

AGENDA

Meeting: AMESBURY AREA BOARD
Place: The Bowman Centre, Shears Drive, Archers Gate, Amesbury, SP4 7XT
Date: Thursday 2 September 2010
Time: 6.00 pm

Including the Parishes of Allington, Amesbury, Berwick St James, Bulford, Cholderton, Durnford, Durrington, Figcheldean, Great Wishford, Idmiston, Milston, Newton Toney, Orcheston, Shrewton, Stapleford, Steeple Langford, Tilshead, Wilsford Cum Lake, Winterbourne, Winterbourne Stoke, Woodford and Wylve.

The Area Board welcomes and invites contributions from members of the public. The chairman will try to ensure that everyone who wishes to speak will have the opportunity to do so.

If you have any requirements that would make your attendance at the meeting easier, please contact your Democratic Services Officer.

Refreshments and networking opportunities will be available from 5:30pm.

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Wiltshire Councillors

Mike Hewitt (**Vice Chairman**)
John Noeken
John Smale (**Chairman**)
Ian West
Fred Westmoreland
Graham Wright

Bourne and Woodford Valley
Amesbury East
Bulford, Allington & Figcheldean
Till & Wylve Valley
Amesbury West
Durrington & Larkhill

Map to venue enclosed at page 1

Items to be considered	Time
<p>1. Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>2. Apologies for Absence</p> <p>3. Declarations of Interest</p>	6.00pm
<p>Councillors are requested to declare any personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>4. Minutes (Pages 3 - 16)</p> <p>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2010.</p>	
<p>5. Chairman's Announcements (Pages 17 - 26)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Great Stones Way b. "Hear to Help" project c. Community Payback – Call for "Grot Spots" d. Gypsy Traveller Site Consultation e. Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2011-2026 f. Planning & Housing Receptions relocating to 27-29 Milford Street, Salisbury g. Confirmation of membership of new Community Area Transport Group (CATG) h. The Chairman will invite questions on issues not covered elsewhere in the agenda, including questions to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, Councillor Dick Tonge, who will be in attendance. <i>(Note: Written questions may be submitted in advance of the meeting – please email to james.hazlewood@wiltshire.gov.uk by 31 August 2010)</i> 	6.05pm
<p>6. Your Local Issues (Pages 27 - 28)</p> <p>To receive an update from the Community Area Manager on local issues.</p>	6.20pm
<p>7. Updates from Partners and Town/Parish Councils (Pages 29 - 36)</p> <p>To receive updates from the Town and Parish Council Representatives, and from other partner organisations, including outside bodies on which the Area Board is represented.</p>	6.30pm
<p>8. Good Neighbour Scheme</p> <p>To receive a presentation from Sandie Lewis, Head of Strategy (Voluntary and Community Sector), Wiltshire Council.</p>	6.40pm

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| 9. | Stonehenge Visitor Centre | 6.55pm |
| | To receive a presentation from Loraine Knowles, Project Manager for English Heritage. | |
| 10. | Strategic Planning Sites in the Amesbury Area | 7.20pm |
| | To receive a presentation from Sarah Hughes, Senior Spatial Planning Officer. | |
| 11. | Community Area Grants (<i>Pages 37 - 40</i>) | 7.40pm |
| | To determine any applications for Community Area Grant funding. | |
| 12. | Performance Reward Grants (<i>Pages 41 - 66</i>) | 7.50pm |
| | To consider whether the Area Board wishes to support any bids for funding from the Performance Reward Grant Scheme. | |
| 13. | Future Meeting Dates, Evaluation and Close (<i>Pages 67 - 68</i>) | 8.00pm |
| | To note the attached Forward Work Plan. | |
| | The next meeting of the Amesbury Area Board will be held on Thursday 21 October 2010, 6pm at Avon Valley College, Durrington. | |

Future Meeting Dates

Thursday, 21 October 2010

6.00 pm

Avon Valley College, Recreation Road, Durrington,
SP4 6HH

Thursday, 2 December 2010

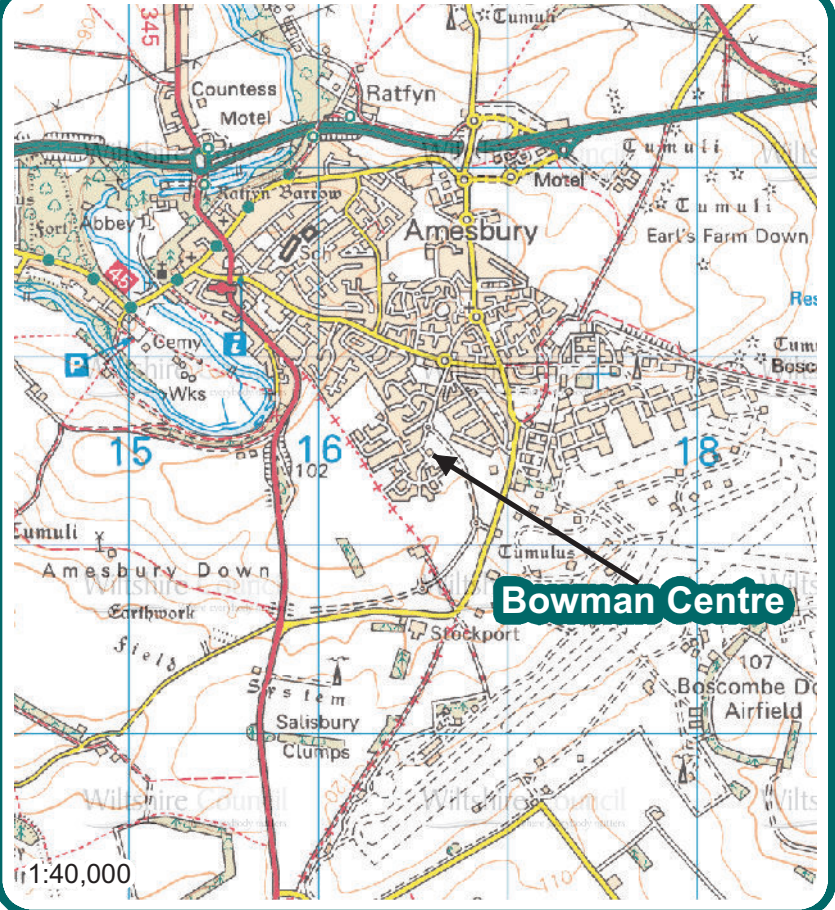
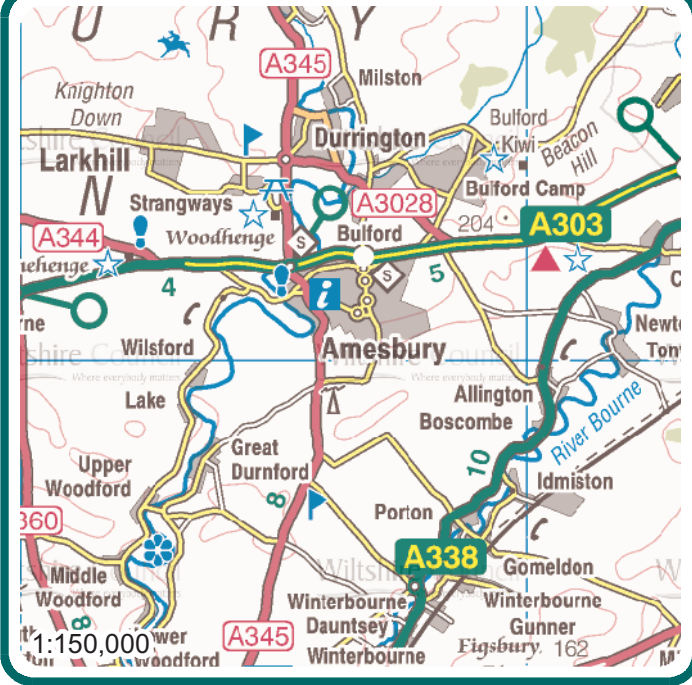
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Antrobus House, Amesbury

Thursday, 27 January 2010

6,00pm

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Bowman Centre
Shears Drive
Archers Gate
Amesbury
SP4 7XT


 Where everybody matters



MINUTES

Meeting: AMESBURY AREA BOARD
Place: Figheldean Village Hall, Pollen Lane, Figheldean, SP4 8JR
Date: 1 July 2010
Start Time: 6.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.20 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr John Smale (Chairman), Cllr Mike Hewitt (Vice Chairman), Cllr John Noeken, Cllr Ian West and Cllr Fred Westmoreland

Wiltshire Council Officers

Mark Smith, Service Director
Karen Linaker, Community Area Manager
Matthew Woolford, Media Relations Manager
James Hazlewood, Senior Democratic Services Officer
Heather Blake, Senior Transport Planner
Tracy Carter, Service Director - Waste Management
Geoff Langridge, Head of Library and Information Services
Kevin McCaffrey, Youth Development Coordinator

Town and Parish Councillors

Amesbury Town Council – Ian Mitchell, Margaret Strange
Durrington Town Council – Dave Healing
Allington Parish Council – Michael Brunton
Berwick St James Parish Council – R Brasher
Bulford Parish Council – Gordon Burt
Figheldean Parish Council – Simon Banton
Newton Toney Parish Council – Stan Stubbs
Shrewton Parish Council – Peter Sweet, Carole Slater

Winterbourne Parish Council – Maureen Atkinson
Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council – Pete Stoner

Partners

Police – Inspector M Sweett
Wiltshire Fire Authority – Mike Franklin
Stonehenge Chamber of Trade – John Richardson
MOD – Graham Lawrence and Dave Marks
Salisbury Journal – Kirsty Barton
Sustrans – Alistair Millington

Members of Public in Attendance: 28

Total in attendance: 63

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
1.	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Amesbury Area Board, and thanked Figheldean Village Hall Committee for the use of the hall.</p> <p>It was noted that the Chairman and Vice Chairman had been elected at the Annual Council meeting on 18 May:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor John Smale had been elected as Chairman for the 2010/11 municipal year; and • Councillor Mike Hewitt had been elected as Vice Chairman for the 2010/11 municipal year. <p>At the Chairman's invitation, the Councillors and officers sitting at the front of the meeting introduced themselves.</p> <p>The Chairman also welcomed and introduced the officers who were in attendance to give presentations.</p> <p>It was noted that two displays were available at the back of the meeting room – one in relation to the Consultation on Waste and Recycling (Item 9 refers), and another from Natural England.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>a. Annual Highways Maintenance Programme – This programme was now available to view on the Council's website, at the link listed on page 3 of the agenda.</p> <p>b. Local Transport Plan (LTP) Scheme Funding Allocation – Further to the information set out at page 5 of the agenda, it was noted that a Community Area Transport Group (CATG) would be established and reported to the next meeting of the Area Board. The Chairman added that the Area Board had been allocated £17,731 to spend on LTP projects.</p> <p>c. Draft Parking Strategy – Information on this forthcoming consultation was available on page 7 of the agenda. The documents listed would be available from the 12 July, when the consultation would open.</p> <p>d. The Chairman then invited questions and comments on issues not covered elsewhere in the agenda:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Healing of Durrington Town Council commented that the 6pm start time of the Area Board made it difficult for some parish representatives to attend, in particular those who worked. Councillor Mike Hewitt, who had been the Chairman at the time that the start time had moved from 7pm to 6pm, commented that this had been changed in response to requests from parish representatives and had been agreed by a show of hands from those present at an Area Board meeting. • Roy Clough – Vice Chairman of the Archers Gate Residents' Association, referred to concerns over the traffic conditions on the Archers Gate estate. Councillor John Noeken commented that officers would look into this. <i>(Note: Following the meeting, Councillor Noeken and Highways officers met on the site on Wednesday 7 July to assess the situation.)</i> 	
3.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Councillor Graham Wright • Wiltshire Councillor Lionel Grundy, Cabinet Member for Children's Services • Jo Howes (NHS Wiltshire) • Ian Rennie (Wiltshire Fire and Rescue). 	
4.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Councillor Ian West declared a prejudicial interest in item 14 (Community Area Grants), specifically in the application from Winterbourne Stoke Events Committee, as he was the Chairman of this committee. Councillor West indicated that he would leave the room during consideration of this application.</p> <p>There were no other declarations of interest.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The minutes of the meetings held on 29 April 2010 and 18 May 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	

