

AGENDA

Meeting: MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD
Place: The Court Room, Marlborough Town Hall, High Street, Marlborough, SN8 1AA
Date: Tuesday 1 November 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.

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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

Items to be considered

1. Chairman's Welcome and Introductions

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Minutes (Pages 3 - 16)

- a. To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2011.
- b. Update on actions and outcomes arising.

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

The Chairman will make any necessary announcements.

6. Partner Updates (Pages 17 - 22)

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. Town / Parish Councils
- f. MADT (Marlborough Area Development Trust)

7. Services to Older People

7.1. Visiting Cabinet Representative - Councillor John Thomson

Councillor John Thomson, Cabinet Representative for Adult Care, Communities and Housing, will give a brief overview of that area of responsibility and respond to any questions.

(Note: Written questions may be submitted in advance – please email to alexa.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk by 5pm on Friday 28 October 2011).

7.2. Older People's Accommodation Strategy (Pages 23 - 24)

To receive a presentation on the Older People's Accommodation Strategy, which sets out how the Council is seeking to modernise

existing accommodation for older people to respond to anticipated future need, and to ensure the best in quality and choice for older people. The strategy relates to Wiltshire as a whole, however the presentation will focus on implications for residents of the Marlborough Community Area.

7.3. Help to Live at Home *(Pages 25 - 30)*

To receive a presentation on the Council's programme to improve services to older and vulnerable people in Wiltshire.

7.4. Questions and Comments

The Chairman will invite questions and comments from the floor.

8. Health Fair

To receive feedback on the Health Fair which took place on 11 May 2011.

9. Community Area Grant Scheme *(Pages 31 - 36)*

The Wiltshire Councillors will consider four applications to the Community Area Grants Scheme, as follows:

- Kennet Valley Hall - £954
- Ramsbury Parochial Church Council - £5,000
- Baydon Cricket Club - £2,742
- Super Strings Wiltshire Folk Project - £4,060.

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

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

10. Area Board Project - fund for Parish events to celebrate the Jubilee *(Pages 37 - 40)*

To consider an Area Board project, to earmark £8,000 for a fund for Town/Parish Councils to apply (up to a maximum of £500 per Town/Parish Council) to run community events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and/or the London 2012 Olympics.

11. Community Transport Group (CATG) funding - dropped kerbs *(Pages 41 - 42)*

To consider a recommendation from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) regarding the spend of £2,000 funding towards dropped kerbs in

Marlborough town centre.

12. Any Other Questions

The Chairman will invite any remaining questions from the floor.

13. Evaluation and Close

To note the attached forward plan.

The next meeting of the Marlborough Area Board will be held on Tuesday, 7 February 2012 7.00pm at Kennet Valley Village Hall, Lockeridge, Marlborough, Wilts SN8 4EL.

