

MINUTES

Meeting: SOUTH WEST WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD
Place: Nadder Hall, Weaveland Road, Tisbury, SP3 6HJ
Date: 5 October 2011
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.36 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Bridget Wayman (Chairman), Cllr Jose Green (Vice Chairman),
Cllr Richard Beattie, Cllr George Jeans and Cllr John Brady, Cabinet Member for
Finance, Risk and Performance

Wiltshire Council Officers

Richard Munro, Community Area Manager
Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer
Graham Hogg, Service Director for Housing
Jaki Farrell, Youth Development Coordinator
Steve Wilson, Divisional Highways Manager
Matthew Woolford, Communications Account Manager

Town and Parish Councillors

Ansty Parish Council – J Oldfield
Burcombe without Parish Council – N Lefroy
Dinton Parish Council – C Smith
Donhead St. Mary Parish Council – J Barnes & J Pendrill
Hindon Parish Council – D Robertson
Sutton Mandeville Parish Council – W Brooks
Swallowcliffe Parish Council – G Ewer
Teffont Parish Council – Z Faulkner & R Long-Fox
Tisbury Parish Council – F Corp

Wilton Town Council – P Matthews

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Sergeant Lindsey Winters

Wiltshire Police Authority – Joy Hillyer

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Mike Franklin

Wilton CAP – R Ashton-Brown

Total in attendance: 39

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1.	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor Bridget Wayman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the South West Wiltshire Area Board and introduced Councillor John Brady, Cabinet member for Finance, Risk and Performance.</p> <p>Councillor Brady noted that there would be a Special Cabinet meeting on Thursday 6 October 2011 to consider the senior management structure of the Council.</p>
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Tony Deane • Peter Edge – WilCAP • Mary White – Mere • Bishopstone Parish Council
3.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
4.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 August 2011 were agreed a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
5.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Councillor Green asked for an update on Finger Posts, this update was provided under item 9 – Community Area Transport Group update.</p>
6.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>Home Insulation Scheme The Board noted the information on this scheme which had been attached to the agenda.</p> <p>National Draft Planning Strategy Document Consultation An email had been sent out to Town and Parish Councils asking for their comments on the National Draft Planning Strategy Document Consultation. The Chairman would be submitting a response to the consultation by the deadline of 17 October 2011. The Chairman read a statement out, which is attached to these minutes.</p>

	<p>Village Design Statement (VDS) Many villages had produced a VDS and were waiting to hear when these would be ratified by the Council. The Chairman had been in contact with the Team Leader for Spatial Planning (South Office) who had agreed to take the matter to the Head of Spatial Planning and would later provide clarity on the matter to the Chairman. The Chairman would give an update on this at a future Board meeting.</p> <p>Action: Councillor Bridget Wayman</p>
7.	<p><u>Tisbury Campus</u></p> <p>The Chairman gave an update on the Tisbury Campus Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A second questionnaire was due to be delivered to households within the parishes of Tisbury and to some residents on the outskirts of Tisbury. • Between 15 – 22 October there would be a ‘pop up shop’ on Tisbury High Street, which would be there to provide information on the campus project, assistance with completing the questionnaire and to answer any questions people have. • Banners advertising the ‘pop up shop’ would be displayed on cars and in the High Street. • Results of the second questionnaire would be brought back to the next Area Board meeting in December with an update by Councillor Tony Deane. <p>Action: Councillor Tony Deane</p>
8.	<p><u>Updates from Partners</u></p> <p>Wiltshire Fire and Rescue – Mike Franklin Since the last meeting there had been a total of 7 accidental fires reported and 1 deliberate fire within the community areas of the Area Board.</p> <p>It was likely that there would be a rise in the level of reported fires over the coming months. This could be due to chimney fires and an increased use of candles at this time of year.</p> <p>Advice on preventing chimney fires can be found on the website: http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/</p> <p><u>Questions and comments</u></p>

- Councillor Jose Green asked what kind of fires are classed as deliberate. Answer: Mike explained that a deliberate fire could be where someone has lit a bonfire in their garden which then gets out of control and catches the shed on fire; this is then classed as a deliberate fire.
- How frequently does the defibrillator at the fire station go out to incidents? Answer: Fire crews do attend incidents as co-responders; a defibrillator is part of the kit on the vehicle which goes out to these incidents. The amount of occasions it was actually used was not known.