6.	<p><u>Your Local Issues</u></p> <p>Karen Linaker, the Amesbury Community Area Manager, introduced the report enclosed at pages 23-24 of the agenda, commenting that a more detailed update was available online at the Council's website.</p> <p>The Chairman commented that he had attended a site visit at the Bulford Bridge along with Councillor Graham Wright. The works were currently on schedule and the problems over unclear signage had now been resolved.</p> <p>Simon Banton of Figheldean Parish Council referred to an article in the BBC Countryfile magazine, which had listed Figheldean Mill Pond as a good place for "wild swimming". This had led to an increase in visitors to the site, causing parking problems, an increase in dog mess, and general disturbance to nearby residents. Concern was also raised in relation to underwater hazards for swimmers, specifically spikes from the foundations of the old mill.</p> <p>The Chairman commented that the Council was aware of this issue and was considering potential courses of action. Inspector Martyn Sweett added that he was not aware of any incidents reported in relation to the site, but would liaise with the MOD and MOD police colleagues to see whether the site could be made safer.</p> <p>Simon suggested that Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service might be able to survey the riverbed as they used the site for scuba training. Mike Franklin undertook to pass these comments to the local management teams.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Update from Partners and Town/Parish Councils</u></p> <p>The Chairman invited updates from Town/Parish Councils and other partners, commenting that the preferred method for non-urgent updates was for a written summary which could be sent to officers in advance and included within the agenda papers.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked officers from Housing Services for offering their time to help paint the frontage of the Amesbury Community Information Shop.</p> <p>Councillor Mike Hewitt, as Chairman of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee, advised that there was a possibility that the commissioning role of the PCT might be transferred to doctors. This was unlikely to affect service users directly, and he would keep the Area Board updated.</p>	

	<p>The Chairman thanked the Police for their efforts over the weekend of the Summer Solstice. It was considered that this had gone very smoothly.</p> <p>Responding to concern over regular accidents at the crossroads by Porton on the Amesbury Road, Inspector Martyn Sweett commented that he was not aware of any serious injuries or fatalities at the site, and that the Accident Management system would highlight particular problem accident sites, which were then prioritised. However, he offered to report the matter to the local Police Constable. In relation to speeding at the same site, the MOD police had been given permission to undertake speed checks on the public road, and some Community Speedwatch teams were also being established on the A338 corridor.</p> <p>Referring to a recent incident, Inspector Sweett commented that Wilts and Dorset Buses were planning to install immobilising equipment on their vehicles.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Waste Collection Service Consultation</u></p> <p>Tracy Carter (Service Director – Waste Management) gave a presentation regarding the on-going consultation on the waste and recycling collection service.</p> <p>Changes to the provision of this service within Wiltshire were required to ensure that the same service was provided to all residents. In addition to this, the need to meet tougher recycling targets and minimise landfill required a new approach to waste collection across the county.</p> <p>The proposal was for household rubbish and black box recycling (i.e. tins, glass and paper) to be collected on alternate weeks. There would also be a fortnightly collection of plastic bottles and cardboard recycling. In addition, the current fortnightly collection of garden waste would continue, although this would now be free to all residents, rather than being charged as at present.</p> <p>This proposal sought to balance the best service with maximising the opportunities for recycling and minimising costs. A consultation was underway to seek support for this proposal from Wiltshire residents. Leaflets were available at the meeting summarising the proposals and with detachable freepost slip, on which residents could record their support or opposition to the proposals.</p> <p>The Chairman then invited questions and comments:</p>	

- In response to comments from the floor, it was emphasised that a final decision had yet to be taken on this proposal. This was a genuine consultation, the results of which would be reported to the Cabinet in September.
- Concern was raised regarding people who currently filled their bins within a week. Tracy explained that part of the aim behind the proposal was to encourage behavioural change, whereby people increased the amount they recycled out of necessity. Currently, those areas within Wiltshire with weekly waste collections recycled around 10% less than the areas with fortnightly waste collection. However, it was also noted that specific assistance and advice would be given to those who had genuine issues with excess waste, for example nappies and incontinence pads.
- Currently the majority of residual waste (i.e. non-recyclables) was sent to an Energy from Waste facility near Slough, for incineration. However, recycling was still preferable in terms of having a lower environmental impact.
- The view was expressed that this proposal represented a reduction in service, and that the existing system should remain.
- Concern was expressed regarding potential health and safety issues with waste only being collected once every fortnight. Reference was made to articles in the press in relation to potential infestations of rats and maggots.
- Tracy confirmed that the UK had been set targets under EU landfill directives since the late 1990s, due to the country's poor recycling performance. If councils did not meet the required targets there was a possibility of fines being passed on to Councils by the government.
- Consideration had been given to the separate collection of food waste. However, it was not proposed to progress this at present due to issues over technology and capacity. However, the current schemes for subsidised green cone composters would continue.
- Referring to the recent announcement by Eric Pickles, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, in support of a return to weekly waste collection, Tracy commented that this was Mr Pickles' opinion and was not formal government policy.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracy explained that the proposed fortnightly collection would give an opportunity to redeploy staff to the additional recycling collection rounds. This would also reduce the use of agency staff. • It was noted that considerably more commercial waste went to landfill, although this was discouraged by means of the same landfill tax imposed on local authorities. • Concern was also raised in relation to the collection of bins from properties with little or no pavement which could cause an obstacle for pedestrians and/or vehicles. <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for their comments and urged everyone to fill in the forms and to send questions, comments and concerns to the contact details on the back of the leaflet.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Review of Library Service</u></p> <p>Geoff Langrige, Head of Library and Information Services, gave a presentation on the review of the Library Service.</p> <p>A review of the service had been instigated in response to the significant £500K of savings required from the service's budget within the next two years, representing about 10% of the existing budget. It was hoped that these savings could be achieved without impacting on frontline services, which were currently very highly rated. As part of the process, service users were being asked to give their ideas for the future of the service.</p> <p>A wide variety of services was currently provided in libraries, including 750,000 books, CDs, DVDs, local information, various events, school links, and other groups.</p> <p>A number of ideas had been raised during the consultation so far; some of these were already provided in some libraries, and others would be considered for future service offers. However, further suggestions were still sought, and everyone present was encouraged to fill out the cards on each table, asking for five top priorities for the future of the library service.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Geoff for the presentation and invited questions and comments from the floor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that mobile libraries were a very important service to rural areas and that usage of this service was increasing. Mobile libraries had recently lengthened their stops at some locations, and some also took Police 	

	<p>Community Support Officers (PCSOs) on their routes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Around 275,000 people in Wiltshire were members of a library. This equated to around 48%. • Geoff emphasised that the suggestions from service users were part of the “define” stage. These would then be used to inform the “design” stage, within budgetary constraints and maximising the use of buildings and staff. • Some savings had already been identified through back office savings, with £15,000 saved through the re-tendering of stock procurement and a new, more efficient stock storage system. • One suggestion for a future service was support and advice to people using IT facilities who were not experienced at using such equipment. Geoff commented that this was available in some libraries already. 	
10.	<p><u>Community Area Young People's Issues Group (CAYPIG) - Update</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Kevin McCaffery, Youth Development Coordinator, and a number of young people from Porton.</p> <p>The young people gave a presentation on the background to the project for a skatepark at Porton.</p> <p>The idea for a skatepark in Porton had been conceived as the nearest other facility was in Salisbury. A suggestion had been put to the Parish Council, and an initial petition of support had been signed by over 230 people. The project had been designed and costed by the young people involved, supported by the local youth workers. A layout had been designed and the next stage would be to seek funding for the project. It was considered that the skatepark would be a facility of great benefit to the young people of the area, and the project was supported by the local police.</p> <p>Mark Clogg of Maverick, a company which specialised in designing skateparks, commented that he was aware of many successful skatepark projects around the country, bringing the benefits of lower anti-social behaviour, a health activity for young people, and the social and community benefits of a local project being delivered.</p>	

	<p>It was noted that the Parish Council and some residents near to the proposed site, still had concerns over potential noise impact. There were also concerns about people from outside the area disrupting the enjoyment of the facility.</p> <p>Kevin commented that on 19 July, there would be a public meeting in Porton to discuss the project, where local people would have an opportunity to see the presentation from the young people.</p> <p>In relation to the proposed location, on the recreation ground, it was noted that the Environment Agency had been contacted regarding potential flooding issues. Mark explained that there were options to mitigate the potential impact of this.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the young people for attending, and for their presentation.</p> <p>Kevin updated the meeting on the progress of the transport project agreed and funded at the previous meeting. Subject to some final CRB checks, the project would hopefully be operational before the summer holidays.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Community Planning Update</u></p> <p>The Chairman referred the meeting to the report on pages 31-38 of the agenda, which set out the proposed way forward for community planning in the Amesbury area. This had been developed following the informal meeting with Parish Councils on 10 June.</p> <p>Councillor John Noeken proposed that the commissioning of a Community Planning Group be deferred to allow for further discussions between the steering group and the Area Board members. It was noted that this would also delay the production of the questionnaire for the community plan.</p> <p>Councillors congratulated Porton, Idmiston and Gomeldon Community Plan Steering Group, on the shorter than predicted timescale for producing the document.</p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Area Board agreed to defer recommendations a) and c) as set out on page 34 of the agenda, to allow further discussions between the Steering Group and members of the Area Board. 2. The Area Board noted that its available budget allocation for community planning purposes in 2010/11 was £17,000 (inclusive of £7,000 carried forward from 2009/10). 	Karen Linaker