Future Meeting Dates

Tuesday, 7 February 2012

7.00 pm

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

Tuesday, 27 March 2012

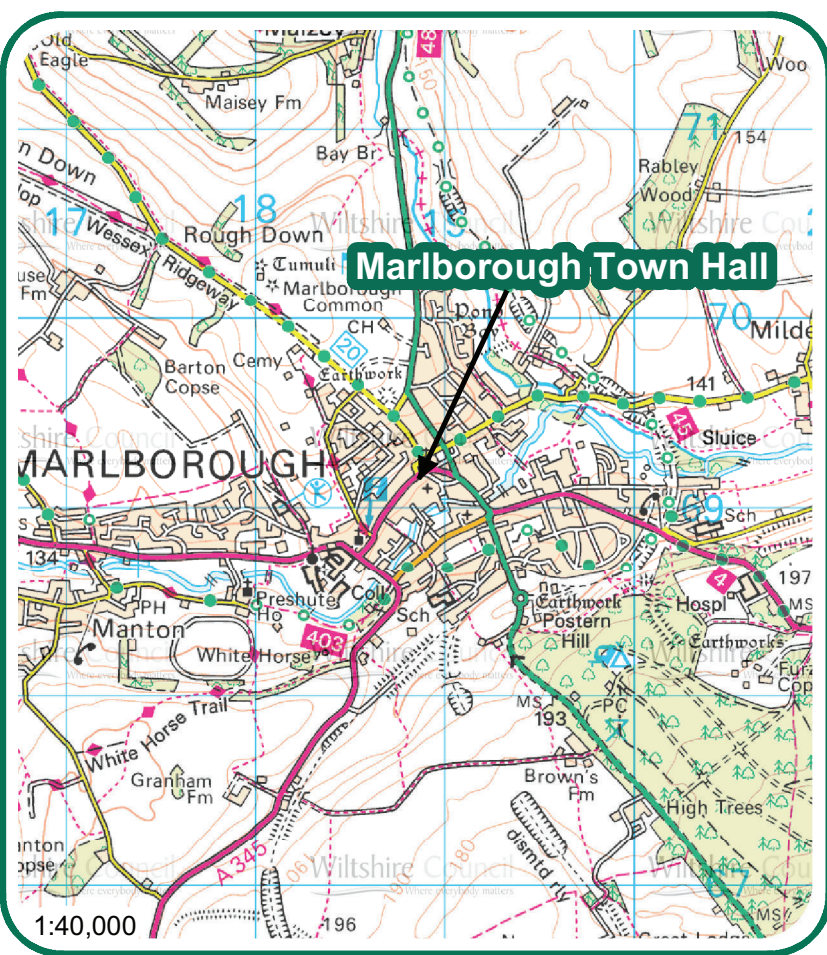
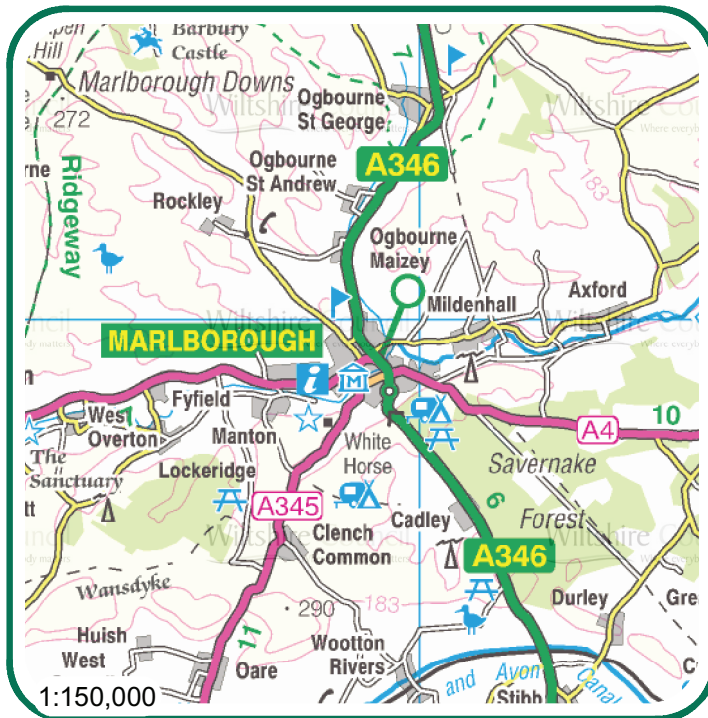
7.00pm

The Court Room, Marlborough Town Hall, High Street,
Marlborough, SN8 1AA

Tuesday, 29 May 2012

7.00pm

St Michael's C of E Primary School, Back Lane,
Aldbourn, SN8 2BP



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MINUTES

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Place: Marlborough Town Hall, High Street, Marlborough, SN8 1AA
Date: 6 September 2011
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 9.03 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

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

Cllr Toby Sturgis (Cabinet Member for Waste, Property and Development Control Services)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Dave Roberts, Community Area Manager
Andy Conn, Head of Waste Management
Adrian Hampton, Head of Local Highways & Streetscene
Martin Cook, Area Highways Engineer
James Hazlewood, Senior Democratic Services Officer

Town and Parish Councils

Marlborough Town Council – E Hannaford-Dobson, S Dobson
Aldbourne Parish Council – Alan Phizacklea
Baydon Parish Council – Michael Edmonds
Fyfield & West Overton Parish Council – Mary Spender
Ogbourne St George Parish Council – Keith Wallace
Ramsbury & Axford Parish Council – Sheila Glass
Savernake Parish Council – Joan Davies

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Ron Peach

Marlborough Area Development Trust – Martin Cook, Geoff Brickell

Wiltshire Gazette and Herald – Nigel Kerton

Tony Millett – Marlborough News Online

Total in attendance: 29

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited the Councillors and Officers present to introduce themselves.</p> <p>The Chairman also noted those parish representatives who were in attendance.</p>
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julia Densham, Marlborough Community Area Manager • Cllr Tony Prior, Chairman of Baydon Parish Council • Cllr Bob Gutherson, Chairman of Berwick Basset and Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council • Cllr James Keith, Chairman of Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council and Chairman of the Parish Forum.
3.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. b. The meeting noted the update on outcomes and actions arising from the meeting on 21 June, as set out at page 23 of the agenda
4.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
5.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Wiltshire Warm and Well – More information on this free home insulation scheme was set out at page 25 of the agenda. Councillor Jemima Milton commented that this scheme could only be introduced in sheltered accommodation or flats, where all the residents agreed. The publicity on the scheme would be amended to reflect this. b. Event for older people – “More Money in Your Pocket” – The Chairman noted this event on 6 October for older residents, details of which were set out in the agenda.

