

AGENDA

Meeting: MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD
Place: Marlborough Town Hall, High Street, Marlborough, SN8 1AA
Date: Tuesday 6 September 2011
Time: 7.00 pm

Including the Parishes of Aldbourne, Avebury, Baydon, Berwick Bassett & Winterbourne Monkton, Broad Hinton & Winterbourne Bassett, Chilton Foliat, East Kennet, Froxfield, Fyfield & West Overton, Marlborough, Mildenhall, Ogbourne St Andrew, Ogbourne St George, Preshute, Ramsbury & Axford and Savernake

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 6:30pm.

Please direct any enquiries on this agenda to James Hazlewood (Senior Democratic Services Officer) on 01722 434250 / james.hazlewood@wiltshire.gov.uk ;

Or Julia Densham (Marlborough Community Area Manager) on 01249 706496 / julia.densham@wiltshire.gov.uk.

All the papers connected with this meeting are available on the Council's website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk.

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Wiltshire Unitary Councillors

Peggy Dow	Marlborough East
Nick Fogg (Vice Chairman)	Marlborough West
Chris Humphries (Chairman)	Aldbourne & Ramsbury
Jemima Milton	West Selkley

Prior to the meeting - Information Stands

- **New Waste and Recycling Service** – Information on the timescale for bringing in the new service; explanation of how to sign up for the free garden waste collection; and to answer any questions regarding the new service.
- **Winter Highways Maintenance** – information on what is available for town and parish councils; grit bins; and to answer any questions regarding gritting routes.

Items to be considered

1. Chairman's Welcome and Introductions

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Minutes (Pages 3 - 24)

- a. To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2011.
- b. Matters arising, including update on actions.

4. Declarations of Interest

Councillors are requested to declare any personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

5. Chairman's Announcements (Pages 25 - 26)

The Chairman will make the following announcements:

- a. Wiltshire Warm and Well – free home insulation scheme. See briefing note attached.
- b. Event for older people – “More Money in Your Pocket”:

Marlborough town has been identified as an area where older residents may not be making full use of their benefit entitlements. An event called *More Money in Your Pocket* has been arranged by Age UK and the Wiltshire and Swindon Users Network, and is aimed at giving advice support and help to encourage older people to know about their entitlements. The morning event will include an information session and also an opportunity to talk about issues facing older people. There will also be a Tai Chi taster session, stalls and advice points along with morning coffee and lunch. For further information, contact Nick Crane on 01380 871800 (nickcrane.wsun@btconnect.com)

This event will take place on Thursday 6th October 2011 at Marlborough Town Hall from 10am.

- c. Any other announcements

6. Partner Updates (Pages 27 - 36)

To note the attached Partner updates and receive any further information partners wish to share:

- a. Wiltshire Police
- b. Wiltshire Fire and Rescue
- c. NHS Wiltshire
- d. Parish Forum
- e. MADT (Marlborough Area Development Trust) – update on Community Plan

7. Visiting Cabinet Representative - Councillor Toby Sturgis

Councillor Toby Sturgis, Cabinet Representative for Waste, Property, Environment and Development Control Services, will give a brief overview of that area of responsibility and respond to the following questions from the Area Board. The Chairman will also invite questions from the public.

(Note: Written questions may be submitted in advance – please email to james.hazlewood@wiltshire.gov.uk by Wednesday 31 August)

- The Kennet District Plan runs out in 2011, what happens then in terms of the local plan, prior to the Wiltshire Core Strategy coming into effect?
- Could the life of the Kennet Plan be extended?
- How can Parish Councils get more involved in developing future planning?
- Can Parish Councils receive automatic alerts at each stage of the planning process?

8. New Waste and Recycling Collection Service (Pages 37 - 38)

Presentation from Andy Conn (Head of Waste Management) on the new Waste and Recycling collection service – focussing on the specific impact on the Marlborough Community Area.

9. Development of Area Board

Following discussion at the Area Board meeting on 21 June meeting, the Area Board will focus on a number of key development issues (reducing length of agenda, reducing paperwork, and increasing number of local items). Performance on these issues will be monitored over the next three meetings and will be reviewed at the meeting on 27 March 2012.

10. Community Area Transport Group (CATG) - approval of recommendations (Pages 39 - 40)

The Area Board is asked to note and approve the recommendations of the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) in relation to the spend on funding on the following prioritised highways improvement projects, from the Area Board's CATG budget:

1. Aldbourne footpath extension - £7000
2. Marlborough High Street one way road - £5000
3. Savernake pedestrian refuge up to - £13,000 subject to further investigations
4. Chilton Foliat HGV signage - £2500 subject to negotiation with the parish council

11. Funding

11.1. Community Area Grant Scheme (*Pages 41 - 50*)

The Wiltshire Councillors will consider 1 application to the Community Area Grants Scheme, as follows:

- Baydon Firework Committee - £919

Copies of the grant application packs for the Community Area Grants Scheme are available from the Community Area Manager or electronically at:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>

11.2. Area Board Project (*Pages 51 - 52*)

The Area Board is asked to consider a project to provide £900 towards “pump-priming” the Parish Forum.

12. Next Area Board meeting - Older people theme

It is proposed that the next meeting of the Area Board (1 November) will be themed around older people, with presentations on the Older People’s Accommodation Strategy and proposals to help older people access services in their own homes.

The meeting is asked to give views and suggestions as to how the meeting on 1 November can be made more accessible to older residents.

13. Any Other Questions

The Chairman will invite any remaining questions from the floor.

14. Evaluation and Close (*Pages 53 - 54*)

To note the attached forward plan.

The next meeting of the Marlborough Area Board will be held on Tuesday, 1 November at 7.00pm (*start time to be confirmed*) at Broad Hinton Village Hall, Yew Tree Lane, Broad Hinton, Swindon SN4 9RH (*venue to be confirmed*).

Future Meeting Dates

Tuesday, 1 November 2011

7.00 pm (*TBC*)

Broad Hinton Village Hall, Yew Tree Lane, Broad
Hinton, Swindon SN4 9RH (*TBC*)

Tuesday, 7 February 2012

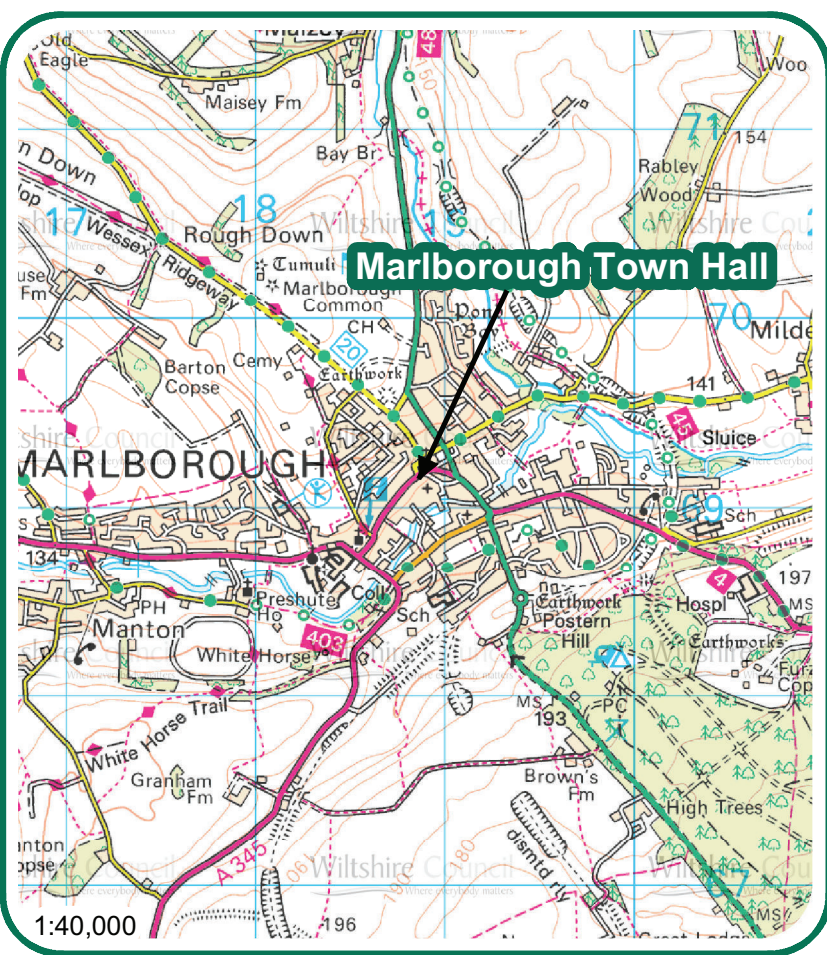
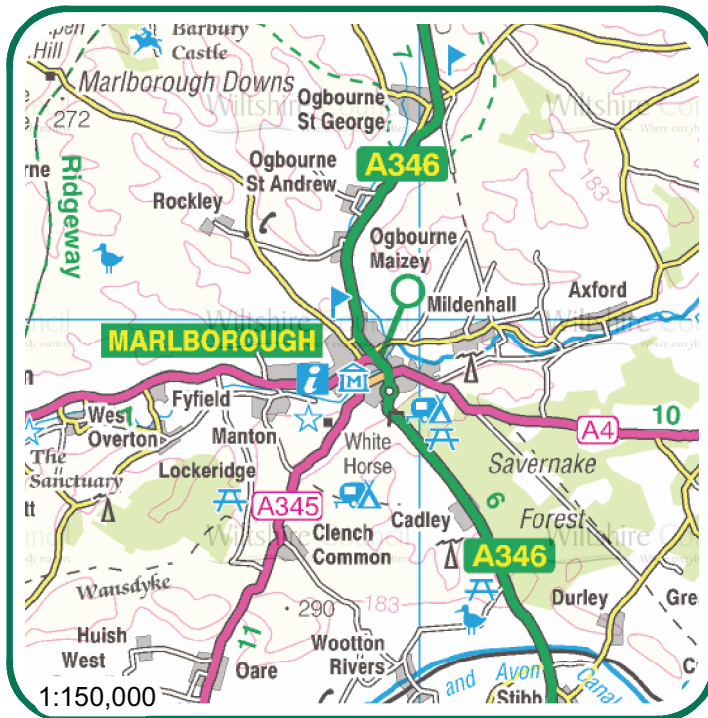
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Kennet Valley Village Hall, Lockeridge, Marlborough,
Wilts SN8 4EL

