from x-roads with full gateway treatment.</p>	<p>22/05/24 - further site meeting has taken place with Mo Suleman to discuss options for improvement including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Additional Warning signs (cross road – reduce speed now) on both approaches. (Est £1,000) 2. Re-introducing rumble strips (Purton direction only) (Est £500) 3. Moving give way lines forward on Greenhill side. Note - Area approx. 20m x 1.0m will require surface repairs first. Refresh road markings (Est £3,500) 4. Relocating 30mph terminal point and village gates further north on Restrop Road (approx. 30m). Note this requires amendment to TRO (Est. £5,000) 	<p>MR</p>

		<p>10/01/24 – issue around junction safety discussed by group. MJR to prepare options for improvement and present to next meeting. MJR to arrange for site meeting with rep from LMPC. Issue with damaged sign raised by Cllr Lay. MJR to resolve as part of routine sign works.</p>	<p>5. Coloured gateway treatment with 30mph roundel. (Est. £4,000)</p> <p>6. Reinstating coloured surface across junction (£6,000)</p> <p>Group agreed for MJR to undertake further design work with firm costing information to report back to Sept 25 meeting. Martin Cook to give consideration to surface maintenance issues at junction.</p>	
j)	<p>11-21-01 Lyneham Visibility at Tesco Submitted 19/02/21</p>	<p>Being assessed. Possible low-cost lining scheme, removing edge line and including H bar in front of access. https://www.google.com/maps/ Meeting 11/10/23 Options provided to Cllr Bucknell who will issue to PC for comment. Update at next meeting.</p> <p>No financial commitment currently.</p> <p>10/01/24 Awaiting feedback from parish council on presented options. Cllr Allison Bucknell to chase</p>	<p>22/05/24 - Awaiting feedback from Lyneham & Bradenstoke parish council before agreeing way forward.</p> <p>Shendie Green (Lyneham and Bradenstoke PC) agreed this site is less of priority and is happy that no further action takes place. Remove from next tracker</p>	To note
k)	<p>11-22-14 Broad Hinton Junction signing Submitted 22/08/22</p>	<p>Give way sign obscured by hedge growth at the junction of Broad Hinton / B4041. Maintenance required to cut hedge which is encroaching into the carriageway. Give Way sign can be relocated up to 12m from the give way lines. https://www.google.com/maps/</p> <p>Local highways to issue Section 154 letter to property owner requesting hedge cut back.</p>	<p>22/05/24- Order issued M2/000185. Awaiting implementation.</p>	MR

		<p>11/10/23 Members agreed to consider Advance Give Way sign (possibly on offside) and SLOW marking to provide additional warning of junction to drivers.</p> <p>MR to prepare plan / cost and report back to group. Option to install advanced give way sign and accompanying SLOW marking. Refer to plan.</p> <p>Estimated cost £750.00 ('SLOW' marking to be combined with other lining works to avoid establishment fee). To be discussed</p> <p>10/01/24 – Proposal presented to group and support received from PC. Recommendation – Agree funding of £750 (25% from PC) to implement.</p>		
<p>i)</p>	<p>11-23-19 Tockenham Passing Bay Submitted 17/09/23</p>	<p>Request for formal passing bay. approx. 150m south of Shaw Farm (just after a field entrance) https://what3words.com/perfected.plant.coaching</p> <p>Site meeting held with Kevin Woolnough. Topo survey required for further design work to take place. Topo Cost -£1800.00. Estimate of works cost £7,000 - £10,000.</p> <p>Recommendation - Proceed with topo survey £1800 (25% contribution from TPC) and present outline design and costs to next meeting.</p>	<p>22/05/24 Update - Topo received, and outline design prepared.</p> <p>Option 1 - Replicates the current visible vehicle over run area and is approx. 5.5m at its widest point. Estimated Cost = £14,500.00</p> <p>Option 2 - is a more formal passing bay with a width of approx. 6.0m. Estimated Cost = £12,000</p> <p>Both options will take 5-8 days under temporary road closure. Plans issued to TPC who have expressed their preference for Option 2</p> <p>Agreed - proceed with implementation of Option 2 at a cost of £12,000. Tockenham PC contribution 25% - £3,000</p>	

m)	11-23-19 Tockenham Passing Bay signs Submitted 17/09/23.	Request for no parking / Passing place signs at several locations. Site meeting held with Kevin Woolnough. Site 1 - https://www.google.com/maps 1 sign Site 2 - https://www.google.com/maps/ 1 sign Site 3 - https://www.google.com/maps/ 2 signs Site 4 - https://www.google.com/maps/ 1 sign Estimated Cost £992.00 Recommendation - Proceed with implementation Cost £992.00 (25% contribution from TPC)	22/05/24 - Order issued M2/00078. £893.24. Works complete awaiting billing. Remove from next tracker.	
n)	11-23-17 Greatfield near Lydiard Millicent Topo Survey	Request for reduction in speed limit on Greatfield to improve pedestrian safety. 10/01/24 - Group discussed submission and agreed that consideration is to be given to improved pedestrian provision along the section between Greatfield Garden Centre and #20 Greatfield Recommendation – Allocate £1900 for topo survey to enable design to be prepared.	22/05/24 - Topo received. Outline design for coloured virtual footway issued to LMPC. Restricted carriageway will only permit sub-standard width. Estimated cost £25-£30k <u>Reduced cost option</u> – Clear weeds, sweep footway, refresh road markings and install pedestrian symbols, ‘30’ carriageway roundels ‘no footway’ signs to Diagram 544.1. Estimate - £4,500. No further action at this stage	
5. Dropped Kerb Requests				
	Community Dropped Kerb requests 2023/24	Group agreed to allocate £30,000 for the provision of dropped kerbs. 11/10/23 - Group agreed that further work is required to prioritise dropped kerbs sites. Purton PC have 5 no. sites which they wish to submit for consideration which missed 29/09/23 deadline.	22/05/24 - Work commenced in Mid-April on dropped kerb sites. At the time of preparation of this report 4 of the 19 sites are <u>uncompleted</u> They are as follows: RWB – 1 site (Stoneover Ln / Shakespeare Rd) Purton - 2 sites (Church Street , Restrop)	MR