	<p>c. Surviving the Future – This public meeting on 12 September was also noted. Flyers were available at the meeting.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>a. Wiltshire Police</p> <p>Inspector Ron Peach referred the meeting to the written update set out at pages 27-28 in the agenda.</p> <p>A drive to target beauty spot thefts over the summer period had included increased patrols by Neighbourhood and response officers as well as a proactive work to encourage motorists not to leave valuables in clear sight in unattended vehicles.</p> <p>There had also been an incident in Marlborough where a number of vehicle thefts had taken place on one night, targeting tools from vans. Again, this type of crime could be prevented by owners not leaving valuable tools in vans wherever possible.</p> <p>Structural changes within Emergency Response would result in the Marlborough area being covered from Swindon. This was as a result of cuts to numbers of civilian staff, although the reorganisation would help improve administration and meet demand. The new arrangements would also see the introduction of an automatic resource tracking system, where GPS devices would inform the response team of the location of every vehicle and unit, in real time. This would help the strategic deployment of units, and in assigning the nearest or most suitable unit to attend emergency incidents.</p> <p>It was noted that PC David Tippetts was now in place as the Beat Manager for the Rural West Team, with Sergeant Vince Logue also in place as the sector sergeant.</p> <p>Further to a question, Inspector Peach confirmed that there were currently no plans to close Marlborough Police Station. This was strategically well-placed, although there may be opportunities for co-location with other local services as part of any future Campus scheme.</p> <p>b. Wiltshire Fire and Rescue</p> <p>The meeting noted the written report at page 29-31.</p> <p>c. NHS Wiltshire</p> <p>The meeting noted the written report at page 33.</p>

d. **Parish Forum**

Mary Spender updated the meeting on the work of the Parish Forum:

- Community Emergency Plan – Fyfield and West Overton Parish Council had sent their plan to the Council’s Emergency Planning Officer to see if this was suitable as a guide/template for other Parishes.
- Asset Register – The forms for this had not been sent out yet.

e. **MADT (Marlborough Area Development Trust) – update on Community Area Plan**

Martin Cook, of Marlborough Area Development Trust, gave an update on the work of the group. The main focus was currently on the Community Plan. The first consultation phase was now complete and the results were being evaluated, with some early analysis and initial drafting of the plan.

There was some concern over the level of input from Parish Councils; it was hoped that this could be addressed through the Parish Forum, although direct input from Parish Councils was welcomed. Mary Spender commented that the Parish Forum had already submitted a large amount of information.

Geoff Brickell also updated the meeting on the Development Trust’s Community WiFi scheme. A number of “hot spots” were now up and running in the town, including at the Town Hall and in the Food Gallery. It was hoped that the technology could now be rolled out across the whole Community Area, and discussion was on-going with Aldbourne Parish Council regarding suitable locations in the village. Geoff undertook to resend the email notification regarding community WiFi to all Parish Councils.

It was requested that the separate item for Updates from Parish Councils be added to future Area Board agendas, so that individual parishes could raise items other than through the Parish Forum.

ACTION: James Hazlewood

f. **Parish Councils**

Mary Spender, speaking on behalf of Fyfield and West Overton Parish Council, raised the issue of the proposed night closures on the A4 from Manton to Lockeridge. It was agreed that Highways and the police should liaise with the affected parishes to minimise the impact on surrounding roads.

ACTION: Adrian Hampton; Ron Peach; Mary Spender

Michael Edmonds of Baydon Parish Council referred to Section 106 funding, commenting that the parish council was seeking to broaden the terms of an

	<p>existing Section 106 agreement, to allow the money to be spent of a wider variety of services. The developer in question had agreed to the change in principle, but Wiltshire Council needed to approve the change.</p> <p>Michael Edmonds also considered that the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) seemed to be rotating in a random manner and not adhering to the 2-week maximum, which could lead to batteries running flat.</p>
7.	<p><u>New Waste and Recycling Collection Service</u></p> <p>Andy Conn (Head of Waste Management) gave a presentation on the new Waste Collection Service which was designed to give all Wiltshire residents access to the same opportunities for recycling, and to keep landfill to a minimum.</p> <p>In the Marlborough Community Area, the main impact of the new service would be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New plastic and cardboard collection - Residents in the Marlborough Community Area, and other eastern Community Areas, would receive new blue lidded wheelie bins for cardboard and plastic bottles; these would be delivered in November 2011, with the service beginning from 28 November. • Free, optional, fortnightly garden waste collection – This new service would come into effect from Spring 2012, with bins being delivered in February 2012. Residents wishing to register to receive a garden waste bin (and who did not already have one) had until 30 September to do so, to guarantee delivery of a bin before the commencement of the new service. This could be done via the leaflets available, over the phone or online via the following link: http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbishrecycling/gardenbin.htm. Those residents who currently paid for the service would not have to do anything. The payments would cease from December 2011. <p>Any questions on the new service could be directed towards the following telephone number 0300 456 0102</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Andy for the presentation and invited questions and comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to a question, Andy confirmed that the recyclable plastics were types 1, 2 and 3. Nearly all plastic bottles were 1, 2 or 3, but only some pots and packaging. As such, for simplicity and for ease of checking by the crews, only bottles would be accepted in the blue-lidded bins. However, at the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) all types 1, 2 and 3 plastics would be accepted (i.e. bottles and other