Wiltshire Police – Sergeant Lindsey Winters

Updates had been circulated for Mere, Tisbury and Wilton.

- Mere had shown a slight decrease of 5% reduction in crime.
- Tisbury – There had been a slight increase in crime compared to the same period last year, with 22 more crimes being reported.
- There had been reductions in violence towards people and in dwelling burglaries across all three community areas.
- The number of reported burglaries to non dwellings continues to rise. Cross Border working was underway, with the aim to carry out joint patrols to tackle the issue.
- Wiltshire continued to achieve the highest performance rate in the table to the other eight forces which it was compared against.
- A new phone number 101 has now been launched for non emergencies; the old 0845 number will be phased out.

Community Area Young People’s Issues Group (CAYPIG) – Jaki Farrell

A written update report had been circulated at the meeting and is attached to these minutes. Jaki also informed the Board that four young people from the community areas had secured places on the next run of the Wiltshire Fire Service’s Salamander course, which the Board had part funded at a previous meeting.

The ‘One stop shop’ which will be in Tisbury High Street from 15th – 22nd Oct, would be holding an early evening slot in an aim to target the young people who get off of the bus at that time, to gain their comments and input on the Tisbury Campus questionnaire.

9.

Community Area Transport Group (CATG)

The minutes from the last meeting of the CATG had been circulated at the meeting and uploaded to the agenda webpage.

	<p>Charles Smith – Dinton Parish Councillor commented on minute 4b, the preliminary modification to remove the refuge island in Dinton which was due to be actioned shortly. Charles had been in contact with the Senior Engineer, as he was unsure why the removal of the pedestrian island had been considered, he felt it may not be the best thing to do.</p> <p>Fingerposts The Community Area Manager had received some enquiries from two parish councils who were interested in the scheme to receive funding towards the replacement of fingerposts in their community. He urged clerks in the room to spread the word to parish councils that the Board had allocated funds to this project and if interested then the parish should apply to the Community Area Manager.</p> <p>Councillor Beattie had met with Officers and the Cabinet representative to look at the speed limit at a site in Ugford. The Cabinet member had agreed to take another look at the issue and get back to him with a decision.</p> <p>Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) At the last meeting the Board had proposed to fund the purchase of a SID, to be managed by the Tisbury Community Area Safety Partnership (TCSP). They would trial the deployment and use of the SID in their community area initially, with plans to eventually make the device available across all three community areas of the Board.</p> <p>The Community Area Manager asked people to use the voting handsets to show the level of support in the room towards this funding proposal. 69% of those who voted were in favour of funding the purchase of a SID.</p> <p>The Board members then voted.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Board agreed to allocate £7,349.00 of funding to the purchase of a SID to be managed by TCSP and deployed by Wiltshire Council Highways Department.</p>
10.	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Board considered three applications for funding from the Community Area Grant Scheme. The Chairman invited applicants present to speak in support of their application and to answer any questions from the room. After discussion the Board members voted on each application in turn.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Semely Village Stores was awarded £5,000 towards the start-up costs. <i>Reason</i></p>