	<p>MR to meet with Steve Walls to agree priority sites for RWB incl. Fairfield & Showfield</p> <p>MR to prepare outline cost estimates for sites and report back to Jan 24 meeting for final agreement & prioritisation.</p> <p>Site meeting held on 16/11/23 with Steve Walls (RWB TC) to look at potential dropped kerb sites for Fairfield / Showfield in addition to 6 sites already identified for RWB</p> <p><u>Confirmed sites for prioritisation. Note- cost shown includes 10% contingency</u></p> <p>RWB (12 sites)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Betjemen Avenue / Coleridge Close</u> = £1,114.47 2. <u>Stoneover Ln / Shakespeare Rd</u> = £3,442.83 3. <u>Longleaze / Queens Road</u> = £3,868.50 4. <u>Queens Road / Eveleigh Road (North)</u> £3,426.35 5. <u>Queens Road / Eveleigh Road (South)</u> £3,426.35 6. <u>Queens Road / Rylands Way</u> £3,426.35 <p>Total £18,704.85 (25% = £4,676.21)</p> <p>RWB - Fairfield / Showfield</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. <u>Lime Kiln / Fairfield</u> = £2,567.84 8. <u>Fairfield (link to footpath by #29)</u> = £2,964.41 9. <u>Fairfield (by #37)</u> = £5,090.76 10. <u>Fairfield (by #84)</u>= £3,987.95 11. <u>Laburnum Drive / Briars Close</u> £2,470.32 12. <u>Laburnum Drive / Maple Dr</u> = £4,403.51 <p>Total = £21,484.79 (25% = £5,371.20)</p> <p>PURTON (5 sites)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. <u>Restrop Rd / Highridge Close</u> = £5,772.10 14. <u>Restrop Road (1)</u> = £1,297.52 	<p>Hook – 1 site (Bollingbrook Close)</p> <p>Cricklade – 1 site (Purton Road by Dance Court).</p> <p>Awaiting billing from contractor.</p> <p>Some remedial work required at Reids Piece, Purton.</p>	
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		<p>15. <u>Reid's Piece</u> (2) = £2,293.04 16. <u>Reids Piece/ Access Rd</u> (2) £1,733.31 17. <u>Church St</u> (1) = £1,997.16 Total = £13,093.13 (25% = £3,273.28)</p> <p>CRICKLADE (1 site) 18. <u>B4553 (opposite Dance Court)</u> = £1,230.86 Total £1,230.86 (25% = £307.15)</p> <p>LYDIARD TREGOZE (1 site) 19. <u>Bolingbroke Close</u> = £4,838.00 Total = £4838.00 (25% = £1209.50)</p> <p>10/01/24 – Discussion took place between members on sites indicated and costing. Agreement to remove site at War Memorial Lydiard Tregoze . LTPC to look at funding with CIL monies.</p> <p>Recommendation – To increase budget allocation to cover the sites indicated, remove site 19. and move towards implementation. Total cost £59,351.63, less 3rd party contributions totalling £14,837.91. Net cost to LHFIG = £44,513.72</p>														
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7.	Minor Signing schemes to be paid for by Town/ Parish Councils		
	<p>A – Directional & Misc signs in Cricklade -</p> <p>B – Hoggs Lane Purton – Unsuitable for HGV signs -</p>	<p>Refer to issue Ref 11-24-22, APPENDIX 3</p> <p>Sign options considered and discussed with Geoff Greenaway. MJR to progress and invoice Purton PC upon completion</p>	MR
8.	Any Other Business		
	Submitting LHFIG Requests / Deadline for requests	<p>Requests to be sent to the following email address. LHFIGrequests@wiltshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Please note new highway requests commitments for 2024/25 have now been agreed. Subsequent requests received by Town / Parish councils will be logged and considered at the LHFIG meeting to be held during Spring 2025.</p>	To note
9.	Date of Next Meeting		
	6pm Wednesday 11th September 2024 (Online via Microsoft Teams)		To note

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Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Local Highways & Footway Improvement Group

Highways Traffic Engineer – Martin Rose

Area Highway Engineer – Martin Cook

11. Environmental & Community Implications

- 11.1. 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.

12. Financial Implications

- 12.1. All decisions must fall within the Highways funding allocated to Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board.
- 12.2. If funding is allocated in line with LHFIG recommendations outlined in this report, and all relevant 3rd party contributions are confirmed, Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board will have a remaining Highways funding balance of: **£22,238.85**
Refer to APPENDIX 2 UPDATED.