	<p>shapes). This was because the crews were able to spend time checking and advising customers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In reply to a question regarding the need to invest in automatic sorting equipment, Andy advised that a significant level of investment had been put into this area under the existing contract with Hills which ran from 1996 to 2016. The tendering process for the new contract would begin around 2013 and it was anticipated that investment in separating equipment would form part of the new contract. Councillor Toby Sturgis added that the blue lidded bins were of a larger size to allow more flexibility in terms of recyclable materials in the future. • It was suggested that there remained a perception amongst some residents that as the materials were all mixed up within the boxes, they were just dumped. Andy replied that this was not the case, and that the crews separated the materials on collection. This was then checked at the depot, giving an extremely low contamination rate of less than 1%. • In terms of “side waste” (i.e. excess waste, left at the side of bins for collection) it was advised that the old District Councils had different policies on this, which were slowly being harmonised into a county-wide approach. Side waste was not really suitable for the new lorries, which used bin lifts to collect the waste. As such it was preferable for all waste to be in the wheelie bin, with the lid shut. However, this policy would be enforced in a reasonable and realistic way, with education being the key theme, and stickers on bins being used to advise residents. • Councillor Toby Sturgis referred to a written question which had been received in relation to collection of waste from Parish-run village playgrounds. He undertook to look into the issue, as the impact seemed to vary between parishes. <p>ACTION: Councillor Toby Sturgis</p>
8.	<p><u>Visiting Cabinet Representative - Councillor Toby Sturgis</u></p> <p>Councillor Toby Sturgis spoke briefly about his portfolio which included Waste, Property, Environment and Development Control Services.</p> <p>Following the merger of the former county council, and the district councils, Wiltshire Council was seeking to reduce its number of offices down to around 4 main hubs. This would not only reduce costs, but would also cut carbon emissions, and create opportunities to invest to save energy.</p> <p>In terms of Development Control, this related to the planning system of processing planning applications, as opposed to strategic planning and planning policy. A new IT system was currently being set up to merge the four systems</p>

which operated under the former district councils. This would be in place by May/June next year.

Councillor Sturgis responded to the questions set out in the agenda:

- *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?*
 - Yes, it was proposed that the existing plan would remain in place until the Core Strategy was formally adopted.
- *How can Parish Councils get more involved in developing future planning?*
 - Parish Councils were already on the consultation list for the Core Strategy. The recent consultation closed in early August, and there would be another, final consultation in the autumn.
- *Can Parish Councils receive automatic alerts at each stage of the planning process?*
 - The questioner clarified that this question related to receiving updates whenever a new detail was added to the planning system (e.g. response from conservation officer) rather than simply being notified of the receipt of a new application. Councillor Sturgis reported that the new IT system would offer this facility, whereby Parish Councils could select from a menu of options to receive alerts at various stages. It was queried whether this could happen earlier than May/June 2012, when the new IT system would be operational; Councillor Sturgis undertook to look into this.

ACTION: Councillor Toby Sturgis

In relation to further written questions which had been received:

- *Previously there has been discussion re the sustainability of supporting affordable housing proposals, on exception sites, in small villages (ie those without 6 facilities of eg pub, bus route, school etc). This was strongly argued against in Elinor Goodman's government report on encouraging affordable housing. Please could you tell us Core Strategy thinking on this?*
 - It was for local people to put forward their own exception site, and to determine how their own communities were to develop. Wiltshire Council would support Parishes in creating new homes to help retain and increase community facilities
- *Are so-called "piggy back" schemes still frowned upon?*
 - It was hoped that more "mixed" exception sites could be rolled out, and this would be supported by the Core Strategy. Neighbourhood plans could also help deliver this.

	<p>Councillor Sturgis also undertook to investigate an incident where a parish Council had been listed as a secondary consultee for an application on the parish border, but had not received the application nor the invitation to comment.</p> <p>ACTION: Councillor Toby Sturgis</p>
9.	<p><u>Development of Area Board</u></p> <p>The Chairman commented that, further to the discussion at the previous meeting of the Area Board, it was proposed to focus on three main areas for development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reducing length of agenda ○ Reducing paperwork ○ Increasing number of local items <p>It was noted that performance in these issues would be monitored over the next three meetings and would be reviewed at the 27 March meeting.</p>
10.	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG) - approval of recommendations</u></p> <p>The Chairman referred to the report at page 39 of the agenda.</p> <p>A number of concerns were raised regarding the proposal for a trial one-way system at the high street, immediately to the north of St Peter’s Church. Councillor Nick Fogg commented that this had been requested by residents to address concerns over safety as it was often used as a short-cut, by traffic travelling eastbound on the A4. However, it was also noted that residents who lived to the west of Marlborough sometimes used the route when travelling north via Hyde Lane, to avoid stationary traffic on the High Street.</p> <p>Martin Cook, the Area Highways Engineer, commented that the road was “no access except for stopping”. As such, use of the road as a short-cut was currently illegal.</p> <p>During discussion, it was noted that the proposals were for a 18-month trial, and that it may be possible to alter the direction of the one-way arrangements for certain events, if the High Street were to be closed.</p> <p>To gauge the opinion of the room, the Chairman asked for a show of hands: Seven people were in favour of the proposed 18-month trial, with five against.</p> <p>In relation to proposals for safety works to the A4 at Savernake, and HGV signage at Chilton Foliat, it was noted that further work was required prior to the projects being finalised. As such it was proposed that the authority to release this funding be delegated to the Community Area Manager, in order to expedite the works without having to come back to the Area Board for final approval.</p>