	<p>3. The Porton, Idmiston and Gomeldon Community Plan was referred to the Community Planning Steering Group for consideration and incorporation in the Amesbury Area Community Plan.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Cycle Routes</u></p> <p>The Chairman introduced Heather Blake, Transport Planner, and Alistair Millington, of Sustrans, who gave a presentation on cycle routes in the Amesbury Community Area.</p> <p>Cycle routes were delivered in a number of ways, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Transport Funding – this budget was allocated according to the Local Transport Plan (LTP), with priority given to strategic routes to sites of employment, schools and shopping. This tended to be in large town centres, although in the next LTP this would also include smaller towns such as Amesbury, Bulford and Durrington. However, the transport budget had been cut by £1.1million (around 20%) and it would not be possible to commit to some larger projects. • Sustrans – This funding came from the Department for Transport. • Rights of Way – This service related to the recreational routes, which tended to be in the countryside. <p>A network of existing cycle routes, and possible future routes had been produced. In addition, further suggestions and ideas for improving the existing strategic routes were welcomed.</p> <p>Some work had already begun on the link between Amesbury and Bulford. Developer funding for this route was available, and Sustrans had agreed with Wiltshire Council to develop a route.</p> <p>The other links which were currently also under consideration included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amesbury to Durrington – This route was considered to be a feasible project and was likely to be prioritised for funding after 2013. • Salisbury to Porton. • Porton to Amesbury. <p>The Chairman thanked Heather and Alistair for the presentation and invited questions and comments:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was considered that young people in Figheldean would benefit from safer cycle access to Bulford, Durrington and Amesbury. • It was also considered that employees at Porton Down would benefit from a safer cycle route for commuting from Salisbury and Amesbury. Residents would also benefit from the reduced traffic and improved cycle routes for leisure use. <p>It was noted that the report would be circulated to Town and Parish Councils affected, who were invited to propose amended and/or additional routes.</p>																	
13.	<p><u>Appointments to Associated Groups / Outside Bodies</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Area Board noted the following appointments to Outside Bodies, which had been agreed at the meeting on 30 June 2009, and which would continue for 2010/11 subject to the following changes:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 1041 1294 1420"> <thead> <tr> <th>Outside Body</th> <th>Councillor appointed</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Amesbury Sports Centre Managing Body</td> <td>John Noeken & Fred Westmoreland</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stonehenge Community Area Partnership</td> <td>Graham Wright - Appointment discontinued</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amesbury Youth Issues Group (CAYPIG)</td> <td>John Smale & Mike Hewitt</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Durrington Sports Centre</td> <td>Ian West & Graham Wright</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tenants Panel</td> <td>Mike Hewitt & John Noeken</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(Lead Councillor on grants)</td> <td>John Noeken</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Additional appointment:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 1529 1273 1579"> <tr> <td>Community Planning Group</td> <td>Fred Westmoreland</td> </tr> </table>	Outside Body	Councillor appointed	Amesbury Sports Centre Managing Body	John Noeken & Fred Westmoreland	Stonehenge Community Area Partnership	Graham Wright - Appointment discontinued	Amesbury Youth Issues Group (CAYPIG)	John Smale & Mike Hewitt	Durrington Sports Centre	Ian West & Graham Wright	Tenants Panel	Mike Hewitt & John Noeken	(Lead Councillor on grants)	John Noeken	Community Planning Group	Fred Westmoreland	James Hazlewood
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14.	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>Councillor John Noeken introduced the item, as the Area Board's Lead Councillor on grants.</p> <p>Applicants that were present were invited to speak on their applications, following which the Board discussed the application then put the matter to the vote.</p> <p>Having declared a prejudicial interest in the application from Winterbourne Stoke Events Committee, Councillor Ian West left</p>																	

	<p>the room during consideration of that application.</p> <p>In relation to the application from Winterbourne Stoke Events Committee, it was reported that a location had been identified for the container; out of sight of the road and of nearby properties.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Winterbourne Stoke Events Committee was awarded £1,410.78 towards the costs of purchasing a storage container and a base upon which to site the container to store the committee's equipment.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> – <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2010/11 and would support this vital service for the community.</i></p> <p>In relation to the application from Woodford Valley Scottish Country Dancing Group, it was suggested that the group allow other community groups meeting in the Middle Woodford Village Hall to use the equipment.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Woodford Valley Scottish Country Dancing Group was awarded £683.76 towards the purchase of equipment including a variable speed music player and microphone.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> – <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2010/11 and would support this newly established community group.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Orcheston Village Hall Committee was awarded £650 towards works required to the village hall including replacement of rotting fascia boards.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> – <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2010/11 and would support the maintenance of this important community facility.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Larkhill Primary School was awarded £999.96 to operate, on behalf of the local community, a Sensory Toy Library for children (4-11 years) with learning disabilities.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> – <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2010/11 and would support this new initiative for the benefit of local families.</i></p> <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Noeken and a special thanks was extended to the independent panel members, Carole Slater and Tony Way.</p>	<p>Karen Linaker</p> <p>Karen Linaker</p> <p>Karen Linaker</p> <p>Karen Linaker</p>
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15.	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates, Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew people's attention to the Forward Work Plan attached to the back of the agenda. This was a working document and was subject to change, but sought to give some notice of upcoming items at future meetings.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and noted that the next meeting of the Amesbury Area Board would be on Thursday 2 September 2010, 6.00pm at the Bowman Centre, Shears Drive, Archers Gate, Amesbury.</p>	
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THE GREAT STONES WAY

A HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE NEW WALKING ROUTE BETWEEN AVEBURY AND STONEHENGE

The ancient Ridgeway follows the sweep of the chalk escarpment across the country for some 360 miles, between Lyme Regis in Dorset on the south coast and Hunstanton on The Wash on the east coast. An 85-mile central section of the route, between Ivinghoe Beacon near Dunstable and Avebury in Wiltshire, was adopted as The Ridgeway National Trail in 1972. The Friends of The Ridgeway have long sought the up-grading of the rest of the Ridgeway to match National Trails standards. The Great Stones Way is a first, key initiative towards the achievement of this aim.

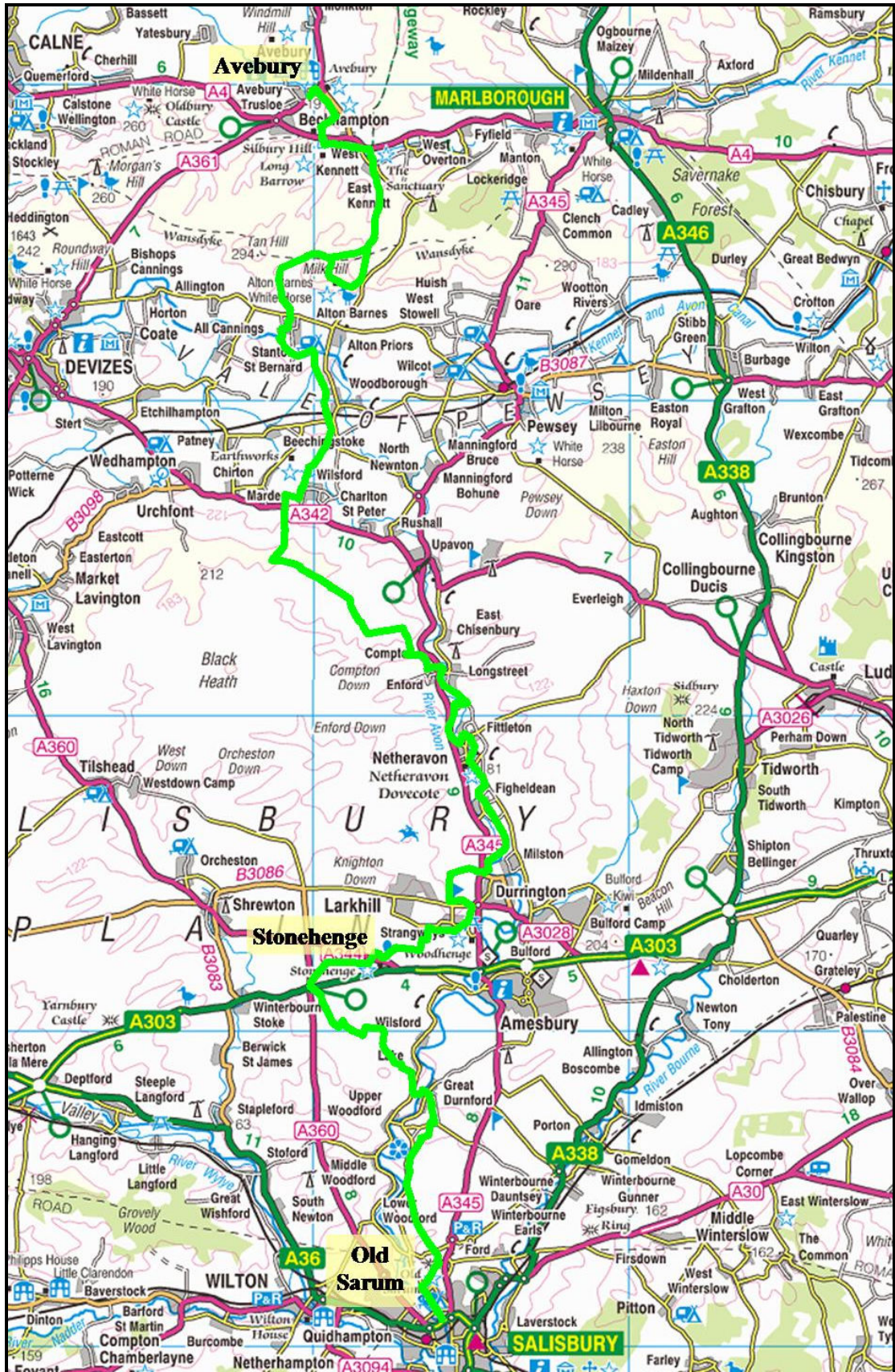
The Great Stones Way will

- Be a great 38-mile walk between the iconic stone circles of Avebury and Stonehenge, and historic Old Sarum;
- Take in the historic sites of Silbury Hill, The Sanctuary, Adam's Grave, Broadbury Banks, Durrington Walls and Woodhenge, as well as the Stone Age landscape of Stonehenge itself;
- Offer a mixture of high level walking on the Downs and Salisbury Plain, open countryside through the Vale of Pewsey and footpaths through the picturesque villages of the Avon Valley;
- Provide an attractive route for walkers linking Stonehenge and the railway at Salisbury, with good public transport connections along the route;
- Appeal to visitors from the UK and from overseas seeking to visit the best of the heritage attractions of Wessex and Wiltshire;
- Bring huge economic benefits to all the communities along the route.

The Friends of The Ridgeway is grateful for the help of Plain Action, North Wessex Downs AONB and Wiltshire Council in enabling us to commission a full feasibility study to quantify the likely usage and the economic benefits that will accrue to the route corridor, and to determine the costs of the works needed to bring the route up to standards similar to those of a National Trail.



European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe investing in rural areas



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Hear to Help

RNID have just completed a hugely successful year-long fundraising partnership with The Co-operative and thanks to the money raised through this partnership we are able to expand our “Hear to Help” services across the UK. The first of these new projects are just starting up and we are aiming to establish 20 new projects across the UK over the coming year.

What is Hear to Help?

Hear to Help is a hearing aid support service. Staff and volunteers on our Hear to Help projects provide basic hearing aid maintenance as well as giving advice and support to new hearing aid wearers and to the families and carers of existing wearers. Our Hear to Help services are community based with a mix of outreach work, home visits and drop-in services and we deliver these services in partnership with local audiology departments.

In partnership with Salisbury Hospital’s Audiology Unit and local volunteers, drop in services are being planned for Amesbury in the coming months, having already been to Durrington and helped 25 people.

The Amesbury Co-op was one of the highest fundraisers for Hear to Help.

For further details, please contact Gillian Drayson, Community Support Officer (Salisbury RNID) on 01722 580014

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Chairman's Announcements

Community Payback – Call for Grot Spots

Wiltshire Probation Services is launching a new scheme, 'Community Payback, Involving Local Communities'. The scheme works with offenders to offer free labour to local communities to enhance the local environment. This includes clearing undergrowth, removal of graffiti or litter, repairing and redecorating community facilities and other environmental projects.

The Community Payback initiative has been supported by our Area Boards to receive Performance Reward Grant funding to provide mobile facilities which will enable the work to be carried out more efficiently and to broaden the reach of the project to include more rural parts of the county.

Area Boards are asked to call for 'Grot Spots', local areas which need clearing or community facilities which need decorating, litter picking or graffiti removal. These can be referred to the Community Payback Scheme, either directly using the referral form on the Community Payback leaflet or via their Community Area Manager.

Amesbury Area Board – 2 September 2010

Chairman's Announcements

Gypsy and Traveller Site Consultation

Consultation planned on possible new Gypsy and Traveller sites following on from the work carried out in April and June this year has now been put on hold. The issues consultation used figures proposed in the draft South West Regional Spatial Strategy as the basis of future need for Gypsy and Traveller sites. The Regional Spatial Strategy has now been revoked and it falls to local authorities to determine the right level of site provision. Officers are currently assessing existing information about the level of need for new Gypsy and Traveller sites in Wiltshire to make sure the development plan document progresses with the correct local targets for new site provision. This has affected the overall timetable for the preparation of the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations document. The Area Board will be informed once a revised project timetable on the provision of new sites for the travelling community is available.