Tuesday, 27 March 2012

7.00pm

Venue TBC



Marlborough Town Hall
High Street
Marlborough
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MINUTES

Meeting: MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD
Place: St Michael's C of E Primary School, Back Lane, Aldbourne, SN8 2BP
Date: 21 June 2011
Start Time: 7.00pm
Finish Time: 9.05pm

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to:

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Papers available on the Council's website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Chris Humphries (Chairman), Cllr Nick Fogg (Vice Chairman), Cllr Peggy Dow and Cllr Jemima Milton and Cllr Dick Tonge

Wiltshire Council Officers

Dave Roberts – Community Area Manager
Kevin Fielding, Officer
Niki Lewis – Service Director

Town and Parish Councils

Marlborough Town Council – Andrew Ross & Guy Loosmore
Aldbourn Parish Council – Alan Phizacklea
Baydon Parish Council – Tony Prior
Berwick Bassett & Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council – James Keith
Broad Hinton & Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council –
East Kennett Parish Council – Philip Loveday
Fyfield & West Overton Parish Council – Mary Spender
Ogbourne St George Parish Council – Martin Grove
Ramsbury & Axford Parish Council – Sheila Glass

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Ron Peach & Chief Inspector Sue Austin
Marlborough Area Development Trust – Martin Cook & Richard Clarke

Total in attendance: 40

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1.	<u>Election of Chairman</u> Cllr Chris Humphries was re-elected as Chairman.
2.	<u>Election of Vice Chairman</u> Cllr Nick Fogg was re-elected as Vice-Chairman.
3.	<u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u> The Chairman welcomed everyone to St Michael's School. The Chairman then invited all the Wiltshire Council members and the Parish council representatives in attendance to introduce themselves to the meeting. The Chairman thanked Kevin Fielding, (Democratic Services Officer) for his hard work as this was his last Marlborough Area Board meeting. It was agreed that the Chairman would take the area grant funding application straight after his announcements as the speaker had another engagement which she needed to attend.
4.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies for absence were received from Julia Densham – Community Area Manager, Bob Gutherson – Berwick Bassett & Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council, Tony Barron – Wiltshire PCT, Rich Pitts – Marlborough Community Area Partnership and Mike Franklin - Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service.
5.	<u>Minutes</u> a. The minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. b. Matters arising There were none.
6.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> There were no declarations of interest.

7.

Chairman's Announcements

Core Strategy Consultation Event

Wiltshire Council is consulting on the Core Strategy for Wiltshire. The consultation would take place between 13th June and 8th August.

This would set out how Wiltshire will change over the next 15 years or so and would importantly give a certain framework within which investors can make decisions and communities can consider their neighbourhood plans (subject to what emerges through the Localism Bill).

As an ongoing part of that dialogue we are committed to further consultation within each Community Area.

An event has been organised in Marlborough Town Hall on Wednesday 29 June. It will run from 2.30 – 8.00pm and will take the form of an exhibition with officers on hand to answer any questions and take note of comments made.

Marlborough Energy Awareness Event

Wiltshire Council's Energy Awareness Event would be held at Marlborough library on Wednesday 29th June 10.30am - 2.30pm.

Attendees would have access to a wealth of knowledge and information and the opportunity to chat with specially trained Home Energy Efficiency Officers to find out how you can reduce costs by running their home more energy efficiently.

Invitation to comment on the final draft proposed new council-wide Street trading scheme

At a meeting on the 5 April 2011 Wiltshire Council's Licensing Committee considered the issues raised by public consultation on the proposed council-wide street trading scheme.

The street trading scheme would now be revised in the light of these decisions. Council officers would undertake a second, two week, public consultation commencing mid June 2011 with all interested parties including area boards.

The consultation document is available on the Council's website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm>

The Licensing Committee would consider the revised street trading scheme and the results of the second public consultation at a meeting in September 2011, with a view to the council adopting the council-wide street trading scheme by the

end of 2011.

Consultation on Wiltshire and Swindon Proposed Submission Draft Waste Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD)

Wiltshire Council is updating its policy framework to ensure that future proposals for waste development in Wiltshire are for the right types of facilities in the right locations. Consultation will commence in June 2011 for 8 weeks on a draft Waste Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) (starting 13 June 2011 and closing at 5pm 5 August 2011).

The consultation document allocates a range of sites for a variety of potential waste uses to provide a flexible and responsive framework that will enable waste to be driven up the waste hierarchy - i.e. reducing our dependence on landfill, with a greater focus on recycling and composting of waste. The majority of sites identified are on land currently in use by existing waste management facilities or current/proposed industrial areas (list of sites and map attached).

Once the consultation period had closed, the draft Sites DPD, the supporting evidence base and all comments received during the consultation will be submitted to the Secretary of State (following Full Council approval) for independent examination.

This DPD forms the final key document in the policy framework for the provision of waste sites within Wiltshire and Swindon, which includes:

- Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Core Strategy (adopted July 2009)
- Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Development Control Policies Development Plan Document (adopted September 2009)

The draft Sites DPD would be available from the start of the consultation period (13 June 2011). The Council encourages anyone wishing to view and comment on the consultation document to use the council's consultation website:

<http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>

Hard copies of the documents would also be available for inspection at Wiltshire and Swindon Borough Council main offices as well as all libraries throughout the and Borough. For further information please contact the Minerals and Waste Team at Wiltshire Council by telephone (01225 713429) or email:

mineralsandwastepolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk.

	<p>St Peter's Junior School</p> <p>The Chairman advised the meeting that St Peter's junior school had written to thank the Area Board for its help in ensuring that post of the lollipop lady would be made permanent.</p>
8.	<p><u>Funding</u></p> <p>The Community Area Manager outlined the grant application that the Wiltshire Councillors were about to consider.</p> <p>The Wiltshire Councillors then considered the application to the Community Area Grants Scheme 2011/12, as follows:</p> <p>Representation was made by Jude Edmondson on behalf of the Aldbourne Scout Group</p> <p>Decision Aldbourne Scout Group was awarded £798 towards provision of new tents.</p> <p>Reason <i>The above application met the Community Area Grant criteria for 2011/12 and the application demonstrates links to Wiltshire Council's priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire that aim to get more young people to take part in a wide range of activities and play, increase children and young people's access to facilities and activities and to help local communities build a strong and vibrant voluntary sector.</i></p>
9.	<p><u>Area Board Meeting Format</u></p> <p>Cllr Chris Humphries lead a discussion about how to improve the area board meeting format and content, a report from the Community Area Manager had set out various suggestions including agenda and minutes, staging, content and presentation.</p> <p>Points made from the included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seating plan is important if good debate is to be encouraged. • More local/topical issues which would then attract better attendances. • More time spent actually debating issues. • Wifi access available at meetings, saving on paper agendas.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More bottom up discussions with less corporate items. • Parishes should be able to bring their ideas and issues to the Area Board. • More clarity on how the Area Board process works with less bureaucracy. • That the Area Board is an evolving process. <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for their input.</p>
10.	<p><u>Speeding in the Marlborough Community Area</u></p> <p>Mary Spender – Fyfield & West Overton Parish Council lead a discussion to tease out the key issues around speeding through the villages and how to go about reclaiming them from traffic, the work of Ben Hamilton-Bailey, (traffic management expert) was discussed.</p> <p>Cllr Dick Tonge - Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, was in attendance to outline the main processes for addressing speeding issues.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most villages appear to have speeding issues. • Villages should take responsibility for tackling speeding in their community. • Villages highlighting the fact that drivers are travelling through a village. • Village traffic working groups were a good way of bringing speeding issues to the attention of Wiltshire Council. • That perhaps a forum could be set up with Ben Hamilton-Bailey invited to speak at it. • Villages should try and make changes in an holistic way. <p>Points made by Cllr Dick Tonge included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That a complete review of all Wiltshire’s A & B roads had been carried out. • A large number of changes to speed limits had been carried out. • The review process had now been carried out, only changes to speed limits on these roads would be carried out if material changes were to

	<p>occur.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Council were to carry out twelve 20mph pilot schemes, these pilot schemes would be self enforced. Villages would be invited to apply to be a pilot area. • Community Speed Watch had been a great success throughout Wiltshire. <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Parish Forum leads on the issue of village speeding and is supported by the Marlborough Area Board. <p>The Chairman thanked Mary Spender and Cllr Dick Tonge.</p>
11.	<p><u>Marlborough Community Area Plan</u></p> <p>Martin Cook - Chairman of the Marlborough Area Development Trust and Richard Clarke - Marlborough Area Development Trust advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MAP Programme is currently the major focus for MADT. MADT has been commissioned by the Marlborough Area Board (initially by MaVCAP) to review and update the Marlborough Area Community Plan, which is currently in phase 2: MAP Consultation Programme which has been underway since 15th March and will be extended until the end of July 2011. <p>MADT New Projects</p> <p>MADT is now working on a number of new projects principally aimed at supporting local business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Business Awareness: new Directory Services as part of www.marlborougharea.org • Monitoring of Broadband Performance for services in the Area. • Study of options for deploying a Community WiFi system. <p>The Chairman thanked Martin Cook and Richard Clarke for their update.</p>