Decision

The Area Board agreed to:

1. note that the minutes to all CATG meetings are available on the Marlborough area board web-page: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/marlboroughareboard.htm>
2. 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, with the authority to approve the final spend being delegated to the Community Area Manager in consultation with the Area Board Councillors;
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, with the authority to approve the final spend being delegated to the Community Area Manager in consultation with the Area Board Councillors; and
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.

Reason - As recommended by the Community Area Transport Group and to allow these projects to proceed.

11.	<u>Funding</u>
11.1.	<p><u>Community Area Grant Scheme</u></p> <p>The Area Board consider the grant application from Baydon Firework Committee, as set out in the agenda.</p> <p>Mark Houghton spoke on behalf of the Baydon Firework Committee, commenting that the evaluation of the previous year's event had identified a need for a number of improved safety measures. Mark also commented that, were the application to be successful, the equipment would be added to the Parish Forum's asset register for use by groups across the community area.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Baydon Firework Committee was awarded £919 towards purchasing road and pedestrian safety items, on the condition that the equipment be added to the Parish Forum's asset register and made available for use by other community groups, as appropriate. <i>Reason - The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2011/12 and would allow this annual event to grow which would increase the reserves held by the committee to ensure the event's future sustainability.</i></p>
11.2.	<p><u>Area Board Project</u></p> <p>Councillor Jemima Milton introduced the project, which sought to provide start up costs for the Parish Forum.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Marlborough Area Board approved the project to provide £900 start up costs to the Parish Forum. <i>Reasons – To support the on-going work of the newly-formed Forum.</i></p>
12.	<p><u>Next Area Board meeting - Older people theme</u></p> <p>The Chairman explained that the next meeting of the Area Board on 1 November would focus on services to older people. The Area Board sought the views of those present as to whether the 1 November meeting should be held at a different time (e.g. afternoon) or at a different venue to make it more convenient for older residents to attend. Alternatively, a separate briefing could be held at another time.</p> <p>It was noted that an afternoon AB meeting would exclude other people from attending. As such, it was proposed that a separate afternoon event for older residents may be more suitable.</p> <p><i>(Note – Subsequent to the meeting, It was agreed that the suggested separate afternoon event could be considered after hearing the presentations at the 1</i></p>

	<i>November meeting.)</i>
13.	<p><u>Any Other Questions</u></p> <p>None.</p>
14.	<p><u>Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and asked that the evaluation forms be completed.</p> <p>It was noted that the next meeting of the Marlborough Area Board would be on Tuesday 1 November 2011, 7pm at Broad Hinton Village Hall, Yew Tree Lane, Broad Hinton, Swindon, SN4 9RH. (Note – Subsequent to the meeting, the venue was moved from Broad Hinton Village Hall to Marlborough Town Hall, to encourage and facilitate the attendance of older people.)</p>

Marlborough Area Board
1 November 2011

Update on outcomes/actions from meeting on 6 September 2011:

Minute number (page)	Action	Update
6e Partner updates (page 5)	Updates from Town/Parish Councils to be reinstated to the agenda as a distinct item from the Parish Forum	Added as requested to the 1 November Area Board agenda.
6f Partner updates (page 5)	Highways, Police and relevant Parish Councils to liaise over proposed night closures to minimise impact on road users.	Update to be given at meeting.
7. New Waste and Recycling Collection Service	Councillor Toby Sturgis to look into the lack of consistency of service for collection of waste from parish council-run playgrounds	Update to be given at meeting.
8. Visiting Cabinet Representative – Councillor Toby Sturgis	Councillor Toby Sturgis to look into the possibility of providing automatic email alerts to Parishes on planning matter, prior to the implementation of the new IT system in May/June 2012	Update to be given at meeting.
8. Visiting Cabinet Representative – Councillor Toby Sturgis	Councillor Toby Sturgis to look into an incident where a parish Council had been listed as a secondary consultee for an application on the parish border, but had not received the application nor the invitation to comment.	Update to be given at meeting.

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Marlborough Community Area Board 1st November 2011



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Vincent Logue

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

The first of the MOPs was held in Marlborough on Saturday 8th October. I am pleased to tell you that despite the large number of people that attended, there were very little instances of disorder. The event was well policed by officers from Devizes, Marlborough and Pewsey NPTs, Swindon Response Hub and the Special Constabulary. Some alcohol was seized by police but no arrests were made and although a minor assault was reported, no complaint was made and there were no other offences associated with the event.