13. Legal Implications

- 13.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

14. HR Implications

- 14.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

15. Equality and Inclusion Implications

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

16. Safeguarding implications

- 6.1 There are no specific Safeguarding implications related to this report.

17. Recommendations to Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board.

- **11-23-10** A3102 Wootton Bassett Infants School (School Keep Clear). Allocate **£1,500.00** (RWB TC 25% - £375.00)
- **11-24-22** Cricklade Town centre Sign review. Allocate **£3,855.59** (Cricklade TC 25% - £963.00)
- **11-23-19** Tockenham Passing Bay. Allocate **£12,000.00** (Tockenham PC 25% - £3,000)
- **11-24-11** Broad Town Speed Limit Assessment. Allocate **£3,100.00** (Broad Town PC 25% - £775.00)
- **11-24-04** High Street (East of Willis Way) Bus stop Clearway x 2 Allocate **£1,500.00** (Purton PC 25% - £375.00)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (as of 30/04/24)

LHFIG Budget 23/24	A	£30,186.00
Carry F/wrd from 22/23	B	£54,340.00 (Underspend)
Total Budget for 23/24	C	£84,526.00 (A+B)
Recorded Spend 23/24	D	£29,370.00
Less 3rd Party Contributions invoiced	E	£10,385.95
Balance	F	£18,984.06 (D-E)
Carry F/wrd to 2024/25	G	£65,541.95 (C-F)

Issue Ref. Committed Schemes 2023/25 (Completed)

11-20-06 C114 Water Eaton speed limit advert and implementation	£5,005.93	FINAL
11-21-8 Purton Manor Hill, speed limit review	£2,500.00	FINAL
11-21-2 Bradenstoke dropped kerbs	£7,833.69	FINAL
11-22-16 Chelworth crossroads improvements	£631.80	FINAL
11-22-02 The Elms/ Washpool speed reduction	£1,525.10	FINAL
11-22-10 The Barton, signs and roadmarkings (Rebell Cottages)	£0.00	Works Undertaken by Local Highways
11-23-12 Purton Stoke, signs /lines	£4,300.00	Estimate (Awaiting account)
11-23-08 Common Platt - Lydiard Millicent (Topo)	£1,450.00	FINAL
11-23-3 Swindon Road Cricklade - Ext of 30mph limit (restricted road)	£2,212.20	FINAL
11-23-14 Disabled bay sign changes - High St Cricklade	£211.28	FINAL
11-23-18 Tockenham Passing Bay topo survey	£1,800.00	FINAL
11-23-17 Greatfield Lydiard millicent topo survey	£1,900.00	FINAL
11-22-18 Cricklade, Stones Lane, dropped kerb	£0.00	Works Undertaken by Local Highways
23/24 Total	D	£29,370.00

Committed Schemes 2023/25 to be carried over to 2024/5

		(Estimated sum to be carried forward to 24/25)
11-21-8 Purton Manor Hill, speed limit advert and implementation	£0.00	£6,000.00
11-21-01 Lyneham, visibility at Tesco	£0.00	£500.00
11-22-14 Broad Hinton, Advance Give way sign/ SLOW	£0.00	£735.00
N/A Community Area dropped kerb requests	£0.00	£59,351.63
11-23-19 Tockenham Passing Bay signs	£0.00	£893.24
11-23-08 Common Platt Pedestrian Build-out / Priority scheme	£0.00	£8,550.00
23/24 Total	£0.00	£76,029.87

3rd Party Contributons 2023/ 24 (Completed Schemes)

Latton PC for Water Eaton (100%)	£5,005.93	
Purton PC for Manor Hill speed limit review (25% agreed)	£625.00	
Bradenstoke PC for dropped kerbs (25% agreed)	£1,958.42	
Cricklade TC for Chelworth crossroads (0% contribution agreed)	£0.00	no contribution agreed
Lydiard Millicent PC for The Elms (25% agreed)	£381.28	
The Barton, signs and roadmarkings (Rebell Cottages) 0%	£0.00	no contribution agreed
Common Platt Topo survey (25% agreed)	£362.50	
Purton Stoke, signs /lines (25% agreed)	£1,075.00	Not yet invoiced - awaiting final account
Cricklade TC - Swindon Road 30mph speed limit	£0.00	
Disabled bay sign changes - High St Cricklade	£52.82	
Tockenham PC topo survey (25% agreed)	£450.00	
Lydiard Millicent PC - Greatfield topo survey (25% agreed)	£475.00	
23/24 Total	E	£10,385.95

NOTE - Schemes show in RED and their respective 3rd party contributions will carryover into 24/25 and show as £0.00 for 23/24

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (as of 23/05/24)

LHFIFG Budget 24/25	A	£30,186.00
Carryover from 23/24	B	£65,541.95 (Underspend)
Total Budget for 24/25	C	£95,727.95 (A+B)

Committed Spend 24/25	D	£97,985.46
less 3rd Party Contributions (Estimate)	E	£24,496.37
	F	£73,489.09 (D-E)

Balance **£22,238.85 (C-F)**

Committed Schemes 2024/25 (carried over from 23/24)

11-21-8 Purton Manor Hill, speed limit advert and implementation	£6,000.00
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11-23-10 A3102 Wootton Bassett Infants School (School Keep Clear)	£1,500.00
11-24-22 Cricklade Town centre Sign review	£3,855.59
11-23-19 Tockenham Passing Bay	£12,000.00
11-24-11 Broad Town Speed Limit Assessment	£3,100.00
11-24-04 High Street (East of Willis Way) Bus stop markings x 2	£1,500.00