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ITEM 5e

Chairman's Announcements

Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2011 - 2026

The Council has a statutory duty to review and publish a new Local Transport Plan (LTP) by the end of March 2011. In essence, Local Transport Plans steer the implementation of national transport policies at the local level.

The Wiltshire Local Transport Plan is made up of:

- A long-term transport strategy that seeks to:
 - support economic growth
 - reduce carbon emissions
 - contribute to better safety, security and health
 - promote equality of opportunity
 - improve quality of life and promote a healthy natural environment
- A shorter-term implementation plan based on a realistic assessment of available funding, and
- A number of supporting strategies and technical documents.

In addition, the Local Transport Plan provides the framework for all other organisations with a direct or indirect involvement in transport in Wiltshire.

Consultation on the draft Local Transport Plan will run from **4 October to 26 November 2010**.

The preferred method of communication is for comments to be submitted online at: <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>, where electronic copies of all the documents will be available. Paper copies of the summary document, questionnaire and a reference copy of the Local Transport Plan will also be available from all libraries and main Council offices.

The Council's Cabinet and full Council will consider the results of the consultation in February 2011 prior to the publication of the final Local Transport Plan in March 2011.

Consultation Portal Link: <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

ITEM 6

AMESBURY AREA BOARD
2 SEPTEMBER 2010

ISSUES UPDATE

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To update the board on the issues received and in progress since the last meeting in July 2010.

2. Background

- 2.1 An online system has been designed to enable anyone from the Amesbury Area to submit an issue for the Community Area Manager to respond to, by identifying the relevant officer, councillor or partner to assist.
- 2.2 The system is currently being reviewed to ensure its ease of use by members of the public and any one wishing to submit an issue, and to ensure that the process by which issues are addressed is fully robust and efficient.

3. Overview of the issues received on the online system:

Issues in progress -

ID	Category	Parish	Summary of Issue	Status	Date Received
344	Highways	Amesbury	Speeding through Woodford Valley and specifically in area of West Amesbury	These concerns have been reiterated and subsequent reports recently received that matters have got worse. The Neighbourhood Policing Team are looking into this matter	7 Oct 09
772	Highways	Durrington	Various road surfacing and highway safety concerns	Further concerns relating to Windsor Road, were forwarded to highways officers for a response at the beginning of August. A response has since been received and issued to the unitary cllr to pass on to the concerned residents.	19 Feb 10

820	Transport	Amesbury	Promised bus shelter on Countess Road, Amesbury	Wiltshire Council officers have confirmed that budgets do not allow for this shelter in 2010/11 and Wilts & Dorset Bus Company has announced a review of bus routes in this area.	8 Mar 10
868	Highways	Shrewton	Large volume of vehicles consistently exceeding 30 mph speed limit on A360	Community Speedwatch is currently operating	26 Mar 10
999	Highways	Porton	Speeding on Winterslow Road, Porton	Community Speedwatch is currently operating	21 May 10
1006	Highways	Amesbury	Speeding on Porton Road, Amesbury, by the Baptist Church. .	Officers have clarified the reasons for the current layout on this road and have advised that continuing development in Amesbury South will mean that this roundabout and the traffic levels along Porton Road will be assessed as part of these forthcoming developments. Also, a formal review of the speed limits on all C class roads in Wiltshire will be conducted in due course. Comments from the Camera Safety Unit on the speed of cars on this stretch of road are still outstanding.	25 May 10
1108	Community Safety	Newton Tony	Community Payback request to paint local fence	The Community Payback team are processing this request.	03 Aug 10

4. **Updates for the above issues:**

Full details on the issues are available online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/southernwiltshireareaboard, and then click on issue tracking.

If you would like to be sent hard copies of the issues and updates, contact Karen Linaker : karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk or 01722 434697.

To report an issue go to www.wiltshire.gov.uk/amesburyareaboard and click on "report an issue in your community now".

Karen Linaker, Amesbury Community Area Manager

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper
Amesbury Community Area Board
2 September 2010



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Martin Phipps

Amesbury Town

Beat Manager – PC Lucy Smith
 PCSO – Jo Atkinson
 PCSO – Dean Shaw

Amesbury Rural

Beat Manager – PC Alan Day (retires Aug '10)
 PCSO – Shona Maycock
 PCSO – Will Todd

Durrington, Larkhill & Bulford

Beat Manager – PC Lyndsey Smith
 PCSO – Chris Miller

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on our Wiltshire Police Website.

□ Visit the new and improved website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

3. Police Authority Representative: Councillor Richard Britton

Please contact via Wiltshire Police Authority Tel. 01380 734022 or
<http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

4. Performance and Other Local Issues

The Amesbury Area Neighbourhood Policing teams are sad to say good bye to PC Alan Day the Rural Beat manager. Alan retires at the end of August following 23 years service with Wiltshire Police. I am sure you will join me in wishing him luck in the future. He has had a successful and very enjoyable 12 months on his area. The rural area has seen the introduction of two community speed watch schemes in Shrewton and Porton. Both schemes are staffed by enthusiastic volunteers and it appears they have both been very well received.

Other areas of success on the rural area have been the noticeable and significant drop in reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB). Consultation has been conducted in the rural areas by way of street meetings and drop-ins (library bus). This identified some issues of ASB which has subsequently been targeted by some hi-visibility

patrols. Where there have been reports of ASB, the offenders have been dealt with robustly by way of arrest.

Winterbourne Stoke has seen the successful setting up of Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, following a series of burglaries. The new scheme is now well established and its members have been responsible for a steady flow of good and accurate information into the NPT. The suspect for the local Burglaries was arrested several times and is now out of circulation.

The abstraction rates across the whole Amesbury Sector NPT as a whole remain low and the NPT continue to spend more than 80% of their time in their communities.

The Durrington, Larkhill and Bulford NPT have been concentrating on two areas. Firstly the team has been promoting the Shop and Pub watch schemes. These schemes are now fully up and running in all your local shops and pubs and it is hoped that it will help to prevent the under-age sales of alcohol and cigarettes as well as being a useful tool to prevent theft by shop-lifting. The scheme will continued to be monitored and updates passed back to the community. The team is also looking to promote crime prevention in their area. PCSO Chris Miller and Councillor Graham Wright have been holding regular surgeries at the Town Hall, followed by walkabouts where the community can approach them for advice and report any problems. The Durrington Show also had a stall promoting crime prevention for the area.

Amesbury Town itself has seen the introduction of a new play area for older teenagers on Harvard way. This has brought on some challenges with an increase in calls to the area due to Antisocial Behaviour and Littering. As a result, the council are endeavouring to have daily visits and litter removal from the site. The NPT have greatly increased patrols to the area and have had early success in convincing the local youth to vacate the site by 10pm in order to allow local residence some peace and quiet. The team have also advertised for 10-16 year olds to join the "Strike team". This is an initiative where the NPT together with the strike team volunteers will be working together to clear up graffiti, litter and carry out community projects such as gardening. It is hoped this can become a monthly event targeting a different problem every month. The first project will focus on Holders Road pavilion in September.

Amesbury NPT has also been targeting of Drug's in their area and together with their colleagues in General Police duties have executed 5 warrants and targeted 6 addressees. All have been successful and resulted in charges or cautions for drugs offences. These good news stories have appeared in the local press.

Sergeant Martin PHIPPS

AMESBURY SECTOR						
AMESBURY	CRIME				DETECTIONS	
	AUG 2008 - JUL 2010				AUG 2008 - JUL 2010	
	2008/09	2009/10	+ / -	% Change	2008/09	2009/10
Violence Against the Person	298	266	-32	-10.7%	57.0%	50.8%
Dwelling Burglary	61	61	0	0.0%	32.8%	26.2%
Criminal Damage	334	277	-57	-17.1%	25.7%	17.3%
Non Dwelling Burglary	79	79	0	0.0%	10.1%	15.2%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	62	86	24	38.7%	37.1%	19.8%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	39	30	-9	-23.1%	20.5%	26.7%
Total Crime	1349	1266	-83	-6.2%	32.3%	38.9%
County Division is compared with 15 most similar divisions in other Forces. Currently County Division is performing very well and is ranked 1st (out of 15) for our overall crime and 5th (out of 15) for our overall detection levels						

Anti-Social-Behaviour – reported incidents

JULY-SEPT 2009	OCT-DEC 2009	JAN-MAR 2010	APR-JUN 2010	MONTHLY AVE (09/10)
348	343	310	366	341.8

Inspector Martyn Sweett
Area Commander
2 /9/10

NHS Update – August 2010
Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS

The Secretary of State for Health, Andrew Lansley, has published a new NHS White Paper, 'Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS', setting out the coalition Government's vision for the NHS. The White Paper is the first step towards the Government's ambition for the NHS to achieve health outcomes and quality health services that are among the best in the world.

The White Paper sets out proposals for the NHS to become a truly world-class service: a service that is easy to access, treats people as individuals and offers care that is safe and of the highest quality.

This vision puts patients at the heart of everything that the NHS does. This means giving them more choice and the information they need to be able to exercise that choice. It also means putting GPs in charge of local commissioning decisions and setting providers of health services free from top-down targets.

In order to achieve its vision for the NHS, the Government has proposed changes to the way the NHS is organised. It plans to create an independent National Commissioning Board for the NHS. The Board will allocate money to local GP consortia for them to use to commission local health services. Local authorities will take on responsibility for public health and health improvement, currently held by primary care trusts.

As a result of these changes, the Government expect PCTs to cease to exist from 2013 in light of the successful establishment of GP consortia. It is also planned that strategic health authorities will no longer exist from 2012/13. In the meantime, these organisations will have important roles to play in supporting the NHS through a period of change.

For NHS Wiltshire, this means getting ready to ensure we have a safe and effective transfer of responsibilities to GP consortia and Wiltshire Council. It also means making sure that we maintain our focus on securing safe and effective services that deliver value for money and which are as good as they can be.

A number of more detailed, supporting documents have been and will continue to be issued in the following weeks as part of the White Paper consultation process. Details are set out below about how you can forward your comments for the consultation.

Document Title and Link	Deadline
The Centre for Public Scrutiny Equity and Excellence – NHS White Paper Summary http://www.cfps.org.uk/userfiles/file/Equality%20and%20Excellence%20-%20Summary%20of%20key%20themes%20for%20councillors.doc	N/A
Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/LiberatingtheNHS/index.htm	Comments by 5 th October
Increasing democratic legitimacy in health http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/docume	11 October

https://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/documents/digitalasset/dh_117721.pdf	r
Commissioning for patients http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/documents/digitalasset/dh_117705.pdf	11 October
Transparency in outcomes: a framework for the NHS http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_117583	11 October

Wiltshire Community Health Services

The White Paper also makes it clear that the Government's commitment to separating NHS provider functions from the commissioning part of Primary Care Trusts is unchanged. The commitment stands that by 1 April 2011, Primary Care Trusts will have divested themselves of directly-provided services. This has a direct implication for the Wiltshire-wide, individual services currently provided by Wiltshire Community Health Services, as well as the clinical and nursing staff employed by Wiltshire Community Health Services.

As a consequence, the Board of NHS Wiltshire agreed at its Board Meeting on 21 July 2010 to put in place appropriate commissioning arrangements to transfer Wiltshire Community Health Services to other NHS organisations. In order to preserve the strengths of the services, the plan is that the transfer will happen in 'clusters'.

- Cluster 1: Maternity – managed transfer to a NHS Trust capable of securing on-going employment for front-line staff on NHS pay and conditions. The resultant contract will have a 3-year term.
- Cluster 2: Children – managed transfer to a NHS Trust for a period of two years with the strategic intent of maintaining the integrated working with Wiltshire Council.
- Cluster 3: Miscellaneous – The PCT will pursue the transfer of each of these services via the appropriate contractual arrangements, as outlined in the option appraisal.
- Cluster 4: Adult Services – managed transfer to an NHS organisation capable of securing on-going employment for front-line staff on NHS pay and conditions. The resultant contract will have a 3-year term.

