

AGENDA

Meeting: DEVIZES AREA BOARD
Place: Assembly Room, Devizes Town Hall, St John's Street, Devizes SN10 1BN
Date: Monday 26 November 2012
Time: 6.30 pm

Including the Parishes of All Cannings, Bishops Cannings, Erlestoke, Bromham, Devizes Town, Easterton, Etchilhampton, Great Cheverell, Little Cheverell, Market Lavington, Marston, Potterne, Roundway, Rowde, Stert, Urchfont, West Lavington and Worton

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 6.30 pm.

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Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Laura Mayes, Roundway (Chairman)
Cllr Jeffrey Ody, Devizes and Roundway South
Cllr Jane Burton, Devizes East (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Nigel Carter, Devizes North

Cllr Richard Gamble, The Lavingtons and Erlestoke
Cllr Lionel Grundy OBE, Urchfont and The Cannings
Cllr Liz Bryant, Bromham, Rowde and Potterne

Items to be considered	Time
<p>1 Welcome and Chairman's Announcements</p> <p>The Chairman will provide information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Skate park b. Launch of community blogsite (verbal) c. Shadow Community Operations Board. 	6.30 pm
<p>2 Apologies for Absence</p>	
<p>3 Minutes (<i>Pages 1 - 8</i>)</p> <p>To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2012.</p>	
<p>4 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Councillors are requested to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>5 Support for the Jubilee Celebrations - is it worth doing something similar again?</p> <p>This will include Thelma and Colin Edwards sharing their experience of the Jubilee celebration in Quakers Walk.</p>	6.40 pm
<p>6 Partner Updates (<i>Pages 9 - 18</i>)</p> <p>To receive updates from the following partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Wiltshire Police – to include a welcome to Inspector Matt Armstrong (attached) b. Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (attached) c. NHS Wiltshire (attached) d. Devizes Community Area Partnership – to include information on the traffic model event on 19 November e. CATG – to include feedback from public exhibition for Devizes Transport Strategy f. Parish Forum (attached). 	6.50 pm
<p>7 Anzac House</p> <p>Chris Trowell, Private Finance Initiative Project Manager, will give a short presentation about Private Finance Initiative Housing and the plans for Anzac House.</p>	7.10 pm

Devizes Community Area Partnership housing group will also offer their response to above and there will be an opportunity to share ideas on how development may best take shape.

8 Air Quality Management Area 7.40 pm

Mandy Bradley, Service Director for Public Protection, will provide further information about an Air Quality Management Area in Devizes and members will be asked to make a decision on the extent of the designated area.

9 Cabinet Representative - Councillor Keith Humphries 7.50 pm

Councillor Keith Humphries will provide a short overview of his role as Cabinet member for Public Health and Protection Services.

10 Youth Services in Devizes 8.00 pm

Richard Harris, Locality Team Leader, will speak about the new Youth Advisory Groups.

11 Area Board Funding (Pages 19 - 24) 8.10 pm

Councillors will be asked to consider three applications made to the Community Area Grants Scheme, as follows:

- a. Bishops Cannings Cricket Club – seeking £5,000 towards providing a new cricket pavilion
- b. Sheep Street Baptist Church ‘Lunch at One’ project – seeking £1,525 towards new folding chairs and storage trolleys for their luncheon club
- c. The Friends of Bishops Cannings School – seeking £200 through the small grants scheme to purchase high visibility vests for the walking bus.

12 Drew's Pond Wood (Pages 25 - 28) 8.20 pm

Councillor Mayes will bring a member initiative to ring fence up to £5,000 in order that additional land may be purchased for the Drew's Pond Wood project.

13 Evaluation and Close. 8.30 pm

Future Meeting Dates

Monday, 28 January 2013

6.30 pm

Venue to be confirmed

Monday, 20 May 2013

6.30 pm

Devizes Sports Club

Monday, 22 July 2013

6.30 pm

Bromham Social Centre

MINUTES

Meeting: DEVIZES AREA BOARD
Place: Lavington School, The Spring, Market Lavington SN10 4EB
Date: 24 September 2012
Start Time: 6.30 pm
Finish Time: 8.30 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Laura Mayes (Chairman), Cllr Jane Burton (Vice Chairman), Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Lionel Grundy OBE and Cllr Liz Bryant

Cllr Chris Humphries – Wiltshire Police Authority

Wiltshire Council Officers

Mandy Bradley (Service Director), Richard Rogers (Community Area Manager) and Alexa Smith (Democratic Services Officer)

Maggie Rae (Corporate Director of Public Health and Public Protection)

Town and Parish Councillors

Devizes Town – Peter Evans, Sue Evans, Margaret Taylor and Ray Taylor

Easterton – Chris Saunders

Erlestoke – Stan Jonik

Great Cheverell – Ann Lumb

Potterne – Pat Straw

Roundway – Chris Callow, John Parker, Rick Rowland and Albert Wooldridge

Rowde – Jackie Bawden and Rebekah Jeffries

West Lavington – Elizabeth Evans and Sandra Gamble

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Ron Peach

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Mike Franklin
NHS Wiltshire – Tony Barron (Chairman of NHS Wiltshire), Sarah MacLennan (Head of Communications) and Simon Truelove (Director of Finance for Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Groups)

Devizes Community Area Partnership – Peter Baxter, Kate Freeman, Simon Jacobs, Tony Sedgwick and Noel Woolrych

Total in attendance: 74

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Welcome and Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Councillor Mayes highlighted a special housing event and a 'Bike It' event coming up. The housing event would be held on 15 October 2012 at the Devizes Sports Club to inform and consult regarding the review of housing need and Wiltshire's housing allocations system. The 'Bike It' event would be run by Devizes Community Area Partnership and held on 6 October 2012. It would be a cycling event for all ages to promote cycling in and around Devizes.</p> <p>Councillor Mayes explained that information was also available in the agenda pack about a 'From Drought to Flood' event being held on 17 October 2012 from 10.00 am – 3.00 pm at Warminster Civic Hall, street lighting savings, the state of the environment report, Wiltshire and Swindon Local Nature Partnership, barrier busting proposals, minerals sites in Wiltshire and Swindon, Victim Support, Police and Crime Commissioners and informal adult education.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies had been received from Councillor Carter, Ted East (Devizes Town Council), Councillor Ody, Douglas Roseaman (Devizes Community Area Partnership) and Councillor Winchcombe (Devizes Town Council and Chair of Parish Council Forum).</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record.</p>
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Councillor Burton declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8a, a grant application for Devizes Community Area Partnership for a cycling event, because she had voted to give funding to the project before. She did not vote on the application.</p>
5	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>a. The written update from Wiltshire Police was noted. Councillor Humphries provided information about the new Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs). PCCs would be elected for every force area in England and Wales outside London. Elections would take place on 15 November, with PCCs taking office on 22 November. The new PCC would replace Wiltshire Police Authority (WPA). PCCs were being introduced by central Government to increase the accountability of the police.</p>