Overnight on 15th & 16th September in Aldbourne, 17 offences of criminal damage occurred. After some local enquiries, 3 suspects were identified and arrested. The suspects live in the village and there has been a significant community impact which is being dealt with alongside the criminal investigation which is on-going. Although we are confident of a positive result, this will show as a spike in this type of offence in the figures below.

Marlborough	Crime				Detections	
	October 2009 - September 2010	October 2010 - September 2011	Volume Change	% Change	October 2009 - September 2010	October 2010 - September 2011
Violence Against the Person	122	85	-37	-30%	33%	62%
Dwelling Burglary	17	36	19	112%	0%	6%
Criminal Damage	137	146	9	7%	7%	12%
Non Dwelling Burglary	92	97	5	5%	2%	0%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	88	102	14	16%	2%	0%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	17	13	-4	-24%	18%	23%
Total Crime	713	751	38	5%	16%	19%
Total ASB	376	333	-43	-11%		
<p>Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed better than peers for Violent Crime in the previous 12 month period (Sept 2010 - Aug 2011) and better than peers for All Recorded Crime in the most recent three months (Jun - Aug 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>						

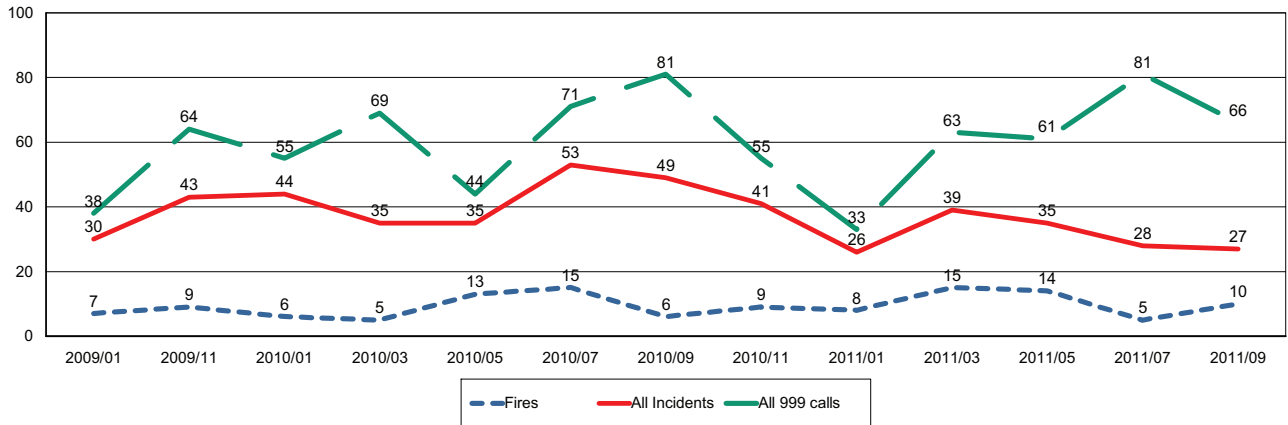
Inspector Ron Peach 12/10/11
Area Commander