Expressions of interest will be received from other NHS provider organisations, including Great Western Hospital, Royal United Hospital, Bath and Salisbury Foundation Trust. In considering the proposals from these organisations, NHS Wiltshire will look at how they propose to continue delivering the high-quality clinical services which WCHS staff currently provide and to build on the successes of these services. This is likely to result in the transfer of frontline clinical staff into the relevant NHS organisations.

Reduction in management costs

The Coalition Government has asked for a 45% national decrease in NHS management costs by the end of 2013, linking to new models of working and shifts in commissioning responsibilities. NHS Wiltshire is therefore reviewing corporate teams and structures across HR, finance, IM&T, PALS and Communications teams, reducing the number of posts in each area. Redundancies will be made by 31 March 2011.

Stakeholder Assembly - Delivering Value for Patients

Nationally, the NHS is looking at ways to deliver more efficient ways of working in the future. In Wiltshire, we are working on more than 50 projects, led by local clinicians and PCT staff, to deliver savings which can be re-invested in front-line services to manage the increasing demand from our ageing population, new technologies and new medicines. The projects were shared with stakeholders, including colleagues from the voluntary sector, patients groups, Wiltshire Involvement Network and Wiltshire Council at our Stakeholders Assembly at the end of June. The feedback we received supports the work we are doing and the Board of NHS Wiltshire has agreed thirteen priority projects which will be the focus of work over the next six months so that we start to deliver savings from the beginning of 2011/12.

The next Board meeting will be held on **29 September 2010, venue to be confirmed.**

Papers are published a week before the meeting on www.wiltshire.nhs.uk or on request from Stacey Saunders, NHS Wiltshire (tel: 01380 733839, email: stacey.saunders@wiltshire.nhs.uk). For further information or copies of documents referred to above, please contact Jo Howes, Community Engagement Manager, 01380 733929 or jo.howes@wiltshire.nhs

Report to	Amesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	2nd September 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 2 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding, totalling £4,642.

1. Wessex Community Action – seeking £3,412 to contribute towards the costs of setting up a new Volunteer Bank.
2. Wyvern Village Hall Committee – seeking £1,230 to contribute towards the costs of new main doors for the village hall.

Officer
Recommendation

Refuse

Approve

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. The Amesbury Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £50,529 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget was £7,200 (including returned funds from the Stonehenge Community Area partnership). This gave a total budget of £57,729 for the 2010/2011 budget. £7,308.08 of this was allocated in community grants at the 29th April 2010 meeting, and a further £3,744.50 allocated in community grants at the 1st July 2010 meeting, leaving a remaining total of £46,676.42.
- 1.6. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce the volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.7. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Amesbury Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, the Amesbury Area Board will have a remaining balance of £45,446.42.

5. Legal Implications

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

6. Human Resources Implications

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

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

7.1. Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Wessex Community Action (WCA)	To create and manage a bank of local people who would be CRB checked and trained to undertake voluntary work for organizations.	£3,412

8.1.1. It is recommended that WCA is refused a grant of £3,412 to assist with the costs of setting up a new volunteer bank for the following reasons:

- (a) mindful of the advice received from the Head of Strategy – Voluntary & Community Services (VCS), it is recommended that this application is refused as Wiltshire Council has already awarded a contract to GROW to provide a very similar service
- (b) in view of this advice, any decision to award the funding would appear to conflict with the approach previously agreed by Wiltshire Council and may require further consideration
- (c) WCA is advised to contact GROW to examine how its proposals may be accommodated with the Wiltshire Volunteer Service

8.1.2. Although, technically this application meets the community area grant scheme criteria, it should be noted that Wiltshire Council has already allocated funding for a similar project (see para 8.1.6 below).

8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire due to its goal of building a stronger and more vibrant voluntary sector.

8.1.4. WCA is a Company Limited by guarantee and a registered charity. It is a not for profit organisation which has a varied membership. It delivers support services to voluntary and community groups; development of new initiatives in the community, liaison

between groups, organisations and agencies.

8.1.5. The proposal is to develop a ‘bank’ of adult local volunteers who are Criminal Records Bureau cleared and encourage organisations to use the skills of young people undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. WCA would recruit and CRB check volunteers, as well as respond to requests from local organisations and groups for short and long term work. The Area Board grant request is to fund the recruitment and start up costs, CRB registration and administration.

8.1.6. This application is one of four applications submitted to Salisbury, South Wiltshire, South West Wiltshire and Amesbury for the same project. Guidance has been sought from the Head of Strategy, VCS, who has emphasised that the Volunteer Bank proposed by WCA would duplicate the single county-wide volunteer service that Wiltshire Council is already commissioning (and funding) from GROW. Training and volunteer recruitment, retention is part of the contract awarded by the council and partners to GROW (a new Wiltshire wide VCS infrastructure consortium). Wiltshire Council is reviewing its own policy on CRB checks at present. This proposal would duplicate the agreement with GROW and conflict with the approach now approved by the Council.

8.1.7. If funding was refused, WCA would have to seek alternative funding. However, a similar volunteering service will be provided by GROW.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2.	Wyvern Hall Committee	To replace the main doors of the village hall	£1,230

8.2.1. It is recommended that the Wyvern Hall Committee is awarded a grant of £1,230 to assist with the cost of purchasing and fitting new main doors for the village hall.

8.2.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.

8.2.3. The current main doors to the hall need to be replaced particularly so that the security of the hall can be better ensured.

8.2.4. The hall is well used and supported by the local community who use it for meetings, courses, youth events, elections, parties, weddings, wakes etc.

8.2.5. Wylde Parish Council has confirmed strong support for this application.

Appendices – available online only	Appendix 1 Grant Application – WCA Appendix 2 Grant Application – Wyvern Hall Committee
Report Author	Karen Linaker, Community Area Manager Tel: 01722 434697 E-mail karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk

Report to	Amesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	2 September 2010
Title of Report	Performance Reward Grant Scheme
<p>Purpose of Report</p> <p>To ask Councillors to consider the details of an application for funding from the Performance Reward Grant Scheme:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Parochial Church Council of St Mary and St Melor Church, Amesbury is requesting a grant of £41,737 to assist with the capital costs of refurbishing the Wyndham Community Hall for use as a community centre for the town, parish and people of Amesbury. 	

1. Background

1.1 Wiltshire agreed a Local Public Service Agreement with government that ended in March 2008. This contained 12 'stretch' (difficult) targets that required a number of organisations to work together to achieve the improvement. Our performance against these targets earned Performance Reward Grant (PRG) of £5.4m. This is paid by government over two years; half in 2009 and half in 2010.

This presents a unique opportunity for us to put additional resources into our Local Agreement for Wiltshire (LAW) and to combat the recession in Wiltshire through the Action for Wiltshire programme. £1.6m of this grant will be reinvested in the target areas that earned the grant, to take forward Wiltshire's ambitions. Another £1m will support some countywide initiatives under Action for Wiltshire. The balance of £2.8m is available over two to three years for bids supported by Area Boards that propose initiatives that take forward those things in the LAW and Action for Wiltshire that are important to local people.

Ideally all community areas of Wiltshire will benefit from this scheme, and there will be a spread of initiatives across LAW ambitions and Action for Wiltshire. We understand that not all bids will be made at the same time, and that proposals will take time to develop. The timing of local initiatives will also vary. To help ensure that projects in all community areas have the opportunity to bid, the funding will be released in 3 month tranches of £250,000. We will keep this under review and if appropriate will vary the timing and amount of funding in each tranche. At the end of the tranche any unallocated money will go back into the pool for future bids. Any bids pending when all the money in that tranche has been allocated will be carried forward to the next tranche.

The government imposes a grant condition that the grant must be used half for capital and half for revenue expenditure. Guidance on what counts as 'capital' is given in the funding pack on the Wiltshire Council website. Experience so far

is that bids tend towards revenue expenditure, so it may be easier to get funding for 'capital' type initiatives.

Bids will initially be submitted as 'Expressions of Interest' to the local appropriate Area Board. The Area Board will make a decision as to which bids it supports. Lack of support from the Area Board does not rule out the bid going forward to the grant scheme.

Full details of the Scheme and a Funding Pack are available from the Wiltshire council website:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/.../localagreementforwiltshire/performanceawardgrantscheme.htm

2. Criteria for the Grant Scheme

2.1 Points to consider are:

- Funding under this scheme is for initiatives that have local support and will take forward ambitions in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire, or help combat the recession as part of the Action for Wiltshire programme. Information on this is provided in the grant pack.
- It is one-off funding, so should not be used for things that will result in an unfunded financial commitment after the end of the project. As part of the bid you will be asked to confirm that no unfunded commitments will result from your proposal.
- In total, Performance Reward Grant must be spent half on revenue and half on capital expenditure (guidance is given in the pack). Experience is that many initiatives are 'revenue', so there may be more money left available for 'capital' bids. We will need to account to government on the use of the grant, so will ask you for information on what the money will be used for.
- It is important that these initiatives have a positive local impact, and that we are able to show success. So you will be asked how you will measure that success – and we will ask you to let us know how well it worked.

The use of the grant will fall within the Area Board's usual good governance arrangements.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
3.1	The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Mary and St Melor Church, Amesbury	To refurbish the Wyndham Community Hall for use as a community centre for the town, parish and people of Amesbury. The new centre will provide a much needed facility in which people of all ages and backgrounds will join together to enjoy life, to give and receive support, and to work for the good of others.	£41,737

3.1.1 It is recommended that the Area Board supports this application on the basis that it supports 4 out of the 7 ambitions of the Performance Reward Grant Scheme – building resilient communities, lives not services, safer communities and protecting the environment.

3.1.2 St Mary and St Melor PCC have set up a team to deliver this project, which will refurbish the Wyndham Community Hall and replace the current church hall (Melor Hall), which is too small for parish use and reaching the end of its economic life. The total cost of this project is over £440,000 and the PCC is seeking £41,737 from the performance reward grant scheme to contribute to the internal refurbishment costs to be incurred in phase 2 of the project. The Area Board is asked to support this grant request which will fund the :

stripping out of the interior	5,639
provision of walls	5,378
provision of doors and panels etc	16,502
refurbishment of ceilings	7,262
VAT	6,956

3.1.3 Full details of the project are included in the Business Case agreed by the PCC, and summarised in the attached application form.

3.1.4 The Area Board is recommended to support this application and forward it for approval by the central grants panel on the basis that:

- (a) the local support for the project as evidenced by a number of means, including consultation with community leaders, community groups, parishioners and other community hall projects in the town
- (b) the need for a new community centre to complement the offer of other halls in Amesbury, to serve the town's growing population
- (c) it supports the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambitions to 'build resilient communities', 'lives not services' and 'safer communities' by facilitating a better quality of life, companionship, self-esteem, confidence, care, support, health, skills, information and community cohesion, particularly for those with above average needs and those who are disadvantaged. Amesbury has above average welfare needs and an above average elderly and retired population. It lies at the heart of a military community that at this time is under some stress. Voluntary and welfare groups are a vital part of the town's wellbeing and they need an additional community centre in which to meet and undertake their various activities, i.e.:
 - (i) the local youth group will benefit from a new dedicated high quality clubroom open Mon-Fri and some weekends, facilitating more ambitious activities, education (e.g. drug misuse) and interaction with other community groups
 - (ii) 6 community groups (over 130 people who are mostly older, single, vulnerable and disabled) will benefit from larger better facilities in which to hold more exciting and beneficial social and care programmes

- (iii) the parish community will benefit from improved facilities in which to hold social, charitable, training and educational events, and in turn this should help to attract new members. The PCC want the new hall to help it enhance its contribution to the community in terms of pastoral care and support for vulnerable people, charitable work, combating social exclusion and contributing positively to people's personal improvement and self esteem
- (iv) 8 groups that provide support to the elderly, those with a stroke condition, Alzheimer's, Myasthenia Gravis, learning disabilities, young parents, and those wishing to improve their general wellbeing and fitness levels will benefit from improved facilities in which to meet, plan and operate
- (v) the design and purpose of the new hall will enable all these groups to interact on a regular basis, which will assist in boosting the general sense of community cohesiveness. The hall will also be offered as a facility for wedding receptions, business events, concerts, and other public events.