Committed scheme 24/25 Total **D** **£97,985.46**

3rd Party Contributions 2024/ 25

Purton PC for Manor Hill Speed limit advert / implementation (25%)	£1,500.00
Lyneham PC for Visibility at Tesco (25%)	£125.00
Broad Hinton & Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council for Give way (25%)	£183.75
Purton PC, Lydiard Tregoze PC, Cricklade & RWB TC for dropped kerbs	£14,837.91
Tockenham PC for passing bay signs (25%)	£223.31
LMPC for Common Platt Pedestrian Build-out / Priority scheme (25%)	£2,137.50
RWB TC for Wootton Bassett Infants School Keep Clear (25%)	£375.00
Cricklade TC for Sign review (25%)	£963.90
Tockenham PC for passing bay (25%)	£3,000.00
Broad Town PC SL assessment (25%)	£775.00
Purton PC for High Street Bus Stops x 2 (25%)	£375.00

Contributions 24/25 Total **E** **£24,496.37**

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT AND CRICKLADE LHFIG - NEW HIGHWAY ISSUES 2024/25 - APPENDIX 3 UPDATE

Issue number	Request Date	Town / Parish council	LOCATION	Link to Google Maps Street View Image	Summary of Request	Engineer Comments	Options for Consideration	Estimated Cost (£)	Deliverability Ranking (1= Easy, 5= difficult)	LHFIG Recommendation from 22/05/24 meeting	
1	11-24-01	03/01/2024	Royal Wootton Bassett	Noremarsh Primary School (Surrounding roads) St Bartholomew's Primary School (The Rosary)	google.co.uk/maps google.co.uk/maps	Ongoing issues relating to Dangerous and inconsiderate parking on the junction, parking across driveways/dropped kerbs. Request for parking controls	Waiting restrictions around schools difficult to enforce without regular CEO attendance. Excessive WRs can exacerbate problems on nearby streets. Difficult to find solution or a consensus to satisfaction of all parties	Consider area wide review of waiting restrictions on roads in and around schools with a focus on protecting junctions (bell mouths)	£5,000 (legal / implementation)	4	Agreed to undertake WR review as part of 24/25 commitments and report back to RWB TC and group.
2	11-23-10	31/03/2023	Royal Wootton Bassett	A3102 Wootton Bassett Infants School	google.co.uk/maps	Vehicles parked on High St close to school entrance restricting access (especially for emergency services) and visibility.	Parking observed close to school entrance restricting vehicle movement and visibility. Some 'no Waiting at any time (NWAAT) in place but doesn't cover full access. New build school	Consider use of 'School Keep Clear' marking across access. Markings can either be advisory or mandatory (requires TRO) Length 25.56m min - 43.56m max	£1,500 KEEP £3,500 CLEAR Advisory Mandatory	2	Agreed to fund School Keep markings at a cost of £1500. (25% RWB TC)
3	11-24-09	16/02/2024	Royal Wootton Bassett	High Street	google.co.uk/maps	Request for various changes on High street including disabled bays, changes to Taxi ranks and loading areas, extension of no waiting / removal of parking bays. Extend the pavement to the entrance to Beamans Lane, or install bollards to prevent parking.	RWBTC submission requires significant officer time to review parking controls on High street. Removal / relocation of taxi / loading /disabled bays will likely be contentious	Wider review could be combined with issue 11-24-01 leading to reduced Legal / implementation costs	£5,000 (legal / implementation)	4	RWB agreed 11-24-01 and 11-23-10 will take priority. No further action at this time
4	11-24-20	30/04/2024	Royal Wootton Bassett	Glenville Close	google.co.uk/maps	Complaint that vehicles are parking too close to junction of Glenville close/ Marlborough road	Costly to promote as a single WR site.	Could be included as part of wider parking review for issues 11-24-09 & 11-24-01	£3,000 (legal / implementation)	4	Issue not yet agreed by RWB TC. No further action
5	11-22-13	16/06/2022	Royal Wootton Bassett	Community Garden nature reserve – Row WBAS28	google.co.uk/maps	Request to stop up WBAS28 which is overgrown and has significant drop from A3102, & divert route to path from Lindisfarne alongside nature pond and exiting out on Churchill Close.	Land ownership details remain unclear . Possibly Bryant Homes or Bradleys. Path through community garden currently being used by public. Land registry search inconclusive	Difficult to take scheme forward until land ownership established. Likely to be a protracted process.	N/A	4	Further discussion with Countryside team required.