	<p><i>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2011/12. The Board were impressed with the business plan and felt that the project supported the core strategy in providing sustainable communities.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The application from Wessex Community Action was awarded £250, which was 25% of the amount requested and were invited to come back to the Board for a further bid for £750, once they had secured the funding for a coordinator or a volunteer to act as coordinator for the project.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2011/12, however the Board felt that without the project having secured funding to recruit a coordinator or a voluntary coordinator in place, the project may not go ahead. An award of 25% of funds would assist the project in getting started and running for 3 months, which would give the applicant time to reapply for the remaining 75% of funds once a coordinator had been found.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Mere Bowls Club was awarded £900 towards their project to provide a secure storage container for their equipment.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2011/12 and would provide safe storage for the equipment, which was previously at risk from theft.</i></p> <p>Action: Community Area Manager</p>
11.	<p><u>Update from Community Area Partnership</u></p> <p>WilCAP had had their AGM in September, where they had met with Laura Pictor of Wiltshire Forum of Community Area Partnerships (WFCAP) who had provided information and guidance.</p>
12.	<p><u>Update on Issues</u></p> <p>Richard Munro, Community Area Manager gave an update and circulated a table of the issues currently live on the online Issues system.</p> <p>There were currently 6 Issues in progress on the system, over the past two years there had been over 80 issues logged on the online system: https://forms.wiltshire.gov.uk/area_board/report_issue.php?area_board=South%20West%20Wiltshire</p> <p>Stoford had requested that the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) be moved back up the A36 Warminster Road. As this road is not managed by Wiltshire Council, the issue had been passed to the Highways Agency who had agreed to investigate the situation.</p>

	<p>Comments and Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phil Matthews – Wilton Town Councillor had noted that the National Cycle Race which had taken place earlier in the year had required the A30 in the Chalk Valley to be closed. There would be a ‘wash up’ meeting on 4 November 2011 to look at how the event had been run and to establish if any changes to the planning would be required should the event take place again next year. Mr Matthews felt that there needed to be a better consultation prior to the planning for a future event. • Steve Wilson, Divisional Highways Manager added that it was his understanding that the British Cycle Association did wish to come back next year to hold an event, so he urged people to feed their comments in to the ‘wash up’ meeting on the 4 November. • Charles Smith – Dinton Parish Councillor informed the Board that a second administrator had been recruited to the Community Area Speedwatch team to assist Elizabeth Ngaro.
13.	<p><u>Evaluation and Close:</u></p> <p>The Chairman asked if anyone had any issues or items for the agenda of the next meeting on 7 December 2011, to contact her or the Democratic Service Officer, by Monday 21 November 2011.</p> <p>Phil Matthews, Wilton Town Councillor suggested a Waste Collection Services Item in light of the recent statement from Rt. Hon. Eric Pickles who had announced that funding would be available to Local Councils to encourage them to return to a weekly collection service.</p> <p>The Chairman agreed that it would be an interesting debate, as those areas that have a fortnightly collection service of household waste have greater levels of recycling, and agreed to look into it.</p> <p>Action: Councillor Bridget Wayman</p> <p>The next meeting of the South West Wiltshire Area Board will be held on Wednesday 7th December 2011 at 7.00pm.</p>
<u>Attachment 1 - National Draft Planning Strategy Document Consultation - Chairman's Statement</u>	
<u>Attachment 2 - Police Update Mere & Tisbury</u>	
<u>Attachment 3 - Youth Update</u>	

Draft National Planning Policy Framework

Having read most of the document, personally I do not see that there is too much that is controversial about a presumption in favour of sustainable development as there seem to be controls in place to prevent a developers free-for-all.

However, and it is a big however, I do have huge reservations about some of the wording of those controls and huge concerns about what might happen in the short term if Local Plans are not in place. There are many local authorities who do not have up to date Local Plans and I think the proposal to grant permission “where the plan is absent, silent, indeterminate or where relevant policies are out of date” is exceedingly worrying.

We should be hearing in the next week or so whether the Inspector considers the South Wiltshire Core Strategy is sound, but this has been a long time in the making and I wonder whether anyone has checked it carefully in the light of this draft Planning Policy Framework to see if there are areas where it is silent, indeterminate or even if it is already out of date.

I am sure we are all anxious to see the Inspector’s report and I will ensure it is circulated as soon as we receive it.