(d) it also supports the 'protecting the environment' ambition of the Local Agreement for Wiltshire as the refurbishment will incorporate improved insulation, a new high efficiency gas heating system, low energy lighting, additional and larger windows to increase natural lighting and new double glazed windows.

3.1.5 Fundraising for this project commenced in 2006 and £58,000 has so far been raised through community events such as raffles, coffee mornings, social events etc. A separate team exists within the project team dedicated to securing grants for the project. The total project costs will be covered through the sale of the Melor Hall, donations from members of the parish / local community including businesses, fundraising activities and grants from other organisations. The sale of Melor Hall should be complete by January 2011.

3.1.6 The project team is committed to delivering, measuring and monitoring the benefits from the new hall, by regularly assessing the number and types of groups using it, community surveys to check satisfaction levels. It has set itself targets of increasing the number of groups using the hall, including a 50% increase in youth club membership, a 25% increase in the elderly attending functions, a 15% increase in use by the parish community, and a year on year increase of 25% usage by the wider (including business) community

3.1.7 There will be no unfunded commitments arising from this project, and income from community, parish, other user groups and private hiring of the hall will be used to cover the hall's running costs.

Appendices:	1 grant application form
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Performance Reward Grant Scheme

APPLICATION FORM

To be returned to:

Karen Spence, Performance Manager, Performance Team

Email: wiltshirelaa@wiltshire.gov.uk

Area Board	<i>Amesbury</i>	
Form submitted by (contact for all queries)	<i>Alan Bush (Grant Coordinator) 8 Stonehenge Road Amesbury Wiltshire SP4 7BA e-mail: alanbush44@btinternet.com Tel: 01980-626506</i>	
Name of initiative	<i>Wyndham Community Hall</i>	
Brief Description of Initiative	<i>Until last year the Wyndham Community Hall was a derelict British Legion Hall in the centre of Amesbury. This new initiative will refurbish the Wyndham Community Hall for use as a community centre for the town, parish and people of Amesbury and its surrounding villages. It will provide a much needed hub where people of all ages and backgrounds will join together to enjoy life, give and receive support, and work for the good of others. Twenty-two of Amesbury's established voluntary groups, which jointly promote health, welfare, companionship, charity, care and quality of life, already support the project. Our evidence states that over 2000 people will directly benefit from this facility each year. A full description of the project, which will cost £443,250.00 and be complete by August 2011, is in the attached Sustainable Business Case.</i>	
Please put a cross against the ambition(s) that this initiative will support	Building resilient communities	X
	Improving affordable housing	
	Lives not services	X
	Supporting economic growth	
	Safer communities	X
	Protecting the environment	X
	Action for Wiltshire – combating the recession	
Amount of funding sought	<i>£41,737.00</i>	

<p>What will this money be spent on? (please show split between capital and revenue. For capital expenditure guidance – see Appendix 1 in the Bid Pack)</p>	<p><i>This bid relates solely to capital funding, will cover part of the total refurbishment package and specifically the following costs to restructure the interior of the building:</i></p> <table data-bbox="635 353 1412 504"> <tr> <td><i>Stripping out the interior</i></td> <td><i>- £5,639.00</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>The provision of walls</i></td> <td><i>- £5,378.00</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>The provision of doors and panels etc</i></td> <td><i>- £16,502.00</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>The refurbishment of ceilings</i></td> <td><i>- £7,262.00</i></td> </tr> </table> <p><i>The total application amounts to £41,737.00 which includes VAT @ the newly agreed rate of 20%.</i></p> <p><i>See page 27 of the attached Business Case for full refurbishment details.</i></p>	<i>Stripping out the interior</i>	<i>- £5,639.00</i>	<i>The provision of walls</i>	<i>- £5,378.00</i>	<i>The provision of doors and panels etc</i>	<i>- £16,502.00</i>	<i>The refurbishment of ceilings</i>	<i>- £7,262.00</i>
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<p>Please describe how your initiative will support the ambition(s) indicated above, and summarise the action that will be taken</p>	<p><i>As a project team, we are focused on delivering a sustainable award winning facility that will bring positive improvements to Amesbury, its surrounding villages and the county of Wiltshire. Currently Amesbury has the Melor Hall, one small community centre within a housing development on the outskirts of the town and a medium sized hall in the centre which is suited more to functions than group events. These together are insufficient for a town that has doubled in size in 4 years. Comprehensive community surveys have confirmed the need for a facility with the capacity of Wyndham Hall (circa 150 people) in a central location. Our project will provide these greatly needed additional facilities to allow numerous and diverse welfare and community groups in Amesbury and its outlying communities to function more effectively. These include improvements for youth, elderly, promotion of health and care and charitable fund raising activities. The hall will also be able to offer additional facilities to the families of Amesbury’s military servicemen and women who are currently serving in war zones abroad, such as Afghanistan.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, the hall will be used for numerous Parish activities, to stage a range of community quality of life events (eg films, bingo and amateur dramatics) and private functions such as wedding receptions.</i></p> <p><i>The initiative will bring the area’s people together, promote the integration of activities and groups and involve an increased number of people working together for the overall good of the community. The rooms in the hall will allow a number of concurrent activities for example the Ablaze Youth Club in its own dedicated room, the main hall being used for a wide range of activities from keep fit classes to amateur dramatics and the meeting room being used by smaller groups such as the Carer Group and Stroke Association. In addition, the parish office (a ‘joint’ office for the Church of England and Methodist churches) can be used for counselling sessions etc.</i></p>								

The project will impact significantly on the ambitions and objectives within the Local Agreement for Wiltshire:

*As part of the ambition to '**Build Resilient Communities**' It will help to develop local priorities and improvements for example, the Steering Group, which combines user groups, parish and members of the wider community (including other stakeholders), will provide a forum to identify and promote local issues and the Management Committee will deliver hall activities to meet these needs. The hall will thus create stronger community bonds and help young people to develop and take part in positive activities.*

*All activities will contribute significantly to providing a '**Safer Community**' and greater social awareness and cohesion. Youth activities will be closely supervised and the hall will provide a better environment for the elderly and disadvantaged with qualified and caring support.*

*In pursuit of '**Lives not Services**' objectives, Wyndham Hall will provide facilities for the development, skills training and health of all ages and abilities. User groups intending to use the hall include:*

The Young.

The Ablaze Youth Club (for 10-20 year olds including disabled) which will have its own dedicated club area.

The Scouts

The church Sunday School

The Older Person. *Three clubs meeting some 70 times a year to provide companionship and support:*

The Oasis Club

The Sunday Lunch Club

The Tuesday Friendly Club

Charitable Groups.

RNLI

Friends of Amesbury Abbey

Inner Wheel

Health and Care.

Keep Fit

Mothers and Toddlers

Slimming

The Link

The Care Support group

	<p>Amesbury GP Alliance Practice Boards The Alzheimer's Society The Stroke Association The Wiltshire Myasthenia Gravis Association</p> <p><u>Special Interest Groups.</u> Ladies Flower Club Conservative Association The Amesbury Society The Community Players (amateur dramatics)</p> <p><i>Full details of the Wyndham Hall's role in the community, its aims and objectives and contribution to working together in Wiltshire are in the attached Business Case.</i></p>
<p>What makes this initiative a local priority (eg evidence from research and local support)</p>	<p><i>There has been wide consultation including a detailed user survey) with local agencies and voluntary groups with an interest and stake in community needs. A total of twenty two current (ie those who presently use the Melor Hall) and potential user groups have been consulted to confirm the local priority for this initiative, to ensure coherence with other local initiatives and to target those facilities most needed. All support the case for the Wyndham Hall and include:</i></p> <p><i>Amesbury Town Council Wiltshire Council Amesbury Adult and Child Support Social Services Wiltshire Area Youth Coordinator Police and Fire Services Practice managers of the 2 largest practices The head teacher of Amesbury C of E Primary School The Adult Community Learning Coordinator, Wiltshire College Military welfare agencies Age UK CAB Salisbury Community First for the Wiltshire area</i></p> <p><i>Within the constraints of the age of the building and the cost of refurbishment, every attempt is being made to protect the environment by improving the energy efficiency of the Windham Hall with benefit to Wiltshire's carbon footprint:</i></p> <p><i>New insulation to Building Regulation Standards is being installed.</i></p> <p><i>The new gas fired system (a wet underfloor heating system was investigated but is not practical) will be energy efficient and have thermostatic valves and</i></p>

	<p><i>automatic timer.</i></p> <p><i>Low energy lighting will be used.</i></p> <p><i>Additional and larger windows are being installed which will be increase daylight levels inside the hall and reduce internal lighting requirements.</i></p> <p><i>The new windows will be double glazed to reduce heat loss.</i></p> <p><i>Consultations across the board will continue and it is expected that the number of potential users will increase further as the project develops.</i></p> <p><i>A summary of the user survey is at Appendix 3 of the Business Case.</i></p>
<p>How will you know you have been successful?</p>	<p><i>This project is all about bringing sustainable benefits to people, their quality of life, companionship, confidence, care, support, health, skills, community cohesion and, in the case of the young particularly, their social awareness. Success will, therefore, be measured and monitored by the number of organisations and people using the hall, especially those with above average needs, together with the quality, diversity and range of new activities that the Wyndham Hall will progressively deliver. Customer satisfaction surveys with users and group leaders will be carried out and there will be routine monitoring and reporting by the Management Committee to the Trustees. Additionally, a web site will be developed to inform and invite comment and 'open days' will be arranged to allow members of the community to comment on success and contribute to future plans and improvements.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will you measure the impact? (may have more than one measure) 	<p><i>The impact of the Hall on the local community will be measured largely by the success indicators outlined above. Measures will include:</i></p> <p><i>The number of groups and organisations using the hall.</i></p> <p><i>The number of people attending the various activities and particularly those with the greatest need for community support.</i></p> <p><i>The number and diversity of activities conducted in the hall.</i></p> <p><i>The income stream from private/corporate functions (this will be used to cover running costs and keep cost for other users to a minimum).</i></p>

	<p><i>Input from the community at large to the hall website, 'open days' and future surveys.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your improvement target (s), and when do you expect to achieve this/these? 	<p><i>Our targets fall into 2 categories; initially those concerned with the refurbishment of the Wyndham Hall followed by 'people' targets once it is up and running.</i></p> <p><u>Refurbishment Targets.</u> <i>Preparation of the hall for the refurbishment programme has already commenced with existing internal fixtures and fittings being removed by a party of volunteers. Thereafter refurbishment will be completed in 3 phases:</i></p> <p><u>Phase 1 – External Work.</u> <i>This will include structural work, roof repairs, the replacement of windows and doors and decoration. It will start in October/November 2010 and be complete by the end of this year.</i></p> <p><u>Phase 2 – Internal Refurbishment.</u> <i>Main items in this phase will be the refurbishment/replacement of internal walls, ceiling, floors and doors etc, plumbing and heating and electrical work. The target for completion is April 2011. This bid is concerned with part of the cost of Phase 2.</i></p> <p><u>Phase 3 – Decoration and Fitting Out.</u> <i>This will follow on from the internal refurbishment and will include the fitting out of toilets and kitchen and decoration. It is due to be completed by August 2011.</i></p> <p><i>In pursuit of achieving these targets, progress is reported weekly to the Amesbury PCC by the Project Delivery Committee Leader. The Project Leader also attends PCC meetings where he reports issues and obtains PCC/Trustee agreement for key decisions. Once the refurbishment contract has started, there will be weekly site meetings attended by the architect, Project Coordinator (appointed by the architect), Project Leader and contractor. There will also be a monthly evaluation meeting with the same attendees at which the status of the project will be assessed.</i></p> <p><i>Full details of the refurbishment tasks are at Appendix 5 of the Business Case.</i></p> <p><u>'People' Targets.</u> <i>As already stated above, success of the Wyndham Hall project will be measured by the number of organisations and people using the hall together with the quality, diversity and range of activities it is able to offer. All existing users of the Melor Hall will transfer their activities to the Wyndham Hall and the greatly improved capacity and facilities of the latter will allow them to expand the scope and size of their</i></p>