12.	<p><u>Great Stones Way</u></p> <p>Cllr James Keith, Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council gave an update on the current proposals concerning the route of the foot path.</p> <p>The proposal by Friends of the Ridgeway to publicise the Great Stones Way walk would have an impact for nine affected parishes within the Marlborough area. These parishes had resolved to come together to ensure that there is effective representation from the community on the Scoping Committee which will, amongst other tasks, scrutinise a proposed Environmental Impact Assessment.</p> <p>The Parish Forum sub- group wish to appoint either one or two representatives to the Scoping Committee and the group wishes to seek a resolution from the Marlborough Area Board that the board will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the request and forward a recommendation to the Rights of Way Officer, Wiltshire Council, to appoint parish representative(s) to the Environmental Impact Assessment’s Scoping committee. <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Marlborough Area Board agrees to support the nine affected parishes within the Marlborough area, and will forward a recommendation to the Rights of Way Officer, Wiltshire Council requesting that Wiltshire Council appoints parish representative(s) to the Environmental Impact Assessment’s Scoping committee. <p>The Chairman thanked James Keith for his update and agreed that letters from Avebury and East Kennet Parish Councils voicing their concerns over the route of the Great Stones Way would be appended to the published minutes.</p>
13.	<p><u>Draft Commission Strategy for Young People aged 13-19</u></p> <p>Julia Cramp - Service Director for Commissioning and Performance, Department for Children and Education, Wiltshire Council gave a presentation about the 13 to 19 Commissioning Strategy which sets out a coherent vision and offer to 13 to 19 year olds who live in Wiltshire. It had been designed to ensure Wiltshire’s young people receive a sustainable service which meets their needs.</p> <p>The key aim is to improve outcomes for young people aged 13 – 19 in Wiltshire.</p> <p>This would be done by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making sure there is a good range of quality services.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing an early response to the needs of young people when they are at risk or problems arise. • Improving the way we work together. • The 13 -19 Commissioning Strategy has a broad scope and includes health, education, housing, leisure, teenage pregnancy, youth crime and safeguarding. <p>Cllr Peggy Dow made the point that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Marlborough Community Area is a large, rural area with a small, dispersed population. We want to be sure that this consultation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Acknowledges the specific issues of service provision in our area in terms of its rural nature; b) Undertakes a broad consultation that includes the various existing youth services not provided by the council, for example, the Aldbourne Youth Council. <p>Julia Cramp was presented with a book which had been compiled by members of the Aldbourne Youth Group highlighting activities that the group had taken part in.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Julia Cramp for her presentation and invited her back to speak at a future meeting where more time could be given to the topic.</p>
14.	<p><u>Response to Written Question</u></p> <p>Cllr Dick Tonge will respond to the following written question received by the area board:</p> <p>‘There have been reports in the press about Wiltshire Council losing track of £16 million of S106 funds (equivalent to the target savings of unitary transfer). Can we have an update and were any Marlborough area funds affected?’</p> <p><i>Answer</i></p> <p><i>In April the press suggested that the council had lost £16 million in section 106 Agreement contributions. This is incorrect. Prior to the move to one council, the four former districts had different ways of recording section 106 agreements, the collection of funds and where contributions were held in their finance systems. Wiltshire Council quickly recognised the problem and began a process of capturing data on all agreements in a single database so that it has an accurate and accessible record of what has been collected, what is</i></p>

outstanding , where funds are held and what has been spent. This process is well underway but is taking longer than expected because of the sheer number of agreements and their complexity.

What the press were presumably referring to was 'uncollected' contributions. Standard Section 106 Agreements contain payment 'triggers', stages in a development when payments fall due. Examples range from commencement of work on site, completion of the 50th, 150th or 200th house, bringing open space/highways up to an adoptable standard etc. At any given time there are always considerable amounts outstanding simply because the 'payment trigger has not been reached. This is particularly so in respect of the larger residential developments which take years to complete and which also generate the largest contributions.

The new database is enabling Wiltshire Council to quantify for the first time what is outstanding in the county and to ensure the triggers are monitored and contributions collected more effectively.

*It is worth mentioning here that Section 106 contributions are tightly ring fenced and have to be spent on exactly what is specified in the relevant agreement. The funds do not form a 'community chest' and if £350,000 has been paid for highway improvements, or to provide new classrooms for children who will move into new houses, this is **precisely** what the money has to be spent on. It cannot be diverted to another worthy cause.*

Looking ahead, it looks increasingly likely that this will change with the introduction of the 'Community infrastructure Levy' in 2014. This will phase out the use of most Section 106 Agreements and will probably contain a requirement that an unspecified percentage of contributions can be held centrally to be spent on priorities identified by local communities/neighbourhoods.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Dick Tonge.

15.

Partner Updates

a.Wiltshire Police

The written update distributed with the agenda was noted.

Points made by Inspector Ron Peach also included:

- That crime rates were reducing in all areas.
- Good partnership working being carried in Lockeridge by PC Sarah Watts.
- That there had been no actual reduction in Neighbourhood Policing.

	<p>b.Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service The written update distributed with the agenda was noted.</p> <p>c.NHS Wiltshire The written update distributed with the agenda was noted.</p> <p>d.Town or Parish updates There were no updates.</p> <p>e.Marlborough Area Development Trust Covered under agenda item No.10.</p> <p>f.Marlborough Area Parish Forum There were no updates.</p>
16.	<p><u>Appointments to Outside Bodies</u></p> <p>The following Wiltshire Councillor appointments to outside bodies were re-confirmed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Avebury Solstice Operational Planning Meeting – Cllr Jemima Milton. b) Avebury World Heritage Site Steering Committee – Cllr Jemima Milton. c) Avebury Traffic & Visitor Management Group – Cllr Jemima Milton. d) Marlborough Area Young People’s Issues Group (CAYPIG) – Cllr Peggy Dow.
17.	<p><u>Future Agenda Items - Your Ideas</u></p> <p>It was agreed that any suggestions should be sent to the Community Area Manager, and that perhaps a small guide giving information about presentation, drawing from agenda item No.8 could be put together, this would perhaps encourage more concise, better researched presentations with more local relevance in the future.</p>
18.	<p><u>Any Other Questions</u></p> <p>There were no questions.</p>

	<p>Cllr Jemima Milton requested that her thanks be noted to all the people who had helped to arrange the recent Health Fair.</p>
19.	<p><u>Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everybody for attending the meeting.</p>
20.	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>Tuesday 6 September 2011 - Marlborough Town Hall.</p> <p>Tuesday 1 November 2011 - Broad Hinton Village Hall.</p> <p>Tuesday 7 February 2012 - Kennet Valley Village Hall, Lockeridge.</p>

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29th June 2010

Dear Sirs

The Great Stones Way

As Chairman of East Kennett Parish Meeting, I attended the Marlborough Area Board Meeting on 21st June to express my considerable concern and dismay about the lack of consultation on The Great Stones Way proposals, especially in relation to the latest draft route which passes directly through the Village.


East Kennett is a small village of about 45 households and approx 120 residents. It has no shop or pub and will shortly lose its school. There is therefore **no** economic benefit in up to 400,000 additional visitors passing through the village – in fact there are considerable economic and environmental disbenefits, not least the fact that East Kennett could become the default “free” car park at the start of the route.

The first the village knew about the GSW proposals was “by chance” in late 2010. Such was the immediate reaction to the initial route through the village that an EGM (the first in 20 years) was held in Feb 2011, following which representations were made to Wiltshire Council to bypass the village entirely by adopting the WHITE HORSE TRAIL from West Kennett Long Barrow up to the Wansdyke.

Just before our Annual Meeting in late May, we discovered, again by chance, that the original route through the village had been reinstated, despite our concerns and representations. Cllr Jemima Milton will be fully aware of this background as she attended both the EGM and the Annual Meeting. Such a lack of consultation for a village that is so directly affected is not only unacceptable but also undemocratic.

I request that East Kennet is now fully consulted on **any** GSW proposal going forward.

Yours faithfully



Philip Loveday
Chairman East Kennett Parish Meeting

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Dear Mr Keith

30 June 2011

Great Stones Way proposal

Thank you for your email of 21 June. We have not had a substantive discussion about the Great Stones Way since 15 March when Ian Ritchie of FotR came to a meeting of our Council. This followed a letter our previous Chairman wrote to him on 29 January.

Ian Ritchie gave us two assurances at our meeting: an Environmental Impact Assessment would be commissioned and the GSW route would be realigned to follow the Ridgeway southwards from Barbary Castle. We have therefore been awaiting news of the EIA and, among other things, specific estimates of the numbers of extra visitors that might be attracted to Avebury, and evidence of benefits/damage to Avebury's economy.