As we heard at the Localism seminar, Neighbourhood Plans are on the agenda. The Draft NPPF states that “the application of the presumption will have implications for how communities will engage in neighbourhood planning”. Neighbourhood Plans must “support the strategic development needs set out in Local Plans” and “plan positively to support local development, with the power to promote more development than is set out in the Local Plan”. “Neighbourhood Plans should identify opportunities to use neighbourhood development orders to grant planning permission for developments that are consistent with an adopted neighbourhood plan”.

It is of concern that there will not be the funds available for all the parishes in Wiltshire to prepare Neighbourhood Plans. There is a requirement that a Neighbourhood Plan must be assessed by an independent examiner before it can go to a local referendum. To pass the independent examination a Neighbourhood Plan must

“have regard to the policies of this framework

be in general conformity with the strategic policies in the local plan

be compatible with relevant EU obligations and human rights requirements”.

I have already touched on this subject with the Inspector regarding the South Wiltshire Core Strategy as it is clear that the cost of Neighbourhood Plans will be considerable, even above the Government’s estimate of between £17,000 and £63,000, when additional costs to comply with a number of European directives and conventions are taken into account. There are more than 250 parish councils in Wiltshire. I am sure that many will be too small to want to produce a Neighbourhood Plan, but even if half of them do, and do so at the lowest cost estimate, the total cost would be over £2m. And it is unlikely that there will be the manpower resources available within Wiltshire Council to provide the technical advice and input to Neighbourhood Plan preparation.

Development control will now be called development management, whose primary objective is to foster the delivery of sustainable development, not to hinder or prevent development.

There are paragraphs about “pre-application engagement and front-loading” and how this should enable improved outcomes for the community. There is even a suggestion, where local planning authorities think it would be beneficial, to encourage applicants who are not already required to do so by law to engage with the local community before submitting their applications.

This must surely be a good thing as so often one hears dark mutterings from the community that a development has been agreed behind closed doors and how the community is the last to know. It also makes it important for Neighbourhood Plans to be in place (and even more important that Local Plans are in place).

In the section on business and economic development, paragraph 75 states that “planning policies should avoid the long term protection of employment land”. Having responded to the Government’s consultation proposing the removal of the need to apply for permission for the change of use of B use classes to residential because of concerns we have locally about some of the former, quite extensive, MOD properties in the open countryside, I propose a similar response to this paragraph. I am sure we would not wish to see these properties suddenly ripe for residential development.

In the housing section, local authorities are required to identify a five year supply of specific deliverable sites, PLUS 20%, to ensure “choice and competition”. I know that Wiltshire Council presented evidence of a five year supply to the Inspector in respect of the SW Core Strategy and presumably the Council will now have to work on the sites to show the additional 20%. What concerns me is the general statement in paragraph 14 that planning authorities should “approve development proposals that accord with statutory plans without delay” – does that mean that permission must be granted for the additional development if a developer comes forward with an application?

Para. 112 states that in rural areas, “Local planning authorities should in particular consider whether allowing some market housing would facilitate the provision of significant affordable housing to meet local needs”. This is not what many of our rural parishes want – get those Neighbourhood Plans in place!!

Planning for places – Climate change etc.

To help increase the use and supply of renewable and low carbon energy, local planning authorities should recognise the responsibility on all communities to contribute to energy generation for renewable or low carbon sources.

Para. 152 – they should have a positive strategy to promote energy from renewable and low-carbon sources and design their policies to maximise renewable and low-carbon development while ensuring that adverse impacts are addressed satisfactorily. Who determines whether impacts are addressed satisfactorily? The community? Should we be including information about this in Neighbourhood Plans?

Para 153 – when determining planning applications, local planning authorities should apply the presumption in favour of sustainable development and not require applicants to

demonstrate overall need.....and also recognise that even small-scale projects provide a valuable contribution to cutting greenhouse gas emissions.....and approve the application if its impacts are (or can be made) acceptable.

This seems to me to be very woolly wording.