	<p><i>activities. Targets will undoubtedly change and increase as the facilities offered become more widely known but our targets for the first year are:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>User Groups.</u> <i>Our target is to increase the number of user groups from the current 22 to at least 27. In addition, we anticipate most user groups increasing their memberships, not least youth and elderly. Thus we will seek a 50% increase in the youth club membership and 25% in the elderly attending functions in the hall.</i> • <u>The Parish Community.</u> <i>The growing parish community will benefit from more space in the Wyndham Hall and greatly improved facilities (not least catering). We therefore expect an increase in the number of both parish social events held in the hall, such as harvest festival dinners which have hitherto been held in local barns, and the people attending them. A 15% increase in numbers is, hopefully, a conservative target.</i> • <u>The Wider Community.</u> <i>It is anticipated that the hall will attract private and business hirings from the wider community around Amesbury. In particular, given its proximity to the church, we anticipate an increase in private hirings such as wedding receptions, christening parties and wakes etc which, in the past, have been constrained by the size and facilities of the Melor Hall. Our target is to increase attendance from the current planning assumption of 1000 per year by 25%.</i> <p><i>Pursuit of these targets will be a key role of the Wyndham Hall Management Committee.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will you ensure that the improvement continues after the end of the initiative? 	<p><i>A Wyndham Community Hall Management Committee will be formed as refurbishment progresses and will take over the running of the hall on its completion. It will be responsible for the day to day management of the hall, monitoring and reporting on success, marketing and bookings as well as maintenance and finance. Marketing will be a major function of the committee to seek maximum utilisation of the hall and, in the process, an expansion of activities and user groups.</i></p>
<p>Who will benefit from this initiative?</p>	<p><i>Based mainly on current utilisation of the Melor Hall, numbers benefiting from this initiative will be:</i></p> <p><u>User Groups.</u> <i>>500 people.</i></p> <p><u>The Parish Community.</u> <i>>500 people.</i></p>

	<p><u>The Wider Community.</u> This is more difficult to estimate but the worst case planning assumption is 1000 people.</p> <p>This totals some 2000 many of whom will attend regularly. Hence we anticipate an attendance of some 15000 per year and this figure will undoubtedly increase as the Wyndham Hall activities expand.</p> <p>Detailed comment has already been included above on the activities which will be available in the Wyndham Hall and the groups and people who will benefit from this initiative not least the young and elderly.</p>												
<p>Confirm no unfunded commitments from this initiative</p>	<p>No commitments will be entered into until sufficient funds have been raised to cover them.</p> <p>The overall cost of the project (including the purchase of the Wyndham Hall) is £443,250.00. Fund raising commenced in 2006 and it is intended to meet the cost in full by the following measures:</p> <table data-bbox="635 981 1321 1198"> <tr> <td>Already raised</td> <td>- £76,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Further local fund raising</td> <td>- £10,400.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Donations with gift aid</td> <td>- £72,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sale of Melor Hall site</td> <td>- £200,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grants (this application included)</td> <td>- £90,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£448,400.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>The difference between the overall cost and measures to raise revenue is a contingency to allow for some variation in the above figures.</p> <p>Forty potential grant donors have been identified and applications are now being generated by a team of 10 volunteers. Together the total target of the applications is some £240,000.00 although an anticipated income of £90,000.00 is more realistic. A list of target donors is attached to this bid.</p> <p>Once the hall is refurbished and functioning, income generation will more than meet its running costs. A small charge will be levied on community, parish, charity and user groups to cover heating and light. Private hire charges will be higher to ensure sufficient income to sustain the hall.</p> <p>Further details of financial viability and sustainability are at Section 9 of the Business Case.</p>	Already raised	- £76,000.00	Further local fund raising	- £10,400.00	Donations with gift aid	- £72,000.00	Sale of Melor Hall site	- £200,000.00	Grants (this application included)	- £90,000.00	Total	£448,400.00
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<p>What are the key risks to success and how will these be managed?</p>	<p><i>The existing hall (Melor Hall) is becoming increasingly dilapidated and can no longer adequately meet the demands of usage placed upon it. Furthermore, the Wyndham Hall has already been purchased and hence failure to refurbish the latter and revert to the status quo is not an option. The key risk to success is insufficient funding in the required timeframe. This will lead to delay with the following consequences:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A gap in the social and welfare facilities available to the Amesbury community after the Melor Hall site is sold (in itself part of the funding stream) and before refurbishment of the Wyndham Hall is completed.</i> • <i>Refurbishment costs could also increase and these will have to be met by additional fund raising activity.</i> <p><i>The Trustees are monitoring very closely the funding timetable and process and will react quickly and positively to any projected shortfall. To achieve best possible value, the Melor Hall will be sold with planning permission for which an application has already been submitted and we are hoping for approval by the end of September. A chartered surveyor has been appointed to act as agent to market the hall and provide the necessary evidence required by the Charities Commission for the sale. We plan to put the Melor Hall on the market in October 2010 and complete the sale by January 2011.</i></p>
<p>Who will manage the initiative</p>	<p><i>Notwithstanding the role of the Wyndham Hall in the wider community, overall responsibility for the project rests with the Trustees of the Amesbury Parochial Church Council (PCC). They oversee policy, risk and overall direction of the Project. Running the initiative is delegated to:</i></p> <p><u>The Project Delivery Committee (PDC).</u> <i>The PDC is responsible for formulating the plan and delivering the project. It consists of 6 people leading the refurbishment, business, grants, finance, secretarial and fund raising activities. The team leader takes direction from, and reports to, the PCC.</i></p> <p><u>Wyndham Hall Management Committee.</u> <i>As explained above, this committee will be formed once refurbishment is underway and will take over the running of the hall when it is complete. It will be responsible for day to day management, monitoring and reporting on success, marketing and bookings, maintenance and finance. It will report to the PCC.</i></p>

	<p><u>The Project Steering Committee (PSC).</u> <i>This consists of stakeholders and represents all users. It advises the PDC and, in due course, the Management Committee.</i></p> <p><u>Project Leader/Refurbishment Manager.</u></p> <p><i>Mark Douglas-Withers 8A Stonehenge Road Amesbury Wiltshire SP4 7BA</i></p> <p><i>Tel: 01980-623103 Email: markgdw@aol.com</i></p>
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Signed:

Dated:

Chairman of Area Board

Report to	All Area Boards
Date of Meeting	August - October
Title of Report	LPSA Funding Bid: Wiltshire Voices

What is Wiltshire Voices?

Wiltshire Voices is a project to encourage broader participation in civic life. It is designed to ensure that the needs of all local people are properly understood and addressed.

Background

A recent review of the Area Boards revealed concern that some sections of the community are not fully engaged. These groups are often absent from meetings and events and their needs are not well understood. The Boards were criticised for focusing too heavily on the needs of the 'usual suspects.'

Responding to the challenge

Wiltshire Council's Cabinet considered this issue carefully. It has challenged the Area Boards to respond positively at local level. The Cabinet encouraged the submission of a funding bid to support this work and the Performance Reward Grant (PRG) Panel has given 'in-principle' support subject to approval by the Boards.

A focus on positive local action

Wiltshire Voices is about changing lives – not glossy reports. We want information in the form of personal stories, articles and recordings that will challenge, question and prompt responses. The information will be tailored to meet the needs of different people – such as service professionals, community groups, schools, parish councils and the media. The aim is to generate discussion, learning, ideas and - most importantly - *action*.

A lasting legacy

Wiltshire Voices is about making a lasting difference. New ways of involving people will be developed and this will become the way we do business not an optional add-on. With help from localised public services, communities will be finding and delivering solutions to local challenges and issues. Grants and funding will be better targeted to support projects that really make a difference. Priorities and plans will be more clearly focused on the needs of local people and our work will centre around improving lives not services. Over time these things will help make Wiltshire a better place for everyone.

Capacity and resources to deliver

Instead of each Board trying to engage many groups it is proposed that each Board works intensively with one priority group in its locality. Across Wiltshire this will mean that the needs of 18 different community groups will be addressed. The bid proposes that each Board is allocated a sum of £3,000 to complete its own local project. The work will be coordinated by the Community Area Manager and involve councillors, service providers and community groups – *but most importantly local people*. Each project will take around 8 months and Wiltshire Voices will be complete by Summer 2012 at the latest.

The full bid is available to view at tinyurl.com/32xqeyo

To enable Wiltshire Voices to proceed, the Area Board is asked to support this bid for PRG funding.

Wiltshire Voices

- What?** To make sure a wider range of voices are heard by:
- engaging a broader cross section of the community in the work of the Area Boards - 'not just the usual suspects.'
 - ensuring that the loudest voices do not always dominate
 - better understanding the needs of those who cannot or do not speak up for themselves
 - creating new ways for people to participate
 - encouraging more community based inclusion projects
 - developing community plans that focus on the needs of the whole community
- Why?** A survey conducted in Spring 2010 revealed serious concerns about the lack of involvement of 'everyday people' and harder to reach groups. In response, Wiltshire Council issued a challenge to the Area Boards to broaden community engagement.
- Who?**
- The project will focus on and involve those whose needs are less well understood.
 - The 18 Community Area Managers will facilitate the work across Wiltshire
 - Partner agencies, frontline service officers, support workers, carers, voluntary services and councillors will be involved
 - A small project team will lead the work in each area.
- How?**
- Project team of key people to plan and manage the project
 - Desk research and information gathering
 - Face to face engagement with target group
 - Recording, documenting and presenting
 - Publishing and promoting
 - Action planning
- When?** Commencing in Autumn 2010 and concluding by early Summer 2012
- Progress?** Area Boards across Wiltshire have been looking to identify target groups. So far, the following provisional programme has been established.
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| • Amesbury | <i>(Council tenants and leaseholders)^</i> |
| • Bradford on Avon | <i>(Boaters)^</i> |
| • Calne | <i>(People with mobility issues)^</i> |
| • Chippenham | <i>(Disability allowance claimants)*</i> |
| • Corsham | <i>(NEETS)^</i> |
| • Devizes | <i>(Victims of domestic violence)*</i> |
| • Malmesbury | <i>(Rural isolation and access)^</i> |
| • Marlborough | <i>(Recently retired)^</i> |
| • Melksham | <i>(Everyday people who currently do not participate)^</i> |
| • Pewsey | <i>(Rural families on low incomes)*</i> |
| • Salisbury | <i>(Drug users)^</i> |
| • Southern Wiltshire | <i>(Gypsies and travellers)^</i> |
| • South West Wiltshire | <i>(Young people in rural areas)^</i> |
| • Tidworth | <i>(Army dependents)^</i> |
| • Trowbridge | <i>(Teenage parents)^</i> |
| • Warminster | <i>(Older people in residential care)^</i> |
| • Westbury | <i>(Elderly people living at home)^</i> |
| • Wootton Bassett & Cricklade | <i>(Stroke sufferers)*</i> |