	<p>The Chief Constable would remain responsible for operational matters. A Police and Crime Panel would be set up by local authorities to support the PCC. Please see the Wiltshire Police Authority PCC section of the website for further information: www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/pcc.</p> <p>b. The written update from Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service was noted.</p> <p>c. The written update from NHS Wiltshire was noted. Councillor Mayes explained that further information would be provided in agenda item 6.</p> <p>d. A verbal update was provided about Devizes Community Area Partnership. The 'Bike It' event would be part of a larger 'Leave Your Car at Home' campaign. On 29 September from 10.00 am - 2.00 pm there would be an event in the Corn Exchange to showcase the range of possibilities for reducing your use of fossil fuels and your carbon footprint. The Partnership was also about to launch a new children's and young people thematic group. Please get in touch if you would be interested in becoming a lead member.</p> <p>e. An update on the Community Area Transport Group would be included in agenda item 7, the Devizes Transport Strategy.</p> <p>f. The written update from the Parish Forum was noted.</p> <p>g. The written update from Wiltshire Involvement Network was noted. An event for carers and services that help people to live at home was being held on 19 October at 10.30 am - 2.30 pm in City Hall, Salisbury.</p> <p>Councillor Bryant added an update about the Marsh community farm and training centre. She was meeting to discuss options for short term tenancy, seeking Government funding and a community asset transfer in the longer term.</p>
6	<p><u>NHS Wiltshire Update</u></p> <p>Simon Truelove, Director of Finance for Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Groups, explained the reforms taking place to NHS Wiltshire. This included the following main points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our vision – providing care closer to home, managing and improving health, community-based provision led by GPs and new ways of working and sharing best practice. • Six key priorities – planned care, unplanned (i.e. emergency) care, mental health, services for people with long term conditions, end of life care, community services and integrated care. • A diagram to show how the patient would be put first, supported by primary care, community teams, expert providers and tertiary care for specialist services. • Challenges faced by NHS Wiltshire – an ageing population and disease associated with older people (for instance dementia), long stays in hospital,

delayed transfers of care, use of community beds, mental health and limited resources.

- Developing the plan for Devizes – information was gathered from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, Clinical Commissioning Groups, meetings with GPs, stakeholder events and more.
- Finance – investment to bring services where appropriate from acute providers into the community.

This was followed by an extensive question and answer session, assisted by Maggie Rae, Corporate Director of Public Health and Public Protection, Sarah MacLennan, Head of Communications, NHS Wiltshire, Dr Dick Sandford Hill and Dr Helen Osborn.

Question: What would the drive to reduce hospital stays and the move from acute providers mean on a practical level?

Answer: Step up and step down beds would be used (these were a way of enabling people to leave hospital by moving to and being specially cared for in a residential care home bed). A move from acute providers into the community was best in terms of end of life care. This would involve working with social services and organisations such as Dorothy House to help people access services at the right time.

Question: How much money would it cost to set up the Clinical Commissioning Groups? How different were these in structure to the Primary Care Trusts?

Answer: In its primary year 2011/12, resource directed to GPs was just under £1 million and this was an ongoing commitment for 2012/13. For 2013/14 the funding envelope would be approximately £10 million. In terms of structure, Wiltshire's Clinical Commissioning Group had established a Governing Board, which had 14 voting members. These were a Chairman, three GPs who would act as 'locality representatives', three additional GPs, a registered nurse and a secondary care doctor, one Chief Accountable Officer, one Chief Finance Officer, one practice manager and two lay members. The CCG was considering its staffing structure while developing those commissioning functions it intended to keep in house.

Question: What were the plans for Devizes hospital?

Answer: The plans were to maintain and in some cases improve local services. The rebirth of the hospital was not a potential option. However there would be the provision of services in the community, with day care surgery, ultrasound and a pilot for x ray services.

Question: Devizes had been promised a Primary Care Centre ten years ago, would this no longer happen?

Answer: There were plans to revisit Primary Care Centre proposals, however this was at a very early stage and would take time to develop.

Question: What would happen to Devizes hospital as an asset?

Answer: The NHS estate would be divided up, with some assets going to a new

	<p>organisation and the majority transferred to the new providers from 1 April, i.e. to Great Western Hospital, for them to manage on behalf of the community.</p> <p><i>Question: Could we have the assurance we would not lose the current services in Devizes without a form of replacement?</i></p> <p>Answer: With regards to x ray services, we have met with radiology providers and could guarantee x ray provision would continue in Devizes. This may be transferred to a treatment centre, but if anything, current services would be improved with the development of ultrasound services.</p> <p><i>Question: Would funds from Devizes hospital be spent in the community area? If not, this could be seen as asset stripping?</i></p> <p>Answer: Assets were not being stripped as the hospital would remain within the NHS estate. There was now the need to engage with Great Western Hospital and GPs to look into plans for the site and how best to make it useful.</p> <p><i>Question: At present, ultrasound was only available for one day a week and there were long delays for patients of approximately six weeks. A minor injuries facility was also needed in the town.</i></p> <p>Answer: the provision of ultrasound was a new development and in a sense the service had been a victim of its own success. Feedback was always welcome and there were plans to increase capacity. Over the years, the types of minor injury patients were changing and most minor injury patients could now be seen at a GP surgery.</p> <p><i>Question: The presentation mentioned £18 million savings that would be made. Where were these savings coming from?</i></p> <p>Answer: Improved procurement of services would be a focus. The three providers would all look to reduce the length of stays in hospital as patients had been staying for longer than was required. Concern was raised by a member of the public who lived alone and had been sent home the day after an operation. The Chairman of the area board assured the individual that she understood her concerns and that after care would remain a priority for the NHS.</p> <p><i>Question: How would young people be taken into account and how would the boundaries of the new provision work?</i></p> <p>Answer: The transition was taking a bottom up approach and was working with young people already. The GP answering the question commented she would be delighted to work with any interested young people and would share contact details with the Youth Services Co-ordinator concerned. While there was a disconnect between the three areas of acute providers and the structure of social services, the providers would work closely together and share priorities and best practice.</p>
7	<p><u>Devizes Transport Strategy</u></p> <p>Councillor Gamble presented the Devizes Transport Strategy to the room.</p>

During the presentation a demonstration of the Devizes Traffic Model was run to illustrate the congestion that would occur if the proposals were not adopted, and to illustrate the effect of the Strategy if adopted.