6	11-23-16	09/06/2023	Royal Wootton Bassett	Breach Lane & Log Lane Royal Wootton Bassett	google.co.uk/maps	Request for Accompanied horses signs on Breach Lane & Log Lane (Breach Lane Equine centre nearby)	Breach Lane 3.6km long	Consider installing 2no. Signs on posts as requested	£250.00	1	Speak to requester to see if they are willing to fund. No further action at this time
7	11-24-03	10/01/2024	Royal Wootton Bassett	Layby A3102 (After Stoneover Lane turning) old 55 route bus stop	google.co.uk/maps	Complaint from 'The Windmills', Marlowe Way which backs onto stop of overnight lorry parking resulting in rubbish, excrement and damage to trees. Request for measures to prevent parking in layby i.e. bollards	Bus stop no longer in use. Layby is over 40m long and would require a significant number of bollards, expensive & may lead to ongoing maintenance issues. Note - This is the first layby for traffic travelling westbound from M4, J16. Permanent removal i.e. kerbing will be expensive as Stopping up order required.	Consider parking controls (time limited waiting) or signage in first instance (no overnight parking by HGVs)	£3,000 (WRs) £300 (no HGV signs)	3	Group agreed this request was not a priority No further action at this time
8	11-24-10	16/02/2024	Royal Wootton Bassett	Zebra Crossing, Noremarsh Road	google.co.uk/maps	Report of vehicles failing to stop at zebra crossing. Request for signalised crossing	Single recorded incident of failing to stop at Zebra in last 11 years (Sept 2013 - Slight) Cost to replace zebra with signalised crossing £100,000+. No evidence to support argument that signalised crossings are safer. Excellent forward visibility to zebra crossing	Consider advisory 20mph limit (when lights show) This could be actioned via TAOSJ & School Travel Plan. Consider upgrade to LED Belisha Beacon (Modustar) to improve day time visibility of crossing. School can also cut back tree on their land to improve visibility of beacon on west side	£3,500 (LED BB)	2	Costs for signalised crossing prohibitive. Belisha Beacon upgrade not considered a priority. No further action at this time.
9	11-24-15	19/03/2024	Royal Wootton Bassett	Cycle Route Signs RWB	N/A	Reports of poor signage of recommended routes for cyclists. Request for signs and road markings at key locations in town	LCWIP for RWB being prepared in 24/25. Following on there will be an allocation for cycle infrastructure in the town and some /all of this request could be picked up at the same time.	Requester to make direct contact with Sustainable transport team to progress	N/A	N/A	Sign improvements to be requested via LCWIP and ATE funding. No further action.
10	11-24-22	08/05/2024	Cricklade	Cricklade Town Centre Sign Review	N/A	Issue previously included under 'Minor Signing schemes to be paid for by Town/ Parish Councils'. CTC now seeking LHFIG funding.	Design work for sites requested by late Cllr Jones covering '28' sites submitted to CTC. CTC have asked to reduce overall number of sites to 22.	Reduce overall number of signs (CTC have agreed to 25% funding)	£3,855.59	2	Agreed to fund sign improvements at a cost of £3855.59. (25% CTC)
11	11-23-01	10/01/2023	Cricklade	Purton Road	google.co.uk/map	Traffic travelling faster than 30mph limit. Request to extend existing 20mph limit on High street to include Purton Road (as far as Hitchings Rdbt)	Formal assessment required (£3100) but very unlikely to meet Wiltshire Criteria HSB-007-13 para 5.2 for 20mph limit (existing mean at or below 24mph) without introduction of significant traffic calming along length	Speed surveys required along Purton road to establish mean speeds (no charge to LHFIG)	£6,000 (if criteria met)	4	Agreed to investigate speed mitigation measure on Purton road up to Hitchings Rdbt with a view to extending 20mph limit on High St