[^] provisionally agreed

^{*} subject to confirmation



Performance Reward Grant Scheme

APPLICATION FORM

To be returned to:

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Area Board		
Form submitted by (contact for all queries)	Sarah Cosentino Community Climate Change Officer 01249 706459	
Name of initiative	FOC Energy Monitors in all Libraries	
Brief Description of Initiative	<p>Energy Monitors available for free hire in all libraries across Wiltshire.</p> <p>The energy monitor allows the user to see clearly how much energy their appliances use and how their behaviour impacts on their energy use. The householder/user can then make simple changes to their behaviour to reduce their energy consumption. Reducing energy will save money off their energy bills and reduce their carbon footprint.</p> <p>We will provide a full support package with each energy monitor that will include details on how the user can save energy through both changes in their daily life and investing in energy efficiency technologies.</p>	
Please put a cross against the ambition(s) that this initiative will support *It is only necessary to identify those ambitions on which you feel your bid will make a significant impact.	Building resilient communities	
	Improving affordable housing	
	Lives not services	
	Supporting economic growth	
	Safer communities	
	Protecting the environment	X
	Action for Wiltshire – combating the recession	
	Improving outcomes for Children and young people	
Amount of funding sought	<p>££12,566.00</p> <p>Received in-kind funding of £500 from Energy Saving Trust for reporting and monitoring information during the lifetime of project.</p>	
What will this money be spent on?	<p>Capital Expenditure £4,617.00</p> <p>171 Energy monitors @ £22.00 £3762.00</p> <p>171 plastic boxes @£5.00 per unit £855.00</p> <p>Revenue £7,949.00</p> <p>1 x promotional stand £1000.00</p> <p>7500 x Supporting packs</p>	

	(216 monitors (inc existing stock) x 34 issue over 2 years = 7500 potential issues needing support pack) 4000 Paper booklets £1699.00 3500 CD Sleeves £3000.00 A4 Card folders £2000.00 100 x posters £250.00
Is planning permission required?	No
Have quotes been obtained? Yes/No	Yes I have quotes for the main components of the bid the monitors and the information for the support package. The preferred supplier for the monitor is Current Cost. Current Cost supplied the energy monitors for the successful pilot scheme. The feedback from both the library service staff and users has been positive and the customer service/after sales have been good. Quote 1 attached. The preferred source of information for the support packs is from the Energy Saving Trust. They have a proven record of supplying clear and up to date information to members of the public about energy saving tips and technology. They can offer monitoring codes and monitoring information free of charge but there is a charge for printed information. Quote 2 Attached. Prices for CDs etc have been sourced from Wiltshire Councils online stationery supplier.

Note: Bids will only be considered if they help us to achieve our ambitions in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire. It is important that initiatives have a positive local impact, and that we are able to show success. In this section you are being asked to provide information about how your project contributes, and how you will measure that success. The level of improvement we expect to see will be proportional to the level of the bid: i.e. the more funding required, the greater the level of impact and improvement that will be necessary.

<p>Please describe how your initiative will support the ambition(s) indicated above, and summarise the action that will be taken</p>	<p>Protecting the Environment</p> <p>This initiative will help achieve the LAW ambition of reducing Wiltshire's Carbon footprint. The initiative will offer a very practical solution to monitoring and reducing the householder's energy consumption resulting in them saving money. This also means that using less energy reduces their carbon footprint. The initiative is also about creating awareness and facilitating behaviour change.</p> <p>The Energy Saving Trust has calculated both carbon and cost savings from behaviour change are £100 per annum and 0.5 tonnes of carbon.</p>
<p>What makes this initiative a local priority (e.g. evidence from research and local support)</p>	<p>Saving money and ensuring householders can afford to heat their homes is always a priority. An energy efficient home will cost less to heat. Climate Change is now a priority for many areas with local community groups focusing on carbon reduction initiatives.</p> <p>There is a very real demand for the energy monitors and the supporting information. We are coming to the end of a very successful pilot. 41 Energy monitors have been available to hire from 6 libraries. The monitors have been continuously on issue and there are 31 customers on the waiting list. Please see supporting document A.</p> <p>We have collected evaluation forms which have been very positive and out of the 42 issues 30 people recorded that the energy monitor had helped them make changes to keep their energy bills down.</p> <p>As it is a local priority the Initiative is supported by the Energy Saving Trust (please see supporting document C) and sponsored by The Wiltshire Environmental Alliance*</p> <p>*which is the thematic partnership with responsibility for the environment and chaired by Dr Gary Mantle. The provision of energy cost monitors is considered by this partnership to be practical and cost effective way of promoting the behaviour change needed to reduce energy consumption in Wiltshire. This initiative will lead to a better use of natural resources, cut energy bills for households and is an important step in the low carbon transition in Wiltshire.</p>
<p>How will you know you have been successful?</p>	<p>Using the specific questions on the evaluation forms we can calculate the money and carbon saved by the changes the householder has made.</p> <p>Private sector housing can feedback any successful grant awards to install energy efficient technology. We can use this information to calculate money and carbon saved.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will you measure the impact? (may have more than one measure) 	<p>Library service can provide quarterly statistics detailing number of issues, time not on issue and number on waiting list. Continuous issues with minimal time between issues would be a deemed success.</p> <p>With regards information in the support pack the Private Sector Housing Team will ask each caller where they found their details. Any calls they receive about energy efficiency measures and grants/funding resulting from the support pack with the energy monitor will be recorded.</p> <p>The Energy Saving trust can feedback how many Home Energy Checks are accessed via their website that originated from the information included in the support pack using a specific code.</p> <p>Evaluation forms. Energy Monitors have to be handed back in person, staff can at this point ask the user if they have already completed the evaluation form.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your improvement target (s), and when do you expect to achieve this/these? 	<p>The nature of the initiative means that monitors can be borrowed from day 1 resulting in carbon savings. We will monitor the issue statistics and evaluation responses quarterly to ensure the demand remains.</p> <p>From information recoded during the pilot in a twelve week period each monitor was issued on average 3 times (please see Supporting doc A). We would aim to keep to that level of issues for the life of the initiative.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will you ensure that the improvement continues after the end of the initiative? <i>(this is one-off funding)</i> 	<p>The initiative is very practical but the underlying success is in promoting behavioural change and creating awareness.</p> <p>We will provide a full support package with each energy monitor that will include details on how the user can save energy through both changes in their daily life and investing in energy efficiency technologies.</p> <p>The support packs will include –</p> <p>Helpline number and grant/funding information from our Private Sector Housing colleagues Instructions Energy Saving Trust contact information – web links to their website and additional information ‘Save Energy Save Money’ booklet packed with helpful tips and advice.</p> <p>The packs will be available in both paper and on CD.</p> <p>From the information they receive any changes the user makes to their lifestyle immediately following the use of the monitor will start saving carbon. As the users see their energy bills reducing they will have no reason to go back to old ways resulting in long term carbon savings.</p>

Who will benefit from this initiative?	<p>The library service is FOC and available to all Wiltshire residents, currently the library service has 220,416 users.</p> <p>The information and advice from the Energy Saving Trust is Free of Charge and open to everyone.</p> <p>The support pack includes information about grants and funding available to private housing residents in receipt of certain benefits. Current figures confirm there are 12,000 people within Wiltshire that these grants could potentially apply.</p>
Confirm no unfunded commitments from this initiative	<p>Please delete the statement that does not apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I confirm that there will be no unfunded financial commitments arising from this initiative, or
Will ongoing maintenance of premises/equipment be necessary?	No
What are the key risks to success and how will these be managed?	<p>Faulty equipment The pilot did include some comments about equipment not working. We have included 15 spare monitors to replace any broken or damaged during the lifetime of the project.</p> <p>Reduced/over demand To ensure we hit our targets of 3 issues every 12 weeks we have carefully planned our launch times. We plan to launch in January 2011 after Christmas when the weather is often cold and traditionally we are careful with our finances after the Christmas period. Each library will have posters to promote the scheme and access to a display stand for events. We will promote the scheme through the Wiltshire World Changers Network to ensure local environmental community groups are aware of the scheme and can promote the scheme alongside their individual projects.</p> <p>To ensure we do not have long waiting lists we have used the libraries team expertise and calculated how many monitors each library would need according the size and area of each library. Please see supporting document B</p>
Who will manage the initiative	<p>Sarah Cosentino Community Climate Change Officer Joan Davis Customer Services Manager, Library & Information Service</p>

Signed:

Dated:

Chairman of Area Board

NB: It is the responsibility of the Area Board to ensure that:

- **bids are robust and well-founded**
- **public money is spent appropriately and in accordance with the details of the bid and with any conditions placed on approval by the PRG Panel**
- **the initiatives are managed well to achieve the benefits and that performance improvement is reported**

Energy monitors : Performance Figures**Energy Monitor issues figures**

Library	Number in stock	Number of issues #	Number of issues per monitor
Bradford	6	28	4.67
Chippenham	6	26	4.33
Corsham	3	11	3.67
Devizes	6	18	3.00
Salisbury	9	35	3.89
Trowbridge	6	19	3.17
Warminster	6	18	3.00
	42	155	3.69

#Issues cover a 12 week period 1st feb to 30 April and items are issued for 3 weeks

Number of people on waiting list

Location	Number monitors	Waiting list
Bradford	6	1
Chippenham	6	6
Corsham	3	1
Devizes	6	3
Salisbury	9	14
Trowbridge	6	6
Warminster	6	0
Total	42	31

As of 4th May 2010

Proposed number of monitors per branch

Library	Number of monitors
Chippenham Mobile	6
Devizes Mobile	6
Homes Mobile	6
Warminster Mobile	6
Wilton Mobile	6
Aldbourn	4
Box	4
Durrington	4
Ludgershall	4
Lyneham	4
Market Lavington	4
Netheravon	4
Purton	4
Ramsbury	4
Tisbury	4
Cricklade	5
Downton	5
Mere	5
Pewsey	5
Tidworth	5
Wilton	5
Amesbury	6
Corsham	6
Malmesbury	6
Marlborough	6
Westbury	6
Bradford-On-Avon	7
Calne	7
Melksham	7
Wootton Bassett	7
Devizes	8
Warminster	8
Chippenham	10
Salisbury	12
Trowbridge	10
reserve/spare	15
Grand Total	221
Existing holdings	40
Need to order	181

AMESBURY AREA BOARD – Forward Work Plan

ITEM 13

Please note: this is a working document which is subject to change due to availability of relevant Officers/Partners and relevant time scales.

Date	Cabinet Member	Location	Area Board Agenda Items	Other items/events (provisional)
21 October 2010	Cllr Stuart Wheeler (Leisure, Sport and Culture)	Avon Valley College Recreation Road Durrington SP4 6HH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Leisure Services • Extended Schools – presentation • Recommendations on how to allocate Light Pollution Funding • Recommendations from Community Area Transport Group on LTP Funding • Parish Steward Scheme – Graeme Hay to present • Feedback on review of Car Parking Strategy • New approach to providing face-to-face customer access to WC services <p>Standard items including Partner Updates, Parish/Town Council Updates and Community Area Grants</p>	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Local Transport Plan (LTP) – Implementation Plan • 2011 Census • Questions to Cabinet Rep
2 December 2010	Cllr Jane Scott (Leader of the Council)	Antrobus House, Salisbury Road, Amesbury, SP4 7HH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Tenants - Presentation • Highways Schemes (Countess Roundabout Improvements and closures affecting A344) TBC • Consultation on Budget 2011/12 • Results of Flooding Consultation <p><i>(Continued overleaf)</i></p>	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions to Leader of the Council

			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outcome of Leisure Facilities Review Standard items including Partner Updates, Parish/Town Council Updates and Community Area Grants.	
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