Councillor Gamble said the Transport Strategy had been prepared to provide evidence for the soundness of the Wiltshire Core Strategy at the forthcoming public examination by an Inspector.

The Wiltshire Core Strategy lays down the planning policy for the county for the period up to 2026, with sections on each community area, including Devizes. Proposals for Devizes include the provision of 9.9 hectares of employment land and at least 2,150 more houses than there were in 2006. In fact, most of those have already been built or have received planning permission.

Councillor Gamble said that, in preparing the Transport Strategy, the consultants had also looked at existing transport issues in the town including congestion, air pollution, public transport needs and other matters.

The Transport Strategy includes measures to improve:

- Walking routes
- Cycle routes and facilities (Councillor Gamble reported Councillor Carter's concerns for Quakers Walk)
- Public transport, including a feasibility study for a railway station at Lydeway
- Travel planning for schools, employment and new developments
- Road junctions where current configurations contribute to congestion
- Routes to and from the central car park
- Signage
- On street parking.

Together, the measures described would have beneficial outcomes. Healthy lifestyles would be encouraged, air pollution would be reduced and congestion would be minimised.

The proposals would need nearly £3 million capital, plus £280,000 revenue spending in the first year or so. Revenue costs would drop in later years. There is already about £1.35 million available from developments already completed.

Councillor Gamble reported that Councillor Ody had spoken of his wish for a bypass or relief road. This was not included in the Devizes Transport Strategy because most of the traffic causing congestion was not passing through. In addition, a relief road would cost more than £16 million. The area board confirmed that it would support the principle of safeguarding from development possible routes for a relief road in the forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan.

In summary, Councillor Gamble said the Devizes Transport Strategy was a statement of policies but much detailed design work remained to be done and would be continued through the Community Area Transport Group and other appropriate bodies.

	<p><u>Resolution</u> The Devizes Area Board welcomed and approved adoption of the Devizes Transport Strategy as a supporting document to the Wiltshire Core Strategy and would work with all relevant parties to prepare detailed plans to implement its policies over the years ahead.</p>
8	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Councillors agreed as a member initiative brought forward by Councillor Mayes to ring fence £5,000 per year to support Devizes outdoor celebratory arts.</p> <p>Councillors were then asked to consider two applications made to the Community Area Grants Scheme.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Devizes Community Area Partnership were awarded £1,250 to hold a one day event on 6 October to promote cycling in Devizes.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the 2012/13 grant criteria and would improve leisure and recreational activities as well as helping with health and traffic issues.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts were awarded £2,100 towards lantern making for the Christmas festival.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the 2012/13 grant criteria and would increase cultural activities.</i></p>
9	<p><u>Evaluation and Close.</u></p> <p>Councillor Mayes explained there were only two more meetings before May 2013, if you are a community group, please get in touch if you would like a grant. The new customer access point in Snuff Street, Devizes was now open for a full range of services and would be officially opened in a few weeks time. The next Devizes Area Board meeting would take place on Monday 26 November at 6.30 pm, with refreshments available from 6.00 pm, at Devizes Sports Club.</p>

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Devizes Community Area Board 26th November 2012



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Ian Thomas

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Adam Hall
PCSO – Paula Yarranton
PCSO – Lucy Sainsbury
PCSO – Scott Young
PCSO – Kelly Watts

Rural North Team

Beat Manager – PC Emma Reed
PCSO – Gareth Cole
PCSO – Fiona Marno

Rural South Team

Beat Manager – PC Pete Lawson
PCSO – Nina Marsh
PCSO – Oliver Nash

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: Mr Angus Macpherson

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

4. Performance and Other Local Issues

To begin with we welcome two new officers to the Devizes Neighbourhood Policing Team. Inspector Peach has moved on to take a post in the Emergency Contact Centre at Police Headquarters. He is replaced by Inspector Matt Armstrong. Inspector Armstrong has previously worked in Community Affairs and managed the Rural Crime Team. Prior to joining the Devizes NPT he undertook response Inspector duties from Trowbridge and Salisbury. PC Pete Lawson has joined the Devizes South Rural team, taking over from PC Emma Reed who covered the area for a short while whilst also supervising the North Rural area.

Both Inspector Armstrong and PC Lawson have been out interacting with the community and establishing themselves.

I am pleased to report good work recently undertaken by our team. You may have seen in the local media reports of a significant seizure of cannabis in All Cannings. We had received community intelligence that a local resident was cultivating cannabis in their garden. The area Beat Manager, PC Emma Reed, attended the address with other officers and discovered a significant quantity of mature and young cannabis plants. Needless to say the occupant was arrested and a 73yr old local male has been charged with cultivation of cannabis. This is an example of excellent work following valuable information from the local community. We have taken a large quantity of illegal drugs out of our community.

In a similar vein our PCSOs have been active in dealing with young people who have been caught smoking cannabis during the evenings in Market Lavington and Devizes. Thanks to the sharp eyes of our PCSOs these youths have been issued with street warnings and reprimands.

PC Adam Hall and PC Pete Lawson were on patrol in Devizes when they were flagged down by staff from a local shop. They reported that 2 shoplifters had just left their store. The offenders were spotted and after a short chase were detained and arrested. The offenders admitted to 5 counts of shoplifting and have been charged with the offences. I would estimate the total value of the goods stolen to be in excess of £1000.