In the natural environment section, it states that local planning authorities should give “great weight to protecting landscape and scenic beauty in National Parks, the Broads and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty”. It further states that “planning permission should be refused for major developments in designated areas except in exceptional circumstances where it can be demonstrated they are in the public interest”.

Would a large wind turbine or group of wind turbines be permitted in our beautiful AONB if the developer can demonstrate they are in the public interest if the “provide a valuable contribution to cutting greenhouse gas emissions” and if the impacts are “acceptable”?

Consideration of such applications should include an assessment of the need for the development, including in terms of any national considerations and the impact of permitting it, or refusing it, on the local economy.

Presumably a national consideration would be the greenhouse gas reduction targets introduced in the climate Change Act 2008. Wiltshire Council's ECO Team have already reported in a Topic Paper for the Wiltshire Core Strategy that Wiltshire's CO2 emissions have increased and that needs to be addressed. Bournemouth Dorset and Poole has just consulted on refreshing their renewable energy strategy and are proposing anything between 180 to 360 wind turbines in Dorset if they are to go some way in meeting the Government's targets for providing 15% of their energy needs from renewables.

Great care needs to be taken in ensuring that protection of the AONBs in Wiltshire is written into the Wiltshire Core Strategy bearing in mind the wording in this Framework. Not only do we need to respond to the Framework consultation but also to the Wiltshire Core Strategy which is still being developed.

Bridgetv Wayman

5th October 2011.

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Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper
Mere
5th October 2011



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt:

Debra Ashley

Team:

Beat Manager – PC Richard Salter
PCSO – Jake Noble

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

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4. Performance and Other Local Issues:

The performance figures for Mere and the surrounding villages this reporting period show a 5% decrease in total crime. This equates to 11 less victims of crimes compared to this time last year.

This is pleasing and reflects how well the local police and partners have been whilst working together to deal with the more specific local issues.

In Wiltshire the main priority is to reduce violent crime and there is a continued reduction across Mere and the surrounding villages, so far this year there have been 7 fewer victims of assaults.

Our work in relation to preventing and detecting burglaries to rural farm premises/sheds and out buildings remains a challenge. Items such as farming equipment, tools, quad bikes and anything composed of metal for scrap value is still a most sought after commodity.

Whilst I feel this report brings some local concerns it is important to reiterate Mere and its surrounds continues to be a safe place to live. Wiltshire is constantly compared against 8 Forces of similar size and demography and yet again this reporting period performs the best!

CRIME & DETECTIONS (Sept 10 to Aug 11 compared to previous year)

Mere	Crime				Detections	
	September 2009 - August 2010	September 2010 - August 2011	Volume Change	% Change	September 2009 - August 2010	September 2010 - August 2011
Violence Against the Person	30	23	-7	-23%	50%	61%
Dwelling Burglary	10	7	-3	-30%	30%	0%
Criminal Damage	29	38	9	31%	10%	3%
Non Dwelling Burglary	29	43	14	48%	0%	0%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	44	16	-28	-64%	0%	6%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	5	6	1	20%	0%	0%
Total Crime	202	191	-11	-5%	17%	12%
Total ASB	111	139	28	25%		

Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed better than peers in All Recorded Crime and Violent Crime for the most recently reported 3 month (May - Aug 2011) and 12 month period (Aug-Jul 2011)

*Total Crime comprises all Crime Groupings listed above and also includes Theft and Handling, Fraud and Forgery, Robbery and Sexual Offences
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Inspector Lindsey Winter
 Area Inspector for Warminster Westbury Tisbury and Mere
 25th August 2011

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Tisbury

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4. Performance and Other Local Issues

The crime figures below show some very mixed results this reporting period.

Whilst there is an 11% increase in crime compared to this time last year it must be remembered that Wiltshire are still the best performing of the 8 similar forces we are consistently compared against.

The good news is that violence against the person has decreased by 42% which means that 10 less victims have been assaulted than in the same period last year, and there is also a 24% reduction in the number of anti-social behaviour incidents for Mere and the surrounding villages.