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12	11-23-03	13/05/2022	Cricklade	Footpath link between Hitchings and The Forty	google.co.uk/maps	Request to install lighting along footpath constructed by Greensquare Accord as part of local development	Discussion has taken place with Development control. Footpath is <u>not</u> adopted and area part of the path beyond Hitchings has been sold to nearby dwelling. LHFIF unable to progress	No further Action	N/A	N/A	CTC to contact Wiltshire council Countryside team to request establishment of new RoW
13	11-24-23	05/03/2024	Cricklade	Stones Lane	google.co.uk/maps	Concern about traffic speeds on Stones lane with residents walking to and from leisure centre crossing from Reeds. Request for Speed Humps	Road is rural and predominantly single track. Limited street lighting which would prohibit use of speed humps.	Speed survey to establish vehicle speed (no cost to LHFIF) pedestrian's crossing ahead signs (x 2)	£800 (signs x 2)	2	No further action at this time.
14	11-24-24	26/04/2024	Cricklade	High St, Cricklade. Pedestrian refuge island	google.co.uk/maps	Local resident would like existing refuge island removed as 1. It poses significant risk to road users, 2. Surface water splashes up an onto #4 and peds. 3. Close proximity to RDBT and Poor design forces LGVs onto opposite side of road. 4. Refuge not necessary due to nearby zebra crossing	Long standing issue. Refuge installed 2002/03. Complainant has identified the design as not compliant, giving examples of guidance, the majority of which is not relevant or has been superseded. Refuge is 1.5m wide which meets current guidance. Refuge currently subject to FOI and formal complaint to LG ombudsman. CTC resolved not to remove island in 2017	Removing the island would require temp road closure and electrical disconnection. Removal unlikely to resolve claimed splashing issue 100%. Refuge island designed to also act as traffic calming feature within 20mph limit. Speeds may increase if removed. Awaiting outcome of LGO findings	£14,000+	5	Cost of island removal prohibitive and not agreed as a priority for LHFIF. Awaiting outcome of complaint to LGO. No further action at this time.
15	11-24-02	09/01/2024	Lyneham & Bradenstoke	A3102 Calne Rd Lyneham (Adj Mallard Pub)	google.co.uk/maps	Lyneham & Bradenstoke PC requesting pedestrian improvements, with either a refuge island or zebra crossing	Road width insufficient to accommodate ped refuge and widening on south side required, further complicated by open watercourse. Zebra crossing possible but unlikely to meet threshold figure of 50 peds per hour over 4 busiest hours.	Further feasibility work and crossing assessment required Topo survey necessary £1800. Pedestrian survey £1500, Speed Survey (no cost to LHFIF)	£1800 (topo)	4	Costs likely to be prohibitive given engineering difficulties. No further action at this time,
16	11-23-4 11-24-11	07/02/2023	Broad Town	C415 Broad Town Road (towards Wootton Bassett)	google.co.uk/maps	Request for 40mph speed limit to replace NSL due to increased ped activity along length	Metro count results received. Site 1 - 85th Percentile = 47.6 mph, Mean=41.6mph. Site 2 - 85th Percentile = 51 mph, Mean = 44.3mph	Formal Speed limit assessment (C415) required by Atkins (£3100).	£3,100 (assessment only)	N/A	Agreed to fund speed limit assessment by Atkins. Cost £3100 (Broad Town PC -25%)
17	11-24-08	15/02/2024	Broad Hinton	A4361 Broad Hinton	google.co.uk/maps	Request for speed limit reduction on A4361 between Swindon border and Broad Hinton (currently part 50mph / NSL) Request relates to NSL section	A4361 assessed back in 2009 as part of rural speed limit review. 50mph restriction at Swindon Boundary	Formal Speed limit assessment (A4361) required by Atkins (£3100).	£3,100 (assessment only)	N/A	MJR to investigate previous review A4361 in 2019 and report back to the group to agree a way forward.
18	11-24-04	18/01/2024	Purton	High Street (East of Willis Way)	google.co.uk/maps	Request for Bus stop Clearway as buses are being forced to stop in road for passengers	Bus stops on both sides in close proximity to each other. Both stops will require a clearway to avoid parking. No legal order required.	2no. Bus stop clearways 13m x 3m, with clearway signs	£1,500	1	Agreed to fund Bus stop clearways x 2 at a cost of £1500 (Purton PC 25%)
19	11-24-05	18/01/2024	Purton	Manor Hill (by pond)	google.co.uk/maps	Request for drainage works on Manor Hill. Flooding issues preventing access by foot or vehicles.	Issues have been long standing and requires involvement of Drainage team, local highways and OFWG to agree way forward. Local landowners will also need to reinstate ditches under their ownership & clear pond	Requires further feasibility work with cooperation of various parties	unknown	N/A	No further action at this time
20	11-23-15	28/03/2023	Purton	Manor Hill (North of Manor Hill Farm)	google.co.uk/maps	A Dew Pond was filled in at Manor Hill Farm when planning permission was granted for new entrance and driveway to field, the water from the fields now run out on to Manor Hill causing flooding. The flooding is creating c/way large	Drainage channel installed at entrance blocked and unsuitable for amount of surface water coming off the site. Water has caused erosion and rutting to road edge. It is suggested that new kerbing either side of entrance will help reinforce road edge and discourage vehicle	Estimate of 10m of kerb either side of new access with carriageway repair also required. Temp Road Closure would be required due to carriageway width.	£6,000 - £8,000	3	Agreed to investigate kerbing, surface reinstatement and warning signs either side of access and report back to group
21	11-26-06	18/01/2024	Purton	Pavenhill	google.co.uk/maps	Request for bollards to be installed on footway outside 'one stop' shop to prevent cars blocking access for peds and wheel chair users	Footway area in front of shop is not maintainable highway (adopted). Bollards are already in place as a security measure but confined to area directly in front of shop.	Further information required. Land registry search	N/A	N/A	Footway not maintainable highway. No further action. MJR to request yellow line refresh by Parking services
22	11-24-07	18/01/2024	Purton	Cricklade Road / Widham bridge	google.co.uk/maps	Request for traffic calming measures to reduce the speed and allow safer access out of New Road.	Single recorded collision south of railway bridge Aug 22 (slight). Alignment at Cricklade Road junction with Widham / New Road poor. Road narrows warning signs in place but nothing to alert motorists to side road traffic or mitigate excess speed	Speed survey required. Formal traffic calming measures humps /chicanes etc not feasible. Suggest package of sign /road marking improvements small scale kerbing, SID may also help	£5,000	2	Agreed to investigate signs / road markings to mitigate speeding and report back to group