Having described some of the good work undertaken by our local NPT it saddens me when I see reports of other crimes being committed that we have been unable to detect. One such crime type is non-dwelling burglaries to sheds and out-houses. We continue to suffer these types of offences and often there are few, if any, lines of enquiry. I would urge all of us to ensure that our property is secured as best as we are able and marked in a way identifiable to the owner (house number and postcode). Report any suspicious activity either on 101 or through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111. Thanks to one such report 3 males have been arrested following a burglary to a shed in Patney, just outside of the Devizes area. An alert occupant reported suspicious noises and discovered 3 bicycles stolen from their shed. A quick response by Police stopped a car nearby containing three males with the stolen property in the back. A good demonstration of the value of being alert to such behaviour and the importance of community groups such as Neighbourhood Watch or Street Watch.

Statutory and voluntary organisations are working towards setting up a 'Safe Places' scheme in Devizes. A Safe Place is a place where people can go if anything goes wrong when they are out and about. Safe Places are often public buildings or shops open to the public. These premises are identifiable by displaying a 'Safe Place' notice in a prominent place. Staff at these locations will help people to make a telephone call, take time to listen to you and provide you with a place to stay pending appropriate help arriving. Safe Places are run by people who care about those in their community and want to help people. Both training and a resource pack will be provided to organisations who become members of the scheme. The scheme operates in Swindon and Salisbury. Salisbury was the first 'pilot' and Devizes is intended as the second. Further details will be available as the project develops.

CRIME & DETECTIONS (November 2011 – October 2012 compared to previous year)

EZ Devizes	Crime				Detections	
	November 2010 - October 2011	November 2011 - October 2012	Volume Change	% Change	November 2010 - October 2011	November 2011 - October 2012
Victim Based Crime	1409	1225	-184	-13%	22%	23%
Domestic Burglary	68	45	-23	-34%	13%	24%
Non Domestic Burglary	155	132	-23	-15%	3%	7%
Vehicle Crime	151	97	-54	-36%	5%	9%
Criminal Damage & Arson	328	285	-43	-13%	16%	19%
Violence Against The Person	258	244	-14	-5%	52%	39%
ASB Incidents (Year to Date)	910	838	-72	-8%		
<p>Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed in line with peers and better than average for Violence Against the Person and Domestic Burglary in the previous 12 month period (October 2011 -September 2012).</p>						
<p>* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution</p>						

Inspector Matt Armstrong
8th November 2012

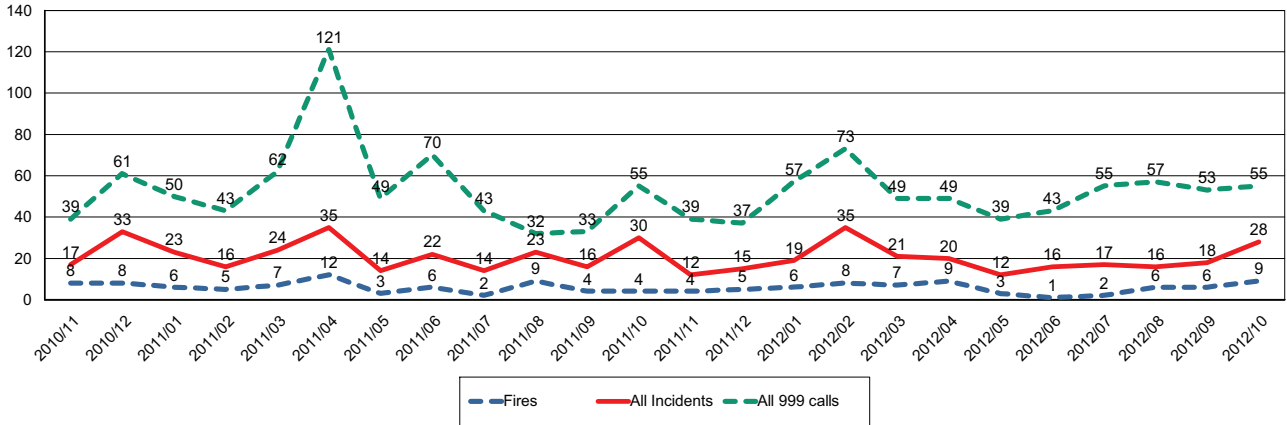
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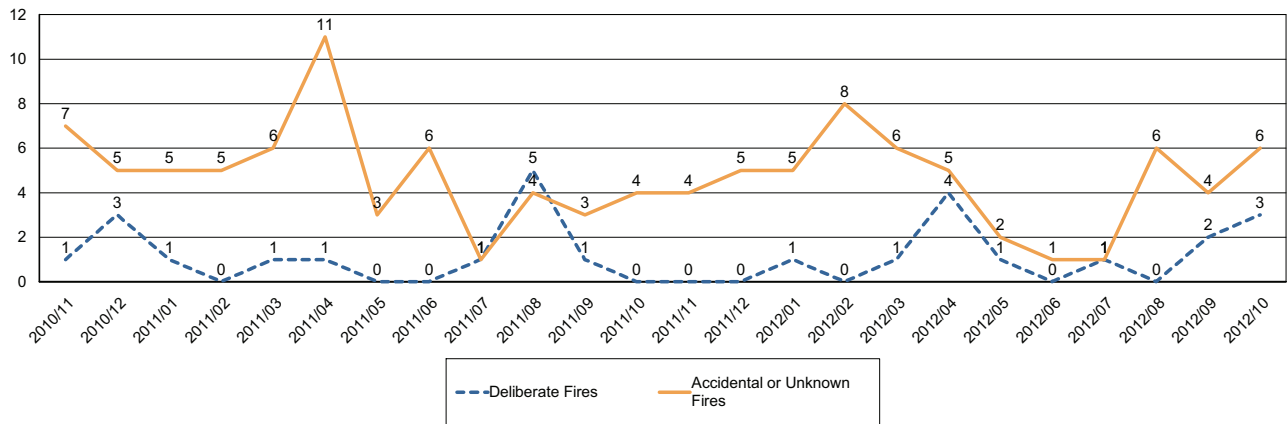
Report for Devizes Area Board

The following is an update of Fire and Rescue Service activity up to and including October. It has been prepared using the latest information and is subject to change.