Although FotR have accepted our requests for an EIA and the realignment of the route, our other requests have been rejected. In terms of the Area Board minutes, this letter together with our previous Chairman's letter, below, best set out the reasons for our concerns.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Williamson
Chairman

Letter dated 29 January 2011 to Mr Ian Ritchie

Dear Mr Ritchie

29 January 2011

Great Stones Way proposal

I am writing to give you the preliminary views of Avebury Parish Council on the Great Stones Way proposal. The Parish Council may wish to write again later when we have more details.

Given information currently available, the Parish Council objects to the underlying principle of the GSW proposal and also objects on three specific grounds.

The Parish makes two positive proposals: that an Environmental Impact Assessment be conducted to address the implications of the proposal, and that the route be realigned.

By way of background, about 480 people live in 225 households in the Parish.

The need for information and consultation

The Parish Council has not been sent any information on this ambitious and large scale proposal. The Council has indirectly obtained a leaflet and a note on the scheme dated 21 April 2010, but these documents lack much important detail on the proposed route of the GSW, the likely economic benefits to the community or the practical implications of the proposal. On consultation, we invited a representative of Friends of the Ridgeway to attend our recent Parish Council meeting on 18 January but he/she did not turn up.

As Avebury is prominently featured on the cover of the project's leaflet, the Parish Council is disappointed that the sponsors of the scheme have not sought to inform or consult.

Objection in principle

The underlying objective of the proposal is to increase greatly the number of people visiting Avebury and other settlements on the Great Stones Way. The Parish Council objects to this because increasing visitor numbers directly conflicts with the one of the central objectives of the World Heritage Site Management Plan:

- The WHS Plan states that 'For many years there has been agreement amongst agencies involved with the management of the WHS that visitor numbers in Avebury are at capacity levels and should not be actively increased' (para 8.2.5)
- The WHS Plan therefore aims to limit visitor numbers to present levels and avoid advertising to promote Avebury as a tourist destination
- Visitor numbers are estimated at 276,000 to 350,000 annually in the WHS Plan and at between 150,000 to 300,000 a year in the National Trust's draft management plan
- The Great Stones Way proposal states that the GSW would attract, at a conservative estimate, an extra 250,000 to 400,000 visitors a year

Such numbers would double present levels and would be directly contrary to the WHS plan.

The GSW proposal also runs counter to emerging initiatives in Avebury to introduce a greater element of managed tourism, instead of mass tourism.

Three specific issues

1. Damage to the local economy

The Parish Council is concerned that the economy of the village will be damaged:

- People walking the GSW will have little time to spend money on meals, refreshments and souvenirs in Avebury if they have to complete a 29 mile walk to Stonehenge or a 38 mile walk to Salisbury in daylight
- When arriving early and parking all day, their cars will block spaces that are currently used by tourists visiting Avebury itself, see section on car parking below. These visitors do spend money in the village, and the loss of this income will harm Avebury's economy, and be counter to the objectives of the LEADER programme
- The National Trust is an important local employer and will also suffer a significant loss of income from car parking fees for the same reason
- Any benefit to the local economy from B & B as the other principal source of income in the village will be very limited. There are only 225 households in the Parish and few of them have come forward to offer B & B despite excess demand in recent years. This is evidenced by the difficulties the Tourist Information Centre already has in finding overnight accommodation at busy periods.

The Parish therefore objects on the grounds of damage to the local economy, and notes the proposal's negative impact on the aims of the LEADER programme.

2. Damage to the monument, visitor experience and local residents' quality of life

A fragile balance has to be maintained at Avebury between the impact of large visitor numbers and:

- Archaeological damage to its monuments
- The quality of the visitor experience
- The quality of life of local residents
- The infrastructure of the village and its ability to cope

Advertising the attractions of 'the Great Stones' will inevitably attract some visitors who will not attempt to walk the GSW but will restrict their visits to the centre of the village. Others will use Avebury as a base for local circular walks. The greater the numbers of such visitors, the more their footfall will damage the monuments. Greater numbers will also reduce the quality of the visitor experience, diminish the quality of life of local residents and put further pressures on the village's amenities.

The Council objects to the proposal on the grounds of damage to the monument, a reduction in residents' quality of life and a poorer quality of visitors' experience. We also object to any advertising of Avebury as a tourist destination as being contrary to the WHS Plan.

3. Car parking

Contrary to the assertion in the leaflet we have obtained, public transport links along the GSW route are poor at present, and will deteriorate further if public expenditure cuts are imposed as expected.

The Parish Council believes that the great majority of walkers will arrive at the GSW by car. Car parking is however limited at Avebury:

- The WHS Management Plan policy on car parking is that no additional spaces be provided
- The main car-park in the village can accommodate about 275 cars. In high and shoulder seasons the car-park is often full
- If the GSW were to increase visitor numbers, within the sponsor's conservative estimate, by say 365,000 visitors a year, Avebury would receive 1,000 more visitors on an average day
- An additional 1,000 visitors would need parking for about 125 to 500 more cars a day, depending on car occupancy rates and whether walkers leave their cars at each end of the GSW to get home, or walk part way to Stonehenge and then return to Avebury.
- While 1,000 is an average throughout the year, the GSW will probably attract about three times more visitors on peak days. This would create a demand of between 375 to 1,500 extra car spaces a day, twice to five times the village's current parking capacity
- Avebury's parking problem would be further aggravated by all-day parking. Visitors currently park for about two hours on average and each space in the car park therefore accommodates several cars during a day. But most people walking the GSW would need to arrive early and leave their cars all day if they were going to complete their walk to/from Stonehenge or Salisbury in daylight. Their cars would block spaces that would otherwise be available for other tourists visiting Avebury.

The Parish Council does wonder whether it is realistic to expect as many as 250,000 to 400,000 people to walk the GSW each year. But even if these numbers are halved, the current capacity of the car park of 275 spaces would still be exceeded by an extra 200 to 750 cars a day in busy periods.

On the other hand, if the sponsor is correct and estimates of visitor numbers do turn out to be conservative, parking demand may rise to 2,000 spaces a day or more.

The Parish Council objects to the GSW scheme in view of the massive increase in car parking that the GSW proposal will require.

The need for an Environmental Impact Assessment

The Parish Council is concerned that the implications of the GSW have not been thought through and that important issues have not been addressed. The Council considers that an Environmental Impact Assessment is essential and requests Friends of the Ridgeway to undertake one as a priority. The Parish also requests that it be included in this process.

Possible re-designation as 'The Great River Avon Way'

The Parish is aware of the problems that mass tourism brings to Stonehenge as well as Avebury. The Council therefore suggests that the sponsors of GSW realign the route to avoid both monuments.

We are aware of support for GSW from Plain Action and some villages at the southern end of the GSW route. We also note that much of the proposed route follows the River Avon through Enford, Netheravon, Figheldean, Amesbury and on to Salisbury. Providing these communities agree, we suggest the route be revised and established from Upavon to Salisbury. If there were local support, it might be re-designated 'The Great River Avon Way'.

The Parish Council would be grateful if a representative of the GSW would attend a Parish Council meeting in the near future to give details of the project and to respond to this Council's concerns.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jennifer Baldrey
Chairman

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Claire Perry MP

Jane Scott, OBE, Leader Wilts Council

Cllr Jemima Milton, West Selkley Ward

Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cabinet Representative for Leisure, Sport and Culture, Wilts Council

Julian Head, Principal Regeneration Officer, Wilts Council

Sarah Simmonds, Avebury WHS Officer

Richard Broadhead, Rights of Way Manager, Wilts Council

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Janet Tomlin, National Trust

Kate Fielden, Acting Chairman, The Avebury Society

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Susan Denyer, ICOMOS (UK)

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Richard Pitts, MAVCAP

Gretchen Rawlins, Clerk, Avebury Parish Council

Marlborough Area Board
6 September 2011

Update on outcomes/actions from meeting on 21 June 2011:

Minute number (page)	Action	Update
9. Area Board meeting format (pages 6-7)	Ideas and suggestions to be taken forward	Discussed at ABC (Area Board planning meeting), update to be given at 6 Sept meeting (item 9 refers).
10. Speeding in the Marlborough Community Area (page 8)	Parish Forum to lead on the issue, supported by the Area Board	Written update from Parish Forum included in agenda for 6 Sept meeting (item 6d refers).
12. Great Stones Way (page 9)	<p>Area Board to support the affected parishes within the Marlborough Community Area, and recommendation to be forwarded to Rights of Way Officer requesting parish reps to be appointed to the Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Committee.</p> <p>Letters or representation from Avebury and East Kennet PCs to be appended to minutes.</p>	<p>Recommendation forwarded to Richard Broadhead (Rights of Way and Countryside Manager, Wiltshire Council). Parish Forum sub-group has been liaising with Rights of Way regarding the terms of reference for the Environmental Impact Assessment.</p> <p>Letters appended to minutes and forwarded to Rights of Way.</p>
16. Appointments to Outside Bodies (page 12)	Appointments made as listed in minutes	Organisations notified of appointments.

Marlborough Area Board – 6 September 2011 Chairman's Announcements

Wiltshire's new 'Warm and Well' free home insulation scheme

There are an estimated 30,000 people in fuel poverty in Wiltshire, who cannot afford to heat their homes adequately. How many live in your community area?

Cold homes impact on the health and wellbeing of your local residents. Would you like to help yourself and other residents save money and improve your home comfort?

The new Wiltshire Warm and Well scheme is open to all home owners and private tenants, and enables residents to improve the energy efficiency of their homes through installing loft and cavity wall insulation – saving money on bills and making homes warmer.

To access the scheme

Freephone: 0800 512 012, or go to <http://www.warmandwell.co.uk>

With Council funding as well as national CERT funding, Wiltshire Warm and Well aims to improve 3,000 homes in financial year 2011/2012.

Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy commits the council to reducing carbon emissions throughout the county. Carbon emissions from domestic properties make up 24% of total emissions. Improving insulation of domestic properties therefore makes a significant contribution to energy saving and therefore carbon emissions reduction.

We urge Area Board partners to get involved and help refer people to the scheme.

If you would like to hold a special event to promote the scheme, or promote it as part of another event you are holding, the 'Green Room' van is available to help, (further details at <http://www.warmandwell.co.uk> > The Green Room). Leaflets can also be supplied should you be interested, simply email your request to:

warm&well@swea.co.uk

Further information on this scheme can be accessed on the Wiltshire World Changers Network website, <http://wiltshireworldchangers.org> or via the Wiltshire Council website, <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/counciltaxhousingandbenefits/housing/housinggrants/homeenergygrants.htm>

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Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Marlborough Community Area Board 6th September 2011



Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Anthony Boardman
PCSO – Mark Braithwaite

Rural West Team

Beat Manager – PC David Tippetts
PCSO – Pauline Ritchie

Rural East Team

Beat Manager – PC Jeremy Batchelor
PCSO - Jonathan Mills

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 Chris Humphries is a member of the Wiltshire Police Authority and has the responsibility for overseeing matters in the community area.

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

4. Performance and Other Local Issues

On the date of the last Area Board, the policing operation for Solstice at Avebury was underway. With valued support from other agencies and utilising staff from other areas including Swindon, the event went off relatively peacefully. Numbers were down this year, probably due to adverse weather and it falling on a week day. Since the event, a full debrief was held with concerned agencies and local people attending and what few issues that arose will be addressed for next year. I was pleased that most of the feedback in regard to the policing operation was positive.

Next month will see a large scale restructure of the Wiltshire Police especially in respect of Response Teams. After detailed study, response policing has been realigned to match maximum resources to peak times, this should enhance the service that we can offer to the public. Marlborough Neighbour Policing Team will be unaffected by the changes and will still be responsible to the East Wiltshire Sector Commander.

Our main challenge during the summer months was thefts from motor vehicles at our many beauty spots. Due to the isolation and number of these sites, it is a very difficult problem to defeat.

Neighbourhood and Response officers have considerably increased patrols of these locations to try to deter and detect offences, but have also carried out a programme of education of motorists some of whom are still leaving valuables in plain sight in unattended vehicles. Due to the efforts of the officers in the sector, incidents of this type of crime have fallen.

We urge everyone using these areas to...

- Report any suspicious activity to police as soon as possible.
- Take any valuables with you when possible otherwise ensure they are not on show.
- Always fully secure your vehicle.

Please do all that you can to stop thieves targeting your vehicles. Prevention is always better than cure!

Marlborough	Crime				Detections	
	August 2009 - July 2010	August 2010 - July 2011	Volume Change	% Change	August 2009 - July 2010	August 2010 - July 2011
Violence Against the Person	121	83	-38	-31%	34%	59%
Dwelling Burglary	17	30	13	76%	0%	7%
Criminal Damage	142	131	-11	-8%	8%	13%
Non Dwelling Burglary	78	111	33	42%	1%	1%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	90	79	-11	-12%	2%	0%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	19	11	-8	-42%	16%	9%
Total Crime	697	708	11	2%	17%	18%
Total ASB	477	401	-76	-16%		
<p>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 period (Apr - Jun 2011)</p> <p>*Total Crime comprises all Crime Groupings listed above and also includes Theft and Handling, Fraud and Forgery, Robbery and Sexual Offences</p> <p>** Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution</p>						

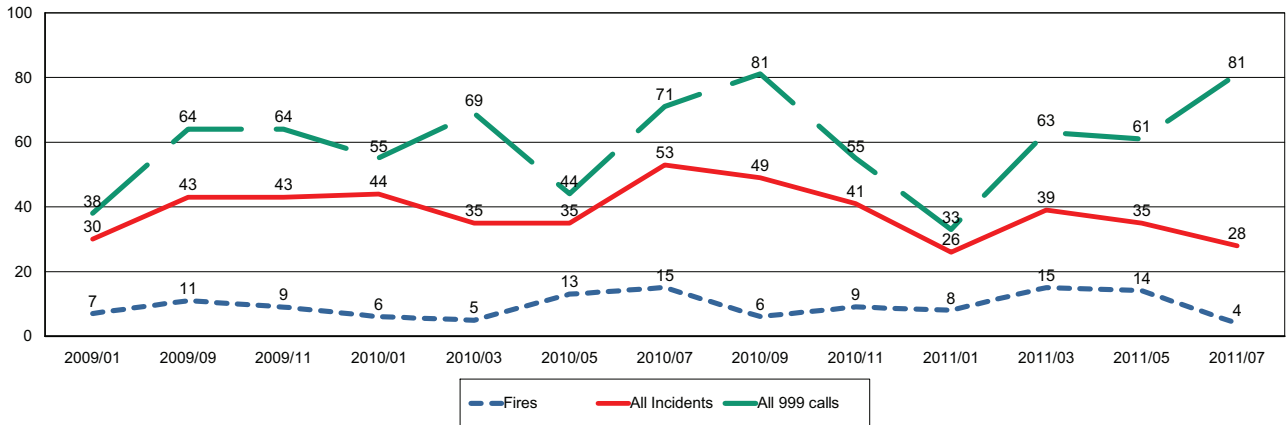
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Area Commander



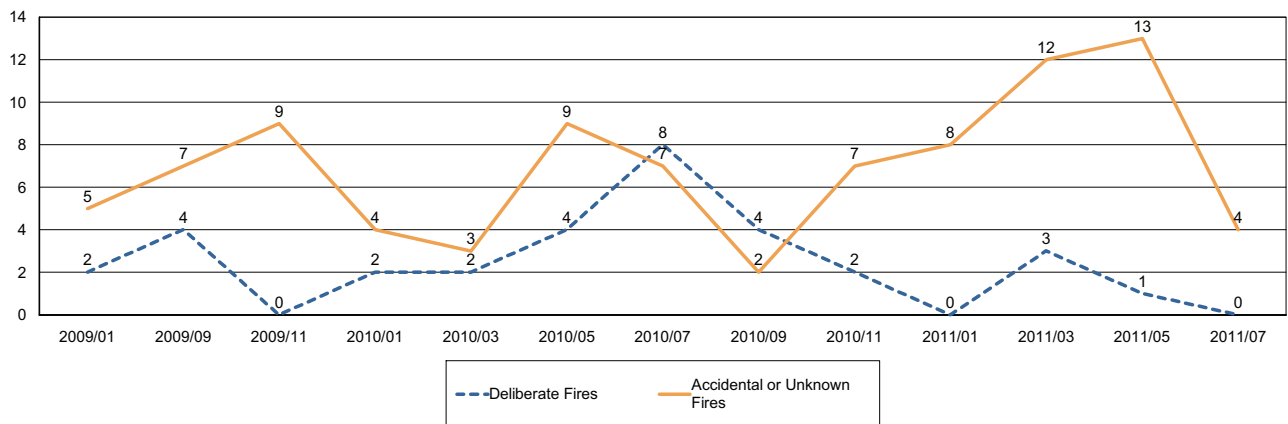
Report for Marlborough Area Board

The following is a bi-monthly update of Fire and Rescue Service activity up to and including July 2011. It has been prepared by the Group Manager for the Board's area.