This is a significant step towards making Wiltshire the safest County.

The burglaries reported to shed, outbuildings, farms and garages remain a challenge for us all, the figures below show there have been 26 more reports this year when compared to the previous 12 months.

This type of crime continues to be a priority area and we are working closely with Avon and Somerset & Dorset Police as we know the offenders often come from outside of Wiltshire.

There continues to be a co-ordinated approach with all 3 Forces running joint operations, Inspector WHITLEY from Dorset and Inspector NICHOLSON from A&S are suffering similar Crime types and we are united in working together to tackle this.

CRIME & DETECTIONS Sept 2010 – August 2011 (compared to previous year)

Tisbury	Crime				Detections	
	September 2009 - August 2010	September 2010 - August 2011	Volume Change	% Change	September 2009 - August 2010	September 2010 - August 2011
Violence Against the Person	24	14	-10	-42%	50%	36%
Dwelling Burglary	12	10	-2	-17%	0%	0%
Criminal Damage	33	35	2	6%	9%	9%
Non Dwelling Burglary	43	69	26	60%	0%	1%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	21	25	4	19%	0%	0%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	4	7	3	75%	50%	14%
Total Crime	204	226	22	11%	14%	11%
Total ASB	152	116	-36	-24%		

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Development Service for Young People

Report to South West Wiltshire Community Area Board - 5th October

September has seen the young people engaged in the Mere & Tisbury NCS (National Citizen Service) project complete the Social Action Phase of this scheme through conservation work on the Wessex Ridgeway, acting as Peer Leaders on Leisure Credits sessions and at the Junior Youth Club's in Mere and Tisbury as well helping out at both of the local carnivals. The final phase, 'Graduation' took place just over a week ago with the 10 young people who completed the programme taking part in a Go-Karting session at Thruxton followed by an awards evening to showcase their achievements and receive their certificates.

The Youth Development Centre in Wilton is now open 3 nights a week for young people (Mon, Thurs, Fri) and those attending are settling in well, they have developed ground rules with staff and equipment and materials have been resourced. Once a few little contracting issues are resolved then we will be ready to hold an 'official opening'. Jenni Bertram (Youth Development Co-ordinator for Wilton) will be contacting Parish Councils in the community area to discuss ways of reaching out to young people in villages and looking at ways of developing transport links to improve access to the new centre.

Leisure Credits work has continued across the area with Pooh's Corner at Bowerchalke being the biggest project over the past month. We have also worked with young people to clear a footpath at Bishopstone and continued the work on bench restoration in Tisbury and East Knoyle. The Young Enterprise Initiative has begun to develop with Mark Holden the project co-ordinator (funded by Sowing SEEDS) establishing good links in the local community and a small amount of produce from the young people's allotment in Tisbury being sold to local residents.

The 13-19 strategy consultation has now been finalised with Cabinet being presented a paper with a number of recommendations. Whilst there are cuts that need to be made the decision has been taken to keep the service within Wiltshire Council and within the Integrated Youth Service although there is proposed greater relations with the Area Boards and the development of youth advisory groups in each community area. The report recommends that DS4YP continue to support the provision of open access services for young people as well as also providing targeted support to the most vulnerable individuals. The full implications of the cuts and what the new service will look like at a local level is yet to be clarified however, some savings will be made from central costs and others will come from staffing. Once I have a clearer picture of what this means for us in South West Wiltshire I will of course report this to you.

Whilst we are operating in challenging times there is also a great deal of opportunity for local young people to be involved in the development of new facilities and services in particular in the Tisbury Area. The Tisbury CAYPIG is currently meeting to focus on two separate initiatives, the Tisbury Campus development and a possible new skate park. The continued support of the local community and the Area Board in all areas of our work is valued and appreciated by staff and young people. Thank you!

Jaki Farrell

Youth Development Co-ordinator Mere & Tisbury (Locality Team Leader)