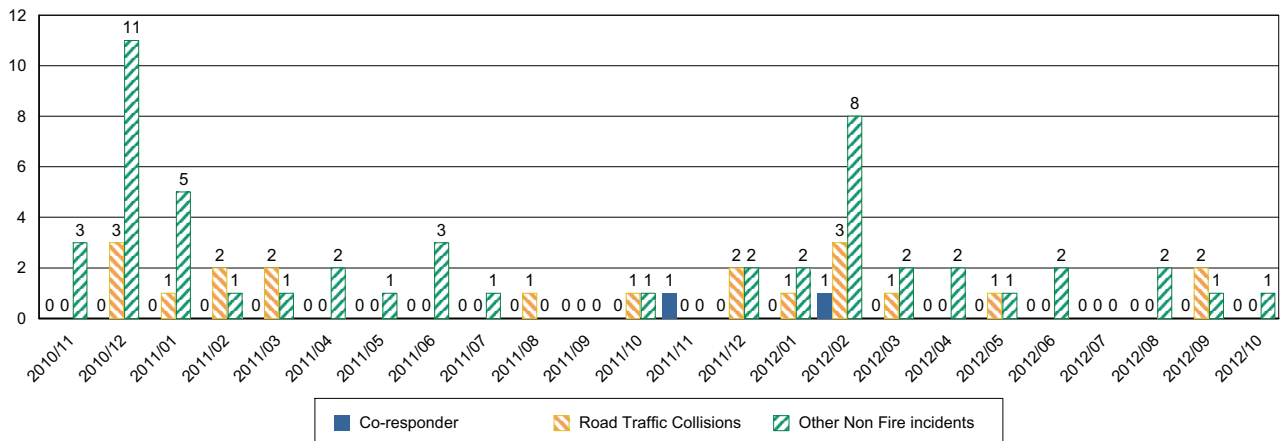
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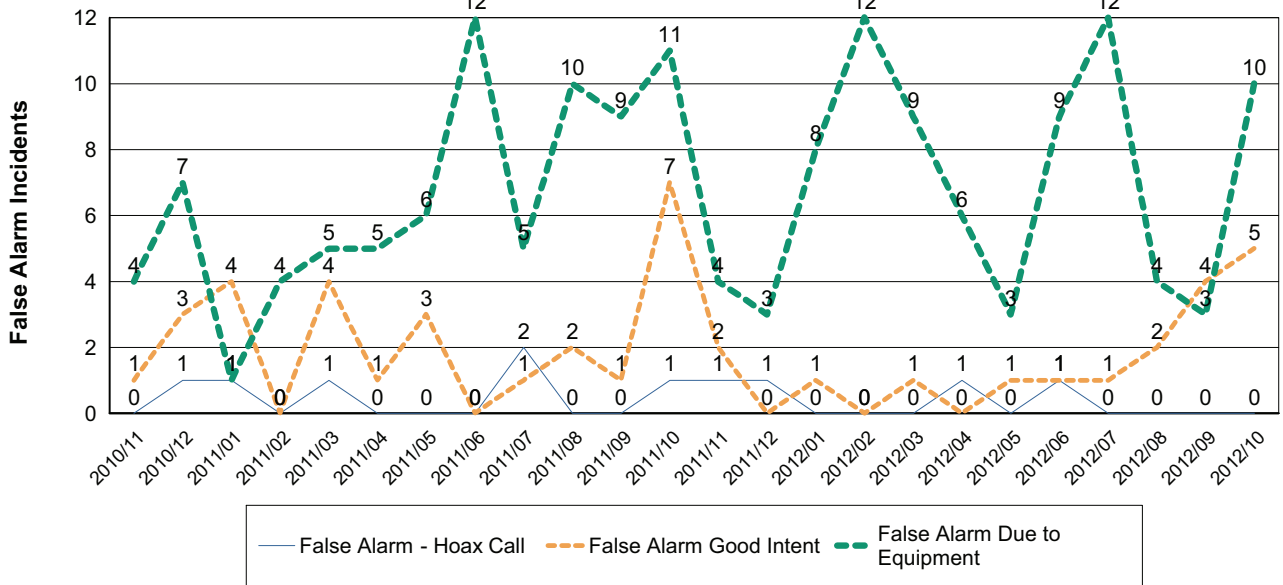
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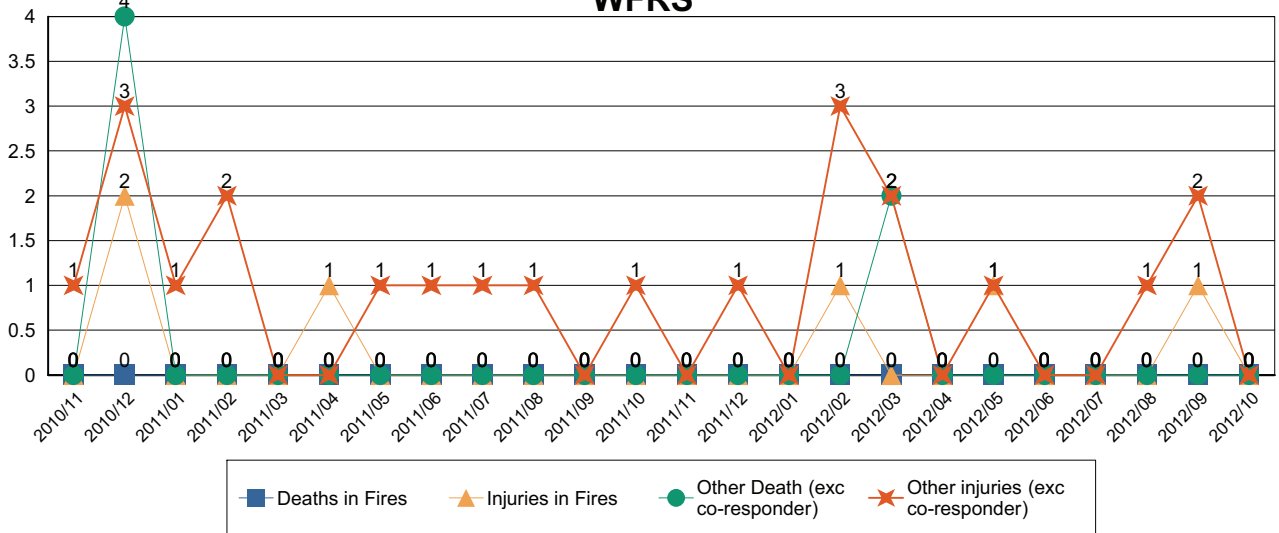
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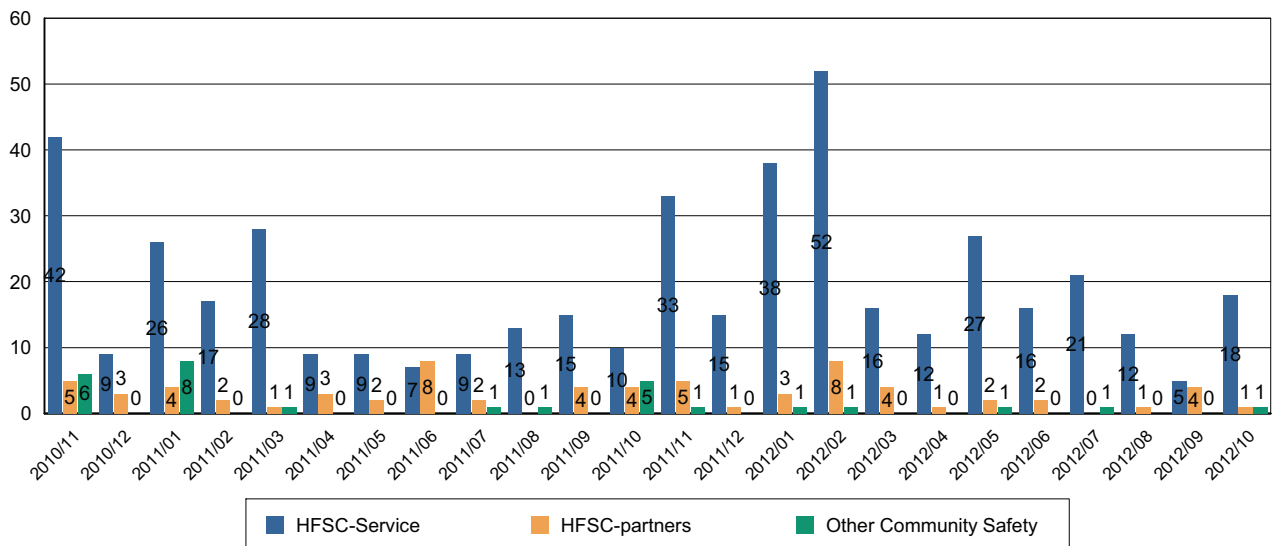
Number of False Alarm Incidents