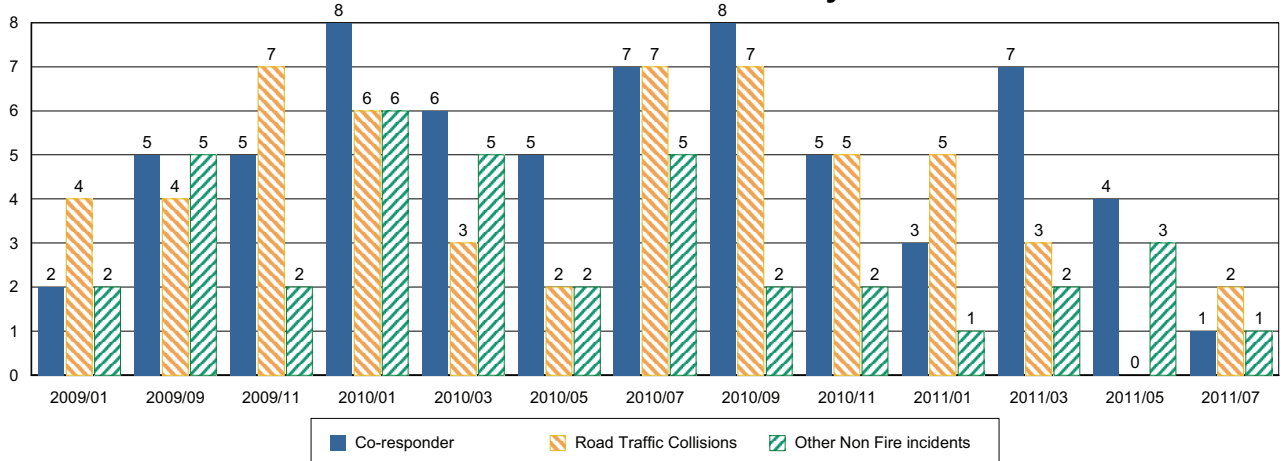
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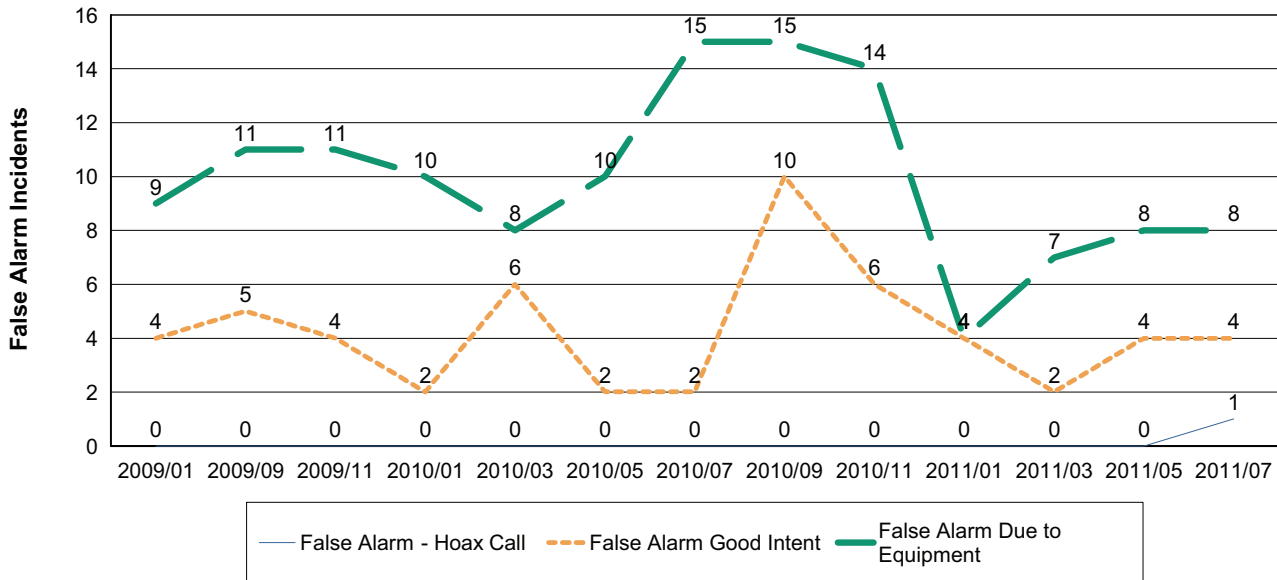
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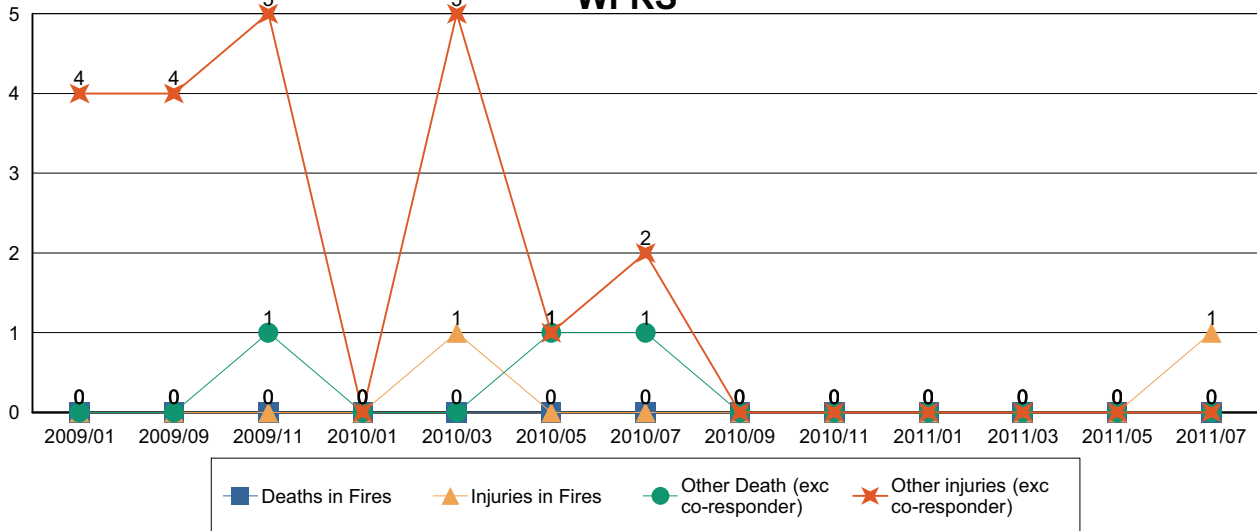
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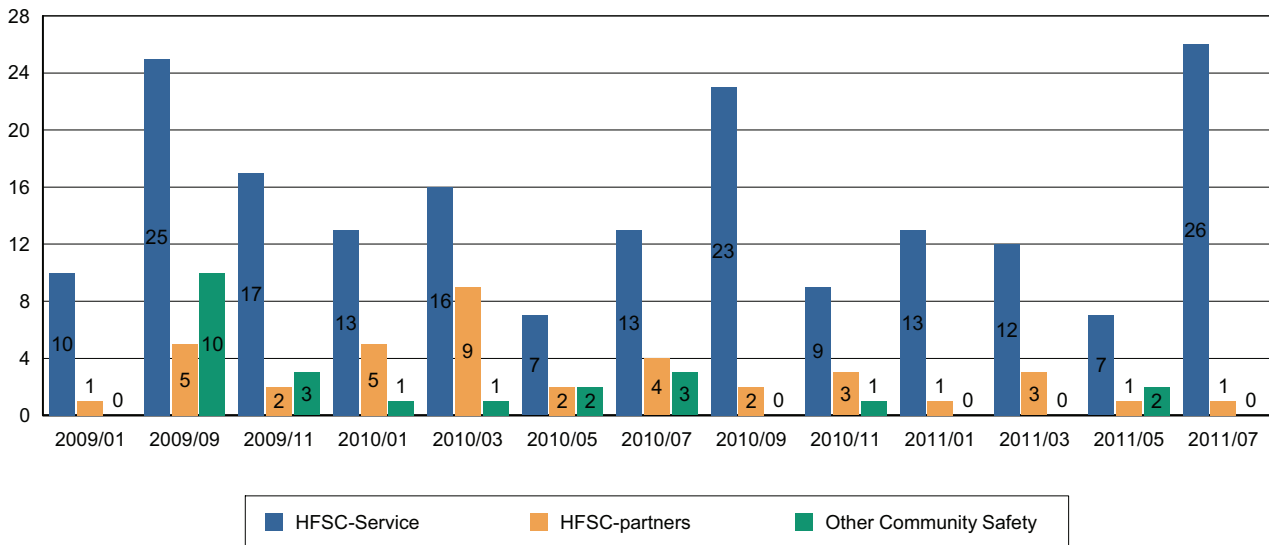
Number of False Alarm Incidents



Death & Injuries in incidents attended by WFRS



Home Fire Safety Checks and other domestic safety



Comments and Interventions overleaf

NHS Update – September 2011**Exercise after stroke service in Wiltshire**

NHS Wiltshire and Wiltshire Council are working together to provide exercise classes for stroke survivors at leisure centres across the county. Exercise professionals have received stroke training so they can help people to recover more quickly through specially-tailored exercises classes. The first exercise after-stroke classes and gym-based sessions will be offered from September at Castle Place Leisure Centre in Trowbridge. Further classes will be offered in Chippenham, Salisbury, Devizes and Marlborough from January 2012.

Exercise is particularly important for people who are recovering from a stroke, as a stroke often results in reduced strength, mobility, fitness and mood as well as loneliness and a myriad of additional challenges such as pain, impaired movement or comprehension, which may make it difficult for people with stroke to get to exercise facilities. The exercise after stroke service forms part of a range of improvements to stroke services in Wiltshire to help people rebuild their lives.

Stroke Clubs are currently held across Wiltshire in Amesbury, Chippenham, Salisbury, Swindon, Trowbridge, Warminster and Wroughton. Stroke community support workers are also available to provide advice and support to people who have had a stroke and their carers. A major review by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) on stroke care has placed NHS Wiltshire in the category of **best performing** Primary Care Trusts, ranking the trust 20 out of 151 PCTs for the stroke services it delivers. Further details can be found on the NHS Wiltshire website at: <http://www.wiltshire.nhs.uk/Public/Your-health-wellbeing/FAST-stroke-action.htm>

Stop Smoking Successfully

Nearly 5,000 people used the NHS Wiltshire Stop Smoking Service last year. Our aim is to make Wiltshire a healthier place to live and there are many more people we can help to quit. The Wiltshire NHS Stop Smoking Service supports people in a variety of methods and treatments, providing specialist support for groups of people such as women who are pregnant, people with mental health problems and young people. The team of advisors work across different services in all sorts of venues including GP surgeries and health centres, clinics, pharmacies, Children's Centres and hospitals. NHS Stop Smoking Services encourage anyone who is trying to stop their habit to contact us on 01380 733891 or via our website NHSstopsmoking@wiltshire.nhs.uk.

Next NHS Wiltshire Board Meeting

The next Board meeting of NHS Wiltshire will be held on **21 September 2011 at 10am - Southgate House**. Members of the public are welcome to attend. 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 email communications@wiltshire.nhs.uk

PARISH FORUM REPORT FOR MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD 6TH SEPTEMBER 2011

1) Community Emergency Plan

Nick Bate, Emergency Planning Officer has presented to the Parish Forum.

F&WO are liaising with Nick Bate and are completing the first plan to check for comprehensiveness and to provide a guide for other Parishes.