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT AND CRICKLADE LHFIG - NEW HIGHWAY ISSUES 2024/25 - APPENDIX 3 UPDATE

	Issue number	Request Date	Town / Parish council	LOCATION	Link to Google Maps Street View Image	Summary of Request	Engineer Comments	Options for Consideration	Estimated Cost (£)	Deliverability Ranking (1= Easy, 5= difficult)	LHFIG Recommendation from 22/05/24 meeting
23	11-23-09	09/03/2023	Lydiard Millicent	Church Place / The Street (towards Lydiard Green)	google.com/maps	Request for improved speed reduction measures and pedestrian safety for pedestrians accessing all saints church	Traffic calming in place outside Church with 2no. priority chicanes. Overall speeds in area low. Area to west of The Butts is 30mph but speeds higher due to lack of frontage development and road alignment.	Additional 30mph roundels / repeater signs between The Butts and Bagbury Lane to provide improved awareness of 30mph limit. Suggest that school consider advisory '20' on The Street via TAOSJ	£3,500 (signs / road markings)	2	No further action at this time,
24	11-24-18	17/04/2024	Lydiard Millicent	Lydiard Green footway	google.com/map	Request to complete footway links along Lydiard Green to connect with footway south of Greenhill xroads	1. Sections along length not possible due to restricted road width (virtual pavement possible). 2. Majority of verge areas along length are privately owned and would require free dedication of land.	Parish council to undertake consultation with residents to establish willingness for free dedication. Longer term strategy required for project delivery	N/A	5	Parish council to discuss issue of free dedication of privately owned verges with residents. No further action at this time,
25	11-24-19	17/04/2024	Lydiard Millicent	Church Place / The Street	google.com/maps	Request for Wild fowl warning signs Diagram 551.2 following recent incident with speeding vehicle	LMPC have indicated they will fund 100% of cost	Sign location(s) to be agreed	£350	1	MJR to progress with LMPC outside of LHFIG
26	11-24-12	13/03/2024	Lydiard Tregoze	C414 Hook Street / Village Hall	google.com/maps	PC combining 2 previous requests into 1. Concerns about speeding and lack of pedestrian provision at Hook St / Hook village hall) No footway on west side) - 1. Request for rumble strips (north approach, - 2. Road sign improvements at bend 3. Raised junction at C414 / Hook Street. 4. Footway link on west side	Visibility issues at junction due to geometric layout. Observed speeds in excess of posted 30mph limit (approach form Purton) Verge on west side appears to be 'maintained highway', however resident of Highridge has placed stones on verge.	1. coloured patches with transverse bars (from north) in place but very worn. 2. Chevron signs (x 2) and Peds in roads possible. 3. Raised junction not feasible (lighting not present / isolated vertical feature). 4. Site inspection 20/05/24. Footway link and informal crossing point on west side between village hall towards Highridge difficult due to visibilty issues	£1,500 (rumble strips / coloured surface £2,000 (signs) £20,000 footway / crossing point (visibility issues)	3	Agreed to investigate signs / road markings to mitigate speeding on approach to junction and report back to group
27	11-24-13	10/01/2024	Lydiard Tregoze	C414 Hook Street to Coped Hall	google.co.uk/maps	Request for footway upgrade due to overgrown, narrow and uneven surface.	Overall length of path 1.3km (0.81miles). . PC have suggested project to upgrade path be split into 3 sections: 1. Coped Hall to south M4 bridge embankment. 2 North of M4 embankment to Dianmer Close entrance 3. Dianmer Close entrance to War Memorial.	Topo survey required for design work. Awaiting estimate. Likely to be £10,000+. Longer term strategy required with overall cost likely to be £80k to £100k	N/A	N/A	MJR to establish cost of topo survey and liaise with Lydiard Tregoze PC
28	11-24-14	13/03/2024	Lydiard Tregoze	A3102 Swindon Road junction with Spittleborough Farm	google.com/maps	Concern re. 'U' turning traffic at junction, speeding traffic. Claim area is an accident blackspot. Request to prohibit 'U' turns, reduce speed limit from current 60mph	Site ranked #38 on Collision cluster site list. 2no. Recorded collisions in last 5 years. 1no. Turning right, 2no. Rear end shunts.	Prohibition of 'U' turning not feasible. Prohibition of Right turn into junction possible but nearest RDBT at Bincknoll Lane 1km to west and restriction likely to be ignored. Speed limit assessment £3,100	£3,000 (Right turn - legal & implementation) £3,100 (Speed limit assessment)	3	No further action at this time,
29	11-24-17	17/04/2024	Lydiard Millicent	B4696 Braydon Road (Includes Lydiard Millicent & Purton Parishes)	google.co.uk/map	Request for measures to slow down traffic on B4696 south of Braydon xroads following recent fatal collision including improved signage / road markings. Request for SID to be used and measure to prevent overtaking. 6 residential properties at Four oaks Caravan Park	Current speed limit is 60mph. SIDs cannot be deployed where speed limit > 40mph. Criteria for solid double lines to prohibit overtaking not met. Existing centre lines in good condition, but warning signs along length in need of improvement / upgrade.	Upgrade / improve existing warning signs, SLOW markings, road markings where there are accesses with B4696	£4,000 (Sign / road markings upgrade)	2	MJR to undertake signs and road marking review along length and report back to group.
30	11-24-21	06/05/2024	Latton	Length of C114 Water Eaton	google.co.uk/maps	Request for additional measures to address problem with drivers not adhering to speed limit	40 /50mph Speed limits installed in autumn 23, but some drivers ignoring restriction. Request for increased police enforcement, Poles / sockets for SIDs, warning signs, Improved gateway at 40mph terminal point, c/way roundels	SIDs can only be operated by PC. Poles and sockets can be installed. Possible Improvements to sign / road markings incl edge lines and c/way roundels. Improved gateway incl. village gates	£1,000 SID sockets x 2, £3,000 Signs / Road markings £800 each - Village Gate (40)	2	MJR to undertake review along length for speed mitigation measures and report back to group.
31	11-24-25	14/05/2024	Lyneham & Bradenstoke	A3102 Calne Road / Preston lane Mini RDBT	google.com/maps	Near misses and high speeds approaching and crossing the mini roundabout on the A3102 at Preston Lane in Lyneham.	Southbound A3102 approach (from Calne) appears to suffer from higher speed and failure to give way. Northbound approach appears to be the most problematic.	High friction surface on a3102 approaches. Give way markings and signs on south approach. Some electrical work required to sign.	£5,000 (HFS) £1,000 Road Markings, £1,000 Signs/ Electrical	2	MJR to undertake review at mini Rdbt and report back to group.

Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board

26 June 2024

Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Grant Report
Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade 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 2024/25	£ 24,639	£ 19,916	£ 7,700
Awarded To Date	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 500.00
Current Balance	£ 24,639	£ 19,916	£ 7,200
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 16,967	£ 18,016	£ 6,275

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1874	Area Board Initiative	RWBandC Community Care Group	Community Support Groups for Royal Wootton Bassett	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: The Little Gem cafe in Royal Wootton Bassett host several different support groups, including neuro-diversity, a menopause cafe and a group tackling loneliness and isolation. The owner of Little Gem supports these groups by keeping the cafe open without expecting people to keep buying drinks etc. Having discussed these groups and the benefits they bring to the community with the area board chair and the SEPM, the area board would like to support Little Gem to continue running these groups by contributing towards the costs of keeping the cafe open for these sessions.</p>					
ABG1473	Community Area Grant	The RWB Environment Trust	RWB Active Travel Network Design	£11040.00	£5000.00

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p>Project Summary: This project aims to establish an Active Travel Network across RWB, that will encourage people to walk and cycle rather than use their cars for short local journeys. This particular project is a feasibility study for active travel routes linking: 1. Downs View to Clarendon Drive across Noremarsch Park (SN4 8BT), and: 2. Saffron Close to Jubilee Lake and the Sports Hub via the Toucan Crossing on the B4042 (SN4 7JD)</p>					
ABG1833	Community Area Grant	Royal Wootton Bassett Otters Swimming Club	RWB Otters Swimming Blocks Project	£5344.00	£2672.00
<p>Project Summary: Royal Wootton Bassett Amateur Swimming Club 'otters' was formed in 1973 and has grown to become a thriving and integral part of the local community. Based at the lime kiln sports centre in Royal Wootton Bassett, we've become a club renowned for quality teaching, with a fun and family atmosphere – whilst striving for competitive success and bringing a lifelong love of swimming to all. The club is run entirely by volunteers who provide the teaching, coaching and administration that ensures the club is highly valued and well run. All teachers and coaches are provided with swim coaching qualifications. The club has learn to swim, development, competition and masters groups. Teaching the children of Royal Wootton Bassett to become confident and safe swimmers is one of the real joys of the club. Our competition squad swimmers compete at county level and represent the club and town with pride and ability. The club is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of our member swimmers and the club welfare officer is a key member of our committee. Each year we hold a celebration presentation evening which is enjoyed and valued by the swimmers as we present medals and over a hundred trophies to those who took part in our annual competition gala. Our income comes predominantly from membership fees paid by club members at all levels from learn to swim through to masters. Members pay additional fees when taking part in championships and gala meets. A small income is sometimes generated through fundraising events. Royal Wootton Bassett otters operates from lime kiln leisure centre where we own and use a very old and tired set of swimming starter blocks. This project would see the club replace these with a new set which will serve the club and its local swimmers for many years to come. Swimming starter blocks are the small raised platforms at the end of each lane from which divers dive in from at the start of a swim/race. They are removable from the poolside and stored in the club storage cupboard poolside at lime kiln leisure centre. The club teaches children how to dive in successfully from blocks during their time in our development squad – a skill which will support their swimming throughout their swimming lives. Swimmers in our competition and masters squads use blocks weekly in their training programme. The club holds regular swimming gala competition events and the blocks are an essential piece of equipment for us to be able to hold these in line with swimming competition regulations.</p>					
ABG1649	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire Creative mini project in Royal Wootton Bassett Library	£575.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: Celebrating Age Wiltshire (CAW) uses arts & heritage activities to reach the most isolated older people in the Royal Wootton Bassett area, helping to tackle loneliness and aiming to improve their health and wellbeing through creative and artistic engagement. This mini project will deliver 4 x weekly sessions using literature, poetry, visual art and creative skills to stimulate new activity for the Shared Reading Library Group and other participants who will join them for this project. The regular group volunteer leaders will also receive ideas to generate further creative activity to enable them to continue the project after the paid sessions have finished.</p>					

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1794	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Reengage	Royal Wootton Bassett Reengage Tea Party Group 50th Anniversary May 2025	£425.00	£425.00
<p>Project Summary: Royal Wootton Bassett "Reengage" was started in 1975 by a local resident (initially called Contact and then formerly Contact the Elderly) In May 2025 we will be celebrating 50 years of our group and would like to hold a special party to acknowledge this amazing achievement. We would like to involve our current group of guests and volunteers and also invite previous volunteers. If funds allow we would also like to extend our invite to Swindon Group of Reengage as it would be something for them to celebrate too, especially as the lady who began our group in 1975 also ran the Swindon group for many years until she was too unwell to do so. It will be an Anniversary worthy of a celebration of all the Reengage volunteers in our Community. Over 50 years volunteers will have served 600 afternoon teas and probably double that in cups of teas !</p>					
ABG1857	Youth Grant	Wootton Bassett Gardening Club	Vale View Gardens Stage 2 Enhancement	£3800.00	£1900.00
<p>Project Summary: To enhance the Vale View Gardens project by adding additional infrastructure and educational focus for youth.</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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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.