Death & Injuries in incidents attended by WFRS



Home Fire Safety Checks and other domestic safety



Comments and Interventions overleaf

October 2012 update

Pregnant women offered whooping cough jab

Pregnant women across Wiltshire are being offered the whooping cough vaccination, following a national increase in the number of cases.

The vaccination will boost short term immunity passed on by women to their babies while they're still in the womb. Newborns will still need to be vaccinated between two and four months of age, so that they continue to be protected.

GPs will be giving the vaccination to women who are at least 28 weeks pregnant, in order to optimise its effectiveness.

Whooping cough – or pertussis is a highly contagious bacterial infection of the lungs and airways. The condition usually begins with a persistent dry and irritating cough which progresses to intense bouts of coughing. These are followed by a distinctive 'whooping' noise.

The Department of Health is encouraging all women who are 28 weeks pregnant or more to have the vaccination because immunity from the vaccine will pass to your baby through the placenta, helping to protect them in their first few weeks of life

If you're approaching 28 weeks pregnant or more, please contact your GP practice to find out more about the vaccine and book an appointment to receive it.

For more information on the whooping cough vaccine in pregnancy, visit the NHS Choices website: <http://www.nhs.uk/Planners/vaccinations/Pages/Adultshub.aspx>

Keep warm and well

Now that the clocks have changed and we have already seen temperatures plummet, NHS Wiltshire is urging people to keep warm and well this winter:

"The cold can have serious consequences, increasing the risk of strokes and heart attacks as well as colds and flu," says Medical Director Peter Jenkins; "Wrapping up warm, keeping the heating turned up and keeping a well-stocked medical cabinet incase you do catch a cold or flu are all sensible steps to take."

"It's particularly important to stay indoors during very cold weather if you have a respiratory illness – and all elderly people should avoid going out on icy pavements. This means staying at home until later in the morning when the ice has melted. Even if you have a doctor's appointment first thing, try and reschedule it for later – your surgery will usually be happy to help with this. It's better to wait than risk falling on the ice."

NHS Wiltshire has produced five top tips on staying warm and well this winter.

1. **Keep your home warm** – set your central heating to between 65 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit (18-21 degrees centigrade). Heat the room you sit in during

- the day to 70 degrees, and your bedroom to 65 degrees. When it's very cold (as it is at present), set the heating to come on earlier so that you're not waiting for your home to warm up.
2. **Have your flu jab.** Everyone over 65, or with a wide variety of health conditions, is entitled to one free of charge. Immunity takes effect almost immediately, so even though a flu outbreak is currently well underway, you can still protect yourself by getting the jab – just call your GP to make an appointment.
 3. **If you do fall ill with flu, it's best to stay at home.** Flu is caused by a virus, and cannot be treated with antibiotics – so a visit to your GP is not necessarily the best course of action.
 4. **Vomiting and diarrhoea bugs** caused by norovirus are common and very infectious. This can be a very unpleasant condition, but the best advice is to stay at home and drink plenty of fluids until the symptoms pass. Norovirus is highly infectious, with an incubation period of between one and three days. For that reason, you should wait 48 hours after symptoms have stopped before going back to work or school.
 5. **Keep a well-stocked medicine cabinet**, with supplies of ibuprofen, paracetamol and your favourite cold remedy at hand.

Where to go when you're ill

The following points should be helpful when deciding who to contact.