2) Community Area Plan Questionnaires

Questionnaires specifically designed for Parish Councils have been distributed and responses are expected back by 12th September 2011.

3) Reclaiming Villages for Traffic Initiative

The Forum has received interest from six parishes to date, although all parishes consulted so far wish to be involved in the initial educational presentations.

A road-map for the initiative has been drawn up and the Forum is preparing a brief for, and soliciting a proposal from, a Traffic Consultant for presentation to the Area Board at the next meeting

4) Main Road Speeding

The Forum has requested that Parishes, which have identified a particular speeding issue on a major road within a Parish and where they believe a speed reduction would resolve the issue, submit the issue to the forum. Four responses have been received to date.

The Forum is collating previously successful methodologies for applications to reduce speed limits and making them commonly available.

5) Great Stones Way

Avebury have prepared an initial response to Friends of the Ridgeway (FotR) plans.

The Forum sub-group, which represents 10 parishes, have now met representatives from FotR to discuss the response and the concerns that it raises.

The Group has been liaising with Wiltshire Rights of Way on the framing of the terms of reference for the Environmental Impact Study.

6) Affordable Housing in Parishes

The Forum is in touch, through Julia Densham, with Housing Development at Wiltshire, and will be working with Steve May to construct a picture of Parish affordable housing needs through the Housing Register, the Rural Housing Needs Survey, The Strategic housing Market Assessment and local parish knowledge.

7) Asset Register

BB&WM and BH&WB have jointly created a central asset register covering all parishes to enable knowledge and resource sharing.

Completion forms for the register have been sent out.

8) Area Board Meetings

The Forum continues to work with the Area Board in order to help in implementing the agreed changes in the meeting format and content.

James Keith 19th August 2011

Marlborough Area Board – 6 September 2011

New Waste and Recycling Collection Service

As a result of Wiltshire Council becoming a Unitary Authority in April 2009, there have been four different waste and recycling collection services available to residents, depending on where you lived. This costed different amounts, had differing recycling levels and was not a fair service for residents.

From October the council is rolling out service changes so that everyone receives the same level of service, beginning with fortnightly plastic bottles and cardboard recycling collections using blue-lidded bins in the north, west and east. This service is already in place in the south.

In late February 2012, the council will roll out fortnightly non-chargeable garden waste collections, using green lidded bins, for the north, east and south of the county. This service is already in place in the west. Residents will need to opt in to receive the service, ideally by 30th September, and should complete the opt-in form online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/waste if possible. Alternatively residents can complete the FREEPOST form found in the latest edition of Your Wiltshire magazine, or in the "Coming Soon" leaflet which has been sent out in the post to all residents from week commencing 4th July. If residents already have a garden waste bin, they do not need to re-apply, and their collections will carry on as usual.

Finally, the weekly household waste collections that the north and south currently have, will be replaced with a fortnightly collection service during March 2012, using existing bins. This service is already in place in the west and the east of the county.

The council would like to take this opportunity to remind residents that:

- all households are entitled to up to two black boxes for recycling glass bottles and jars, paper, food tins, foil, clothes, shoes, aerosols and drinks cans
- All containers need to be out by 7am on the day of collection
- With the exception of the black box collection service, no side waste will be collected

For further information residents can: visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/waste, call 0300 456 0102 or look out for further information coming in due course.

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Report to	Marlborough Area Board
Date of Meeting	6 September 2011

Recommendations from Marlborough Community Area Transport Group

To ask the area board to consider the progress and approve recommendations from the Marlborough Community Area Transport Group (CATG):

1. To note that the minutes to all CATG meetings are available on the Marlborough area board web-page
<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/marlboroughareaboard.htm>
2. To note the CATG budget for 2011/12. A balance of £13,600 was carried forward from the 2010/11 budget to give a total of **£27,200** for 2011/12. This can be topped up by the Area Board, town/ parish councils and others. There will be no roll over to 2012/13 at the end of this financial year.
3. Allocate £7,000 to extend the footpath along Oxford Street, Aldbourne to improve pedestrian safety.
4. Note that £1,000 had been spent on a topographical study for the redesign of the junction of Ermin Street and Aldbourne Street in Baydon.
5. Allocate £5,000 to provide new road markings, signage and power supplies to illuminate the new signage, to allow an 18 month one-way system to be trialled along the high street, north of St Peter's Church, to stop the road being used as a rat-run.
6. Provisionally allocate up to £13,000 to provide a pedestrian refuge, dropped kerbs and a coloured/textured surface at the bus stop on the A4 through Savernake to improve pedestrian safety, subject to further investigations.
7. Provisionally allocate £2,500 to providing signage to reduce the HGV traffic entering Chilton Foliat, subject to negotiation with the parish council and West Berkshire Council.
8. Note that the previously agreed priority for a puffin crossing in George Lane, Marlborough had been funded from a separate budget and that work was scheduled during the October 2011 half term.

Summary of on-going investigations

Baydon – traffic calming, Ermin St/Aldbourn Rd. The topographical study had been completed but as yet there were no full scheme costs available. The feasibility study was progressing. A further update would be made to the next CATG meeting on 27 September.

East Kennet village – traffic calming. Small scale improvements had been identified and were to be funded from a separate highways budget.

Winterbourne Monkton & Berwick Bassett – traffic calming. Various solutions had been identified and highways officers would make a full report at the next meeting. The entrance to Berwick Bassett could be improved with renewed signage and a full report would be presented at the next CATG meeting on 27 September.

Report Author:

Julia Densham, Marlborough Community Area Manager, 24 August 2011

Item 11a

Report to	Marlborough Area Board
Date of Meeting	6 September 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 1 application seeking 20011/12 Community Area Grant Funding:

Baydon Firework Committee - £919

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. 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 decision of an area board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. The emphasis in the Coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement. With this in mind community area grants should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. Area boards will not consider applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 1.5. Grant applicants are required to show evidence of fund raising to contribute to their project costs.
- 1.6. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, although the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the area board.
- 1.7. Funding applications will be considered at every area board meeting.
- 1.8. All applicants are encouraged to contact Charities Information Bureau who is working on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the area board and other local and national funding sources.
- 1.9. Paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.10. The 2011/2012 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.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2011/12• Marlborough Community Area Plan 2004/14
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2011/12 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. The funding contained within this report forms the third round of funding during 2011/12.
- 2.3. Future rounds will be considered as follows:
 - 1 November 2011 (deadline for applications – 26 September)
 - 7 February 2012 (deadline for applications – 19 December)

3. Environmental & Community Implications

- 3.1. 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 board's budget allocated to the Marlborough Area Board.
- 4.2. Marlborough Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £45,527 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor-led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2010/2011 budget is £17,948 (this figure includes ring fenced funds of £3,331 for youth transport). This leaves a total budget of £63,475 for the 2011/2012 budget.
- 4.3. If the grant requests detailed in this report are awarded, Marlborough Area Board will have a balance of £48,841.

5. Legal Implications

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

6. HR 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	Baydon Firework Committee	To purchase road and pedestrian safety items	£919

8.1.1. It is recommended that Baydon Firework Committee is awarded £919 for the purchase various items to ensure road and pedestrian safety for the annual fireworks event.

8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that the application meets grant criteria 2011/12.

8.1.3. This application demonstrates direct links to the 2004-2014 Marlborough Community Plan in the following sections: to encourage community events that creates a sense of pride and well-being (section 8.5).

8.1.4. This project demonstrates links to Wiltshire Council's priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire that aims to help local communities build a strong and vibrant voluntary sector by involving local people in their communities

8.1.5. The Baydon Firework Committee organises a free annual community event for the residents of Baydon and other nearby villages. Last year over 620 people attended. This has highlighted the need for various safety measures to ensure attendees' safe arrival and departure from the event.

8.1.6. The committee organises fundraising events for two months before the event and visitors are invited to make donations on the night.

8.1.7. This grant will allow attendance at the event to grow which will increase the reserves held by the committee to ensure the event's future sustainability.

8.1.8. The committee has the support of the parish council who also make a donation for the purchase of fireworks and also arrange and fund the appropriate insurance cover.

8.1.9. If they are awarded the grant, the Baydon Firework Committee agrees to make the safety items available to other community groups.

8.1.10. If the area board decides not to award this grant, the Baydon Firework Committee will have to restrict the numbers of people attending the event to ensure health and safety requirements are met.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – Baydon Firework Committee
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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Community Area Grant Application Form 2011/2012

Please ensure that you have read all the Funding Criteria and Additional Guidance Notes before completing this form PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS TO ENSURE THAT YOUR APPLICATION CAN BE CONSIDERED

For larger projects we strongly advise you to contact Charities Information Bureau three months before you approach the area board. (See Section 2 for contact details)

**Please contact your Community Area Manager before completing your application
(See Section 3 for contact details)**

1. Your organisation or group

Name of organisation	Baydon Firework Committee		
Contact name			
Contact address			
Contact number		e-mail	
Organisation type	Not for profit organisation - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Parish/town council <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify – Community Group		

2. Your project

Project Title/Name	Road safety and pedestrian safety for event		
What is your project about and what does it aim to achieve? <i>Important: This section is limited to 600 characters only (inclusive of spaces).</i>	Each year we hold a village bonfire and it is the one time in the year when the whole of the village come together in one place. We do not charge an admission fee for anyone and only ask for donations for what people can afford. As a committee we are passionate about Social Inclusion (elderly / disabled / low income families etc) and feel the whole of the village should be able to enjoy this annual event. We are all trained and use professional standard fireworks and as a chartered safety practitioner myself, then we ensure a very safe environment for all who attend. We have found in recent years that the evening is proving very successful and we need to be able to invest in road safety signs / bollards / lighting for the entrance to the field and hi- vis jackets for the marshals. However as we rely entirely on donations we don't have the funds to afford these. This would be a one off application and would allow us to continue to hold the event. We give many hours of our time to organise this event and start the planning each year in April, but believe it is a worthwhile project for the whole village to enjoy and really does create a fantastic atmosphere which builds relationships within the village community and creates a community spirit that would be missed if we were unable to hold the event.		
In which community area does your project take place? (Please give name – see section 3 of the grants pack)	Marlborough		
I/we have discussed our project with the town/parish council?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Date 15 th August 2011	No <input type="checkbox"/>
I/we have discussed our project with our Wiltshire councillor?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Date 16 th August 2011	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Where will your project take place?	Cricket Field – Ermin St Baydon
When will your project take place?	Saturday 5 th November 2011 (but will need to purchase the items before this date)
How did you discover there was a need for your project (please provide evidence) and how will your project benefit your local community? <i>Important: Please do not type/write in paragraphs – This section is limited to 1200 characters only (inclusive of spaces)</i>	<p>Our de-brief meeting after last year's event highlighted the need for a better and safer control of pedestrians along the unlit road leading out of the village. Our risk assessment also highlighted this as an area needing improvement and our Emergency Evacuation Plan (EAP) of the site would benefit from having this in place.</p> <p>As stated in the previous section as a committee we are passionate about Social Inclusion (elderly / disabled / low income families etc) and feel the whole of the village should be able to enjoy this annual event.</p> <p>We bring together all areas of the village that would not normally meet / socialise and it also builds a feeling that we are a village that does care about everyone as this is done by village people for village people and in previous years the committee have contributed financially themselves to ensure the event can be held.</p> <p>There are 5 committee members and we give up many hours of our time to ensure this event is a success, however if we are unable to purchase the safety equipment now required we feel that we may not be able to hold the event in the future if the risks to pedestrian safety cannot be managed safely by having the appropriate equipment.</p>
How many people will benefit from your project?	500+ (last year's attendance was in excess of 620)
How does your project demonstrate a direct link to the local community plan for your area? www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards	8.5 Encourage Community Events and create a sense of pride and wellbeing
Please provide a reference/page no.	Marlborough Community Plan Page 21 (8.5)
To be completed ONLY where town/parish councils are making an application	
Is your project one which parish/town councils have powers to raise local taxes to fund?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Could your project be funded from your reserves?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is your project urgent (having to be completed in this financial year? If you answer YES please provide evidence elsewhere on the application form)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Any other information about your project. This is a one off application for funding for our road safety equipment and all other costs are covered each year by the committee ensuring that fundraising starts from around September time and then contributions on the night of the event.</p> <p>We wish to ensure that this once a year event that benefits the whole village and brings the village together continues for many years to come and we would hope to be able build a reserve of half our annual outgoings (around £650) over the next few years to ensure the future of the event and we would envisage this to be done through further fundraising by the committee members.</p> <p>We have spoken with the Chair of Baydon Parish Council (Mr Tony Prior) and he is very supportive of our offer to share the equipment such as the generator with other groups in the village should we be successful with this application.</p>	

3. Management

How many people are involved in the management of your group/organisation?

Of these, how many are:

Over 50 years	Male	<input type="text" value="1"/>	Female	<input type="text"/>
25 – 50 years	Male	<input type="text" value="4"/>	Female	<input type="text"/>
Under 25 years	Male	<input type="text"/>	Female	<input type="text"/>
Disabled People	Male	<input type="text"/>	Female	<input type="text"/>
Black and Minority Ethnic people	Male	<input type="text"/>	Female	<input type="text"/>

If your project is intended to continue after the Wiltshire Council funding runs out, how will you continue to fund it?

This will be the 10th year the village have run the event and we fund each year through self funding as we use the funds raised leading up to the night / hoped to raise through donations on the night to cover the cost of the fireworks

How will you know whether your project has made a difference in the community? What evidence will be collected to enable you to know that the project has made a positive impact on your community and met the local need?

The feedback through the village magazine (Baydon Scene) is always a good indication and also the feedback from the Parish Council and villagers themselves is always positive. It can also be seen in the other village groups as the sense of community is high on the agenda following this event.

Have you contacted Charities Information Bureau for help with your application/ to seek other funding?

Yes

Date

No

To whom have you applied for funding for this project (*other than Wiltshire Council*)?

Please list with amount applied for and whether you have been successful

Name of Funder

Amount Applied For

Amount Received

N/A

Have you or do you intend to apply for a grant from another area board within this financial year?

If yes, please state which one(s).

Yes

No

Are you in receipt or anticipating other funding from other Wiltshire Council departments for this project?

Yes

No

4. Information relating to your last annual accounts (if applicable)		
Year ending: 2010	Month: Dec	Year: 2010
A - Total income:	£1439.69	
B - Minus total expenditure:	£1301.00	
Surplus/deficit for year: (A minus B)	£138.69	
Free reserves currently held:	£346.39	

5. Financial information – If you can claim back V.A.T. please exclude from figures given below

Project Costs A Please provide a <u>full</u> breakdown e.g. equipment, installation etc.		Project Income B Please list all sources of funding for this project, as provisional (P) or confirmed (C)		
			P/C	
1 x Generator required @ £374.18	£374	Own fundraising/reserves	P	£
5x Hi-Viz jackets required @ £25.01	£125			£
4 x Traffic Cones Pack @ 29.99	£120	Parish/town council		£
1 x Barrier Pack @ £159.99	£160			£
4 x Tripod lighting @£34.99	£140	Trusts/foundations		£
	£			£
	£	In kind		£
	£			£
	£			£
	£			£
	£			£
	£			£
Total Project Expenditure	£919	Total Project Income		
Total project income B		£0.00		
Total project expenditure A		£919		
Project shortfall A – B		£919		
Grant sought from Wiltshire Council Area Board		£919		
Bank Details				
Please give the name of the organisations' bank account e.g. Barclays				
Please give the title name of the organisations' bank account e.g. current		Baydon Fireworks		

6. Supporting information – Please enclose all the following documentation as failure to do so may lead to a delay in your application being considered

Enclosed (please tick)

Yes - Written quotes including the one(s) you are going to use

Yes Latest inspected/audited accounts or annual report or Income/expenditure budget for current financial year

N/A Terms of reference/constitution/group rules

N/A Evidence of ownership/lease of buildings and/or land

For new groups, only the group's terms of reference and a projected income and expenditure budget covering a period of 12 months is required.

7. Declaration (on behalf of organisation or group) – I confirm that...

Yes - I have read the funding criteria

Yes - The information on this form is correct, that any award received will be spent on the activities specified, that I will complete a monitoring form (if requested) following completion of the project.

Yes - If an award is received, I will complete and return an evaluation sheet.

Yes - That any other form of licence or approval for this project has been received prior to submission of this application.

Yes - That the necessary policies and procedures will be in place prior to the commencement of the project outlined in this application. Child Protection Safeguarding Adults

Public Liability Insurance Equal opportunities

Access audit Environmental impact

Planning permission applied for (date) or granted (date)

Yes - That acknowledgement will be given of Wiltshire Council support in any publicity, printed or website material.

Yes - I give permission for press and media coverage by Wiltshire Council in relation to this project.

Name:

Position in organisation:

Date:

Please return your completed application to the appropriate Area Board Locality Team (see section 3)

Area Board Project

1. What is the Initiative?

Marlborough Area Parish Forum – the newly formed forum requests pump-priming to pay for their start-up costs.

2. Where is the initiative taking place?

Across the Marlborough community area involving the town and parish councils. All town and parish councils have been invited to join.

3. When will the initiative take place?

2011/12

4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/desired outcomes?

1. To share good practice between the councils that would facilitate the set up of new community services and facilities.
2. To explore solutions to common issues experienced by rural communities.
3. To provide a single voice when lobbying the area board.

5. Who will Project Manage/be responsible for this initiative?

Councillor James Keith, Chairman of Broad Hinton & Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council, has co-ordinated the set-up this forum with the support of the rural parish councils.

6. Costs/quotes/ match funding?

£900 to cover: clerk's fees, costs of hall-hire, stationery and refreshments.

7. Additional information

A written partner update will be presented at each area board meeting. This will detail the activities and progress of the newly-formed Marlborough Area Parish Forum.

Marlborough Area Board Forward Plan

ITEM 16

Please note: This is a working document which is subject to change due to availability of relevant officers/partners and relevant timescales.

Date	Location	Possible Area Board Agenda Items	Cabinet Member Attending	Other items/events (provisional)
1 Nov 2011	Broad Hinton Village Hall, Yew Tree Lane, Broad Hinton, Swindon SN4 9RH (TBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Older People's Accommodation Strategy Help to Live at Home Health Fair report <p>Standard items including Updates and Community Area Grants</p>	(Portfolio Holder)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polling Station and Parliamentary Boundary Review – consultation on polling districts and polling stations
7 Feb 2012	Kennet Valley Village Hall, Lockeridge, Marlborough, Wilts SN8 4EL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Standard items including Updates and Community Area Grants</p>	Lionel Grundy (Children Services)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fees and Charges Policy
27 Mar 2012	Venue TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of Area Board – update on performance over previous three meetings. <p>Standard items including Updates and Community Area Grants</p>	TBC	

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