- Pharmacies offer over-the-counter medicines and advice. As well as being open during regular retail hours, they operate an out-of-hours service on a rota basis;
- Call NHS Direct for advice on 0845 46 47 or go to www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk. They can give a wide range of advice and information about many conditions;
- Use the minor injuries units at Chippenham and Trowbridge for cuts, burns and other injuries – but not for colds, flu or vomiting;
- Make an appointment with your own GP - an out-of-hours service is also available;
- If it is a genuine emergency, go to your local A&E department or call 999 for an ambulance.

The next PCT Cluster Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 November at 10am in the Conference Room, Southgate House, Pans Lane, Devizes.

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, email: stacey.saunders@wiltshire.nhs.uk

DCAP Parish Councils' Forum report to Area Board, 26 November 2012

The Parish Councils' Forum has been hosted by DCAP for a number of years and, after a review of its achievements, it has been proposed that the Partnership withdraws from supporting this service in the strong hope and wish that the councils will themselves continue to network and communicate across their sector.

I was privileged to be invited to lead the original pilot Forum in 2009 following the creation of a Unitary Authority, providing a link between the parishes and the new Area Board, and which emphasised parishes as a tier of local government. Since then more direct working relationships have been established across the Area, helped by personal visits of the Area Board Chair and Manager, parish representation at the Board, and improved understanding of local issues.

DCAP itself has gone through a period of change and reorganisation, launching a new website that will have interactive surveys, and networking through themed interest groups. All of this remains accessible to everyone in the Area, and that includes representatives of the parishes.

Therefore, the time has now come to consider the role that DCAP can play in supporting the Parish Councils' Forum, especially as for a voluntary sector body it becomes less practicable to represent the views of a group of public sector councils consisting of elected councillors.

I would very much welcome the Board's and Parish Council views on the Partnership's proposal to withdraw from hosting the Forum. At the same time I would encourage the parishes themselves to consider the many opportunities to engage with others across the wide range of our subject-specific activities as explained on our website at www.dcap.org.uk. Parishes may particularly wish to consider continuing your own networking arrangements with like-minded councils, maintaining a dialogue on matters of common interest to you.

Cllr Paula Winchcombe

Chair, DCAP Parish Councils' Forum

Report to	Devizes Area Board
Date of Meeting	26th November 2012
Title of Report	Area Board Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider three applications seeking 2012/13 Community Area Grant Funding

1. **Bishops Cannings Cricket Club** – Funding to replace their old cricket pavilion. They are seeking £5,000

Recommended for consideration for approval

2. **Sheep Street Baptist Church 'Lunch at One' club** – Funding towards new chairs and trucks. They are seeking £1,525

Recommended for consideration for approval

3. **Friends of Bishops Cannings School** – This is a small grants application for high visibility vests for a walking bus. They are seeking £200

Recommended for consideration for approval

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 Adult Care, Communities and Housing (4 April 2012). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2012/2013.
- 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 and the nurturing of resilient communities. With this in mind Community Area Grants (CAGs) should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups. Likewise, Small Grants (new this year) should be awarded to similar groups, as well as un-constituted groups of people wanting to improve things near to where they live.
- 1.4. Devizes Area Board has been allocated a 2012/2013 budget of £58,192 for community grants, small grants, community partnership core funding and area board/councillor led initiatives.
- 1.5. Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £1,000 - £5000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
- 1.6. Small Grants, new for this year will fund up to £350, where the total cost of the project does not exceed £350. This grant is aimed at enabling groups (including those not formally constituted) to implement projects, involving local people to make their community a better place to live.
- 1.7. Area boards will not consider Community Area Grant (CAG) 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.
- 1.8. In addition to CAGs and Small Grants, councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle sticky community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet have emphasised that they do not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls. The application process and form has been updated to bring it in line with the other grants.
- 1.9. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their funding reports (except in

the case of Area Board/Councillor led initiatives), although the decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.

- 1.10. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst funding remains.
- 1.11. Applicants are encouraged to contact and seek funding help from Charities Information Bureau (CIB) who work on behalf of Wiltshire Council. CIB 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.
- 1.12. Paper copies of funding applications no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce paper. They are however available on the Wiltshire Council web site with the area board agenda papers and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.13. The 2012/2013 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) and paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.
- 1.14. A decision was been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.15. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete and return an evaluation form as soon as the project or activity has been completed and this should be accompanied by receipts and invoices, as well as photographs if possible. Failure to return the evaluation requested will preclude them from being considered for any future funding from the area board. This applies to all grants made by the area board.
- 1.16. Devizes Area Board has a separate Community Area Transport Group (CATG) budget of £15,751 for 2012/13. £5,779 has also been carried forward from 2011/12. There is also an additional budget for youth activities of £5,819

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Board Grant Guidance 2012/13 as presented for delegated decision • Devizes Community Area Plan
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2012/13 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 5 rounds of funding during 2012/2013. Applications and supporting documents should be with the Community Area Manager at least 4 weeks before the meeting date. There is only one more round of funding as there is no meeting in March 2013 due to the elections. This will take place at the following area board meeting:
 - January 28th 2012

3. Environmental & Community Implications

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

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Devizes Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Devizes Area Board will have a balance of £22,069. However a request by DCAP for £5,819 will be made at the January area board meeting. If granted, the balance will be £16,250

5. Legal Implications

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

6. HR Implications

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

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 7.1. Community Area Grants and Small Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, town and parish council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.
- 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	1. Bishops Cannings Cricket Club	Replace cricket pavilion	£5k towards a project costing £61k

8.1.1. This application is recommended for consideration for approval

8.1.2. The grants criteria for 2012/13 is met by this grant. 2 years ago, Bishops Cannings Cricket Club were awarded a grant of £3,415 towards sight screens and re-surfacing work. However, as this was in a previous financial year, it does not prevent another application being made.

8.1.3. Bishops Cannings Cricket Club is very well used and supported by about 200 people including a large youth academy. The current pavilion is in a very poor condition. It is made up of a wooden shed and mobile home and is over 50 years old.

8.1.4. The application contributes to the community plan as it contributes towards improving leisure and recreational activities as well as helping with health and traffic issues

8.1.5. Match funding has been obtained from various sources including Landfill tax. The Parish Council has also shown its support providing £20k

8.1.6. If the award is not made then unless funding is found from an alternative source, the current pavilion will not be replaced.

9. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
9.1	Sheep Street Baptist Church – ‘Lunch at One’	To purchase new chairs and trucks	£1,525 towards a project £3,050

9.1.1. This application is recommended for consideration for approval. Whilst it is affiliated to the Church, it is the officer’s opinion having talked to the applicant that this is a service to the community and that the award of a grant does not help propagate or support a religion.

9.1.2. The project aims to provide a nourishing meal for older people in the community at a reasonable price. It promotes a luncheon club atmosphere, where people can arrive before the meal to chat. It aims to reduce the isolation that many people

experience and to support them where there is a need

- 9.1.3. The current chairs are in a bad state, unhygienic and in some cases dangerous.
- 9.1.4. The club has very few funds of its own. Match funding is being provided by a benefactor.
- 9.1.5. The application addresses the community plan as it provides support for those who are more vulnerable in our society and helps create stronger communities
- 9.1.6. If the award is not agreed, then the club will have to continue to use chairs that are unsuitable for this activity.

10. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
9.1	Friends of Bishops Cannings School	To purchase 80 high visibility vests	£200 through the small grants

- 10.1.1. This application is recommended for consideration for approval. There is support for school travel plans but this is for larger capital investment. The area board grant system is set up to support small revenue projects such as this which promotes volunteering
- 10.1.2. The project wishes to purchase an additional 80 high visibility vests so that a walking bus which has proved very popular with parents and children can continue.
- 10.1.3. The initiative helps to address both the concern of high levels of childhood obesity in the area and issues of road safety and congestion.
- 10.1.4. If the award is not agreed, then unless funding can be found elsewhere, the walking bus could not continue.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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Devizes Area Board Project

1. What is the project?

Ring Fence £5k to help in the purchase of additional land to extend the offering at Drew's Pond Wood

The Drew's Pond Wood Project was set up by Lorna Llewellyn and Stuart Hislop in 1990. Its aim was and is to conserve Drew's Pond Woods to enhance the woodland habitat, and to improve the recreational value of the site. Following the development of the old County hospital site, which included the Woods, for residential housing in 1996 the Drew's Pond Wood Project and local Community campaigned to protect the site for the future. The group's mission is to manage the site to enhance biodiversity and promote sustainable community use

The approximate area of the current site is 6.04 hectares. It has been awarded Local Nature Reserve status and has become a County Wildlife Site. Ownership was transferred to Kennet District Council in perpetuity for the benefit of local people in the mid 1990s. Since the Local Government reorganisation in 2009 Wiltshire Council now owns the land of the local nature reserve

The current site is buffered on all sides but is at risk from development on the North East where the land is owned by a private land owner. Since the project began, it has been the aim of the group to incorporate this additional land which consists of a large open green space (old cricket ground) and a small orchard of approximately 50 trees. The orchard has not been cared for in recent years and it is the intention to rescue the trees, manage the site for wildlife and revive it as a community enterprise.

The current land owner is looking to sell the land and is willing to sell it to the Drew's Pond Wood Project if they are able to acquire the required funding. The desire to purchase the land and use it for the benefit of all is supported by the local community as well as by Devizes Area Board, Roundway Parish Council, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and Devizes Town

The immediate aim is to secure the land for the community before it is lost. It is the aim of Wiltshire Council to wherever possible transfer these types of assets to the community to run. However, the group is not set up as a charity and the advice is that the best option is for Roundway Parish Council (within which lies the land) to take over the ownership of the new land as it lies within their parish boundaries and they are already involved in supporting the project. However once the land is secured, all relevant partners will discuss where the asset of the existing wood and the new land should be held and what the best arrangements will be for the long term sustainability of the project.

2. When will the project take place?

There is currently a window of opportunity to purchase the land. It is hoped that this can be completed as soon as possible

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

The Local Nature Reserve is already greatly valued and well used. Present users would benefit from the addition of the adjacent land for public use. The current network of paths could be extended. The topography of the site has great potential to improve use for those with disabilities –presently constrained by the steep nature of the LNR. Discussion with many regular walkers at the LNR has shown that the desire for recreational use of the new areas exists, and is a popular idea. A number of community groups are facilitated at Drew's Pond Wood e.g. Self unlimited Rowde (learning difficulties), Wiltshire Young Carers, The Well-being Group, Braeside Education Centre –the experience of these and others would be enhanced

Initial discussion with other potential user groups shows support for the proposal, and suggests that the local community would use the site in a variety of ways e.g. Wansdyke School are enthusiastic to get children involved in a Community Orchard; Drew's Pond Wood Project Volunteers are keen to undertake conservation management of the Orchard Trees and habitat, and to create new paths and seating; Drew's Park Village Association have agreed at their AGM to support this application, and expressed an interest in raising money, and in the future helping to organise community events and cricket matches. Community Orchards are a valuable asset that bring many benefits in terms of health, local food production, wildlife education, recreation. Many excellent examples exist, and we would hope to create a similar scheme.

Traditional orchards have been identified as 'priority habitat' by Natural England in the U.K Biodiversity Action Plan. The orchard in question was part of the County Asylum and first appears on 1939 edition of O.S map

4. Who will manage/be responsible for this project?

Management of the site will be taken on by the Drew's Pond Wood Community Group with support from Roundway Parish Council, Wiltshire Council and other partners.

Discussions have begun to take place with key partners including Wiltshire Wildlife Trust regarding the best way that the project can be taken forward and sustained in the future. This includes questions such as:

- Who is best placed to own all the land (Existing site included)?
- Do the current governance arrangements need to be changed?
- Do we need a business plan that includes financial arrangements to support the vision?
- Who needs to be involved – Aster? WWT? Etc.

5. Costs/quotes/ match funding?

The land on offer is currently being valued. An offer of £20k has been made by another developer and we are therefore working on matching this offer. The current owner has indicated that this would be acceptable.

An application is currently under way with Landfill grants for £10.5k

The local community will also make a contribution of about £500

Roundway Parish Council and WWT have also indicated that they would be willing to consider providing some funding

The Devizes area board is therefore being asked to ring fence up to £5k to help purchase this land.

6. Additional information

It is recommended that £5k be ring fenced for this project but with the conditions that:

- 1) All other funding is obtained
- 2) The land is bought and kept in perpetuity for the benefit of the whole community