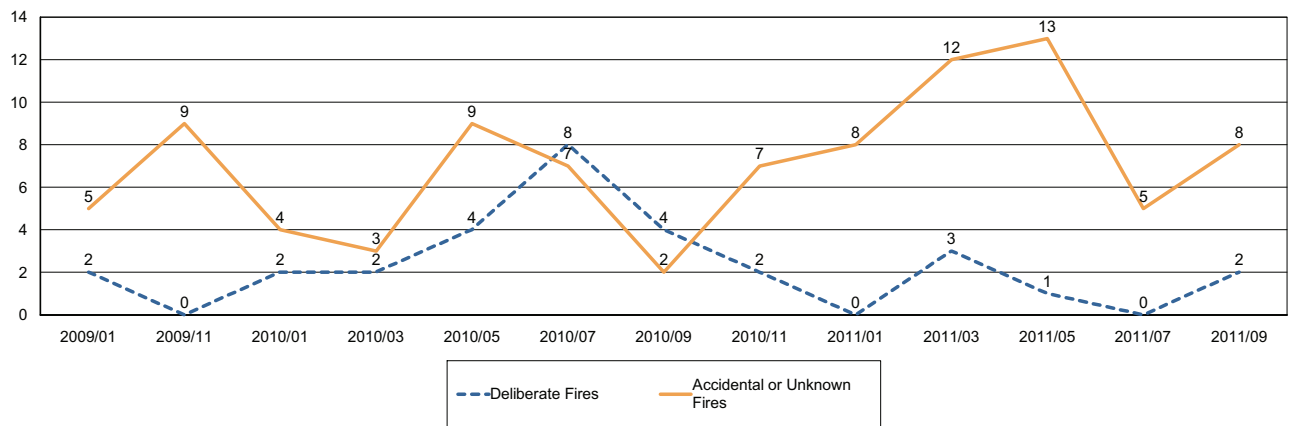
Report for Marlborough Area Board

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

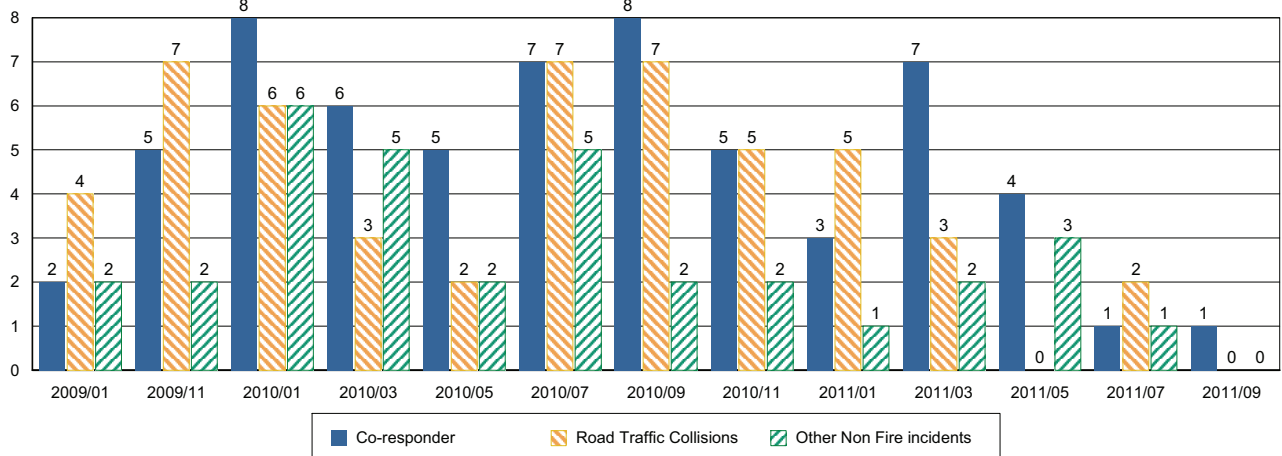
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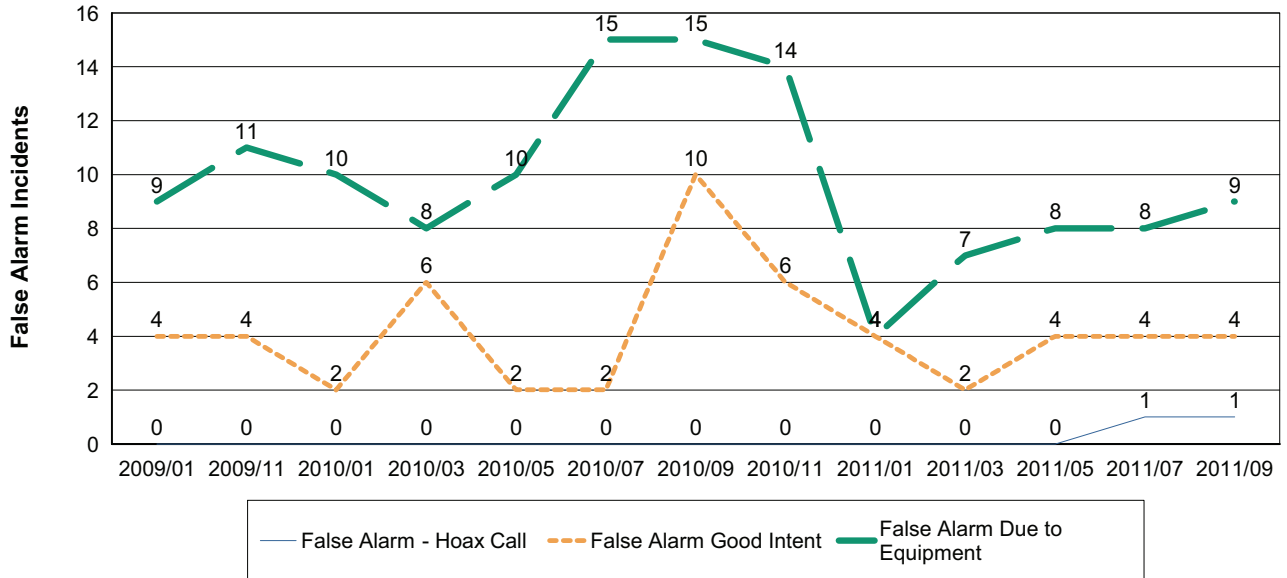
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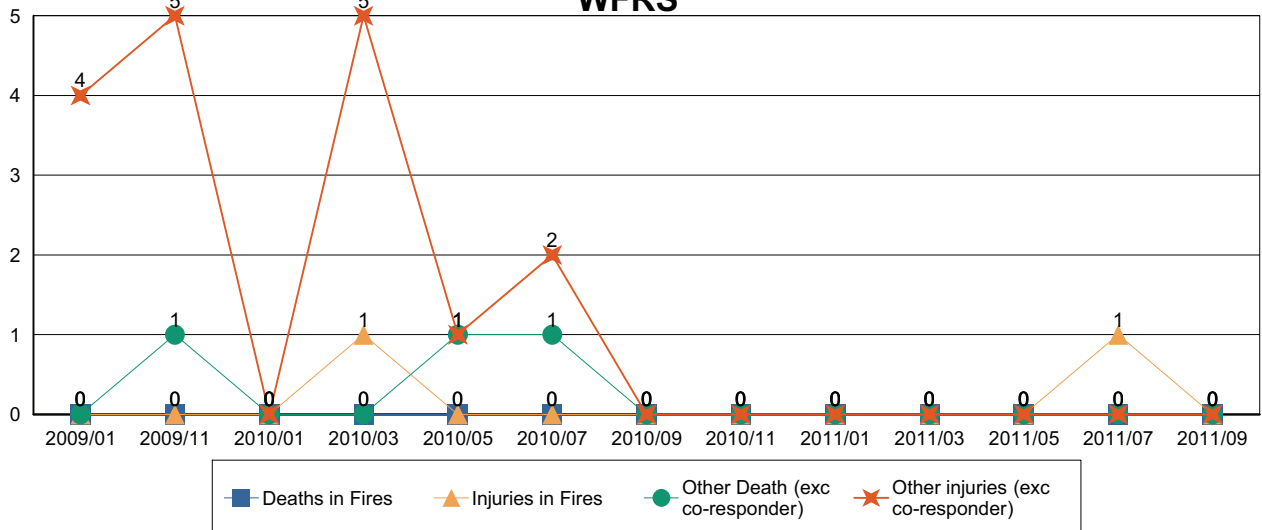
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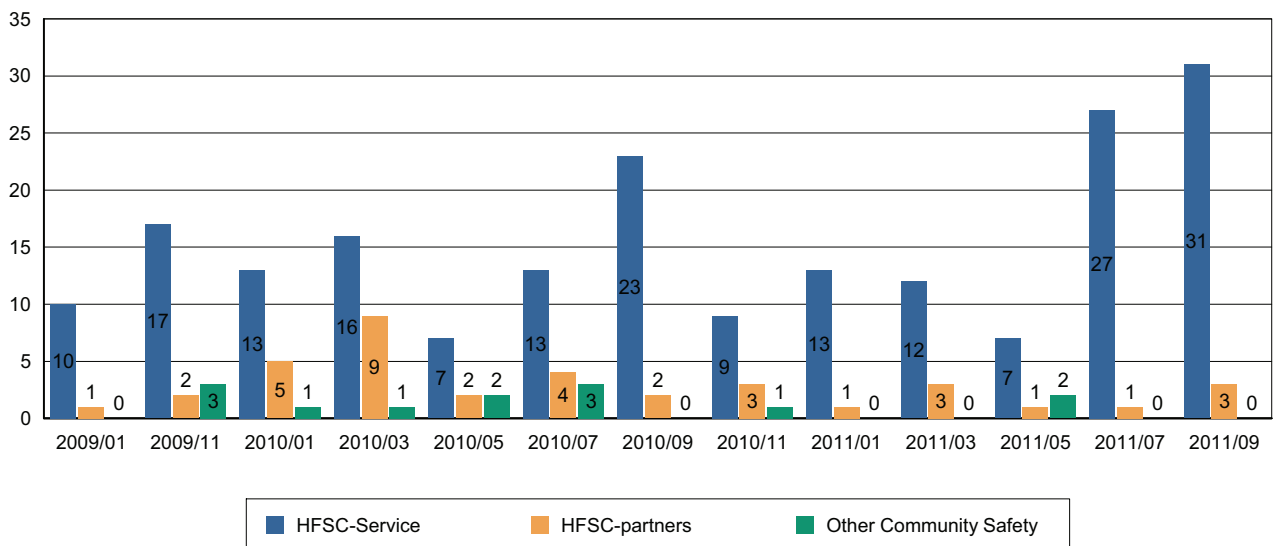
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Death & Injuries in incidents attended by WFRS



Home Fire Safety Checks and other domestic safety



NHS Update – October 2011

Passport to your flu jab

Health professionals in Wiltshire are encouraging people to get their flu vaccination this autumn, with a special reminder to those particularly 'at risk' by way of a new 'Flu Vaccination Passport'. Flu is a highly infectious illness that spreads rapidly through the coughs and sneezes of people who are carrying the virus. If someone is at risk of complications from flu, it's really important they have their annual flu jab.

This year NHS Wiltshire, in partnership with Wiltshire GPs, is making it easy for people to remember to have their jab by providing a health 'Passport', available from GP surgeries. The Passport will help to act as a reminder for people with busy lives to call their GP and arrange to receive valuable protection against flu. Flu symptoms can hit quite suddenly and severely. They usually include fever, chills, headaches and aching muscles and are often accompanied by a cough and sore throat. Because flu is caused by a virus and not bacteria, antibiotics won't treat it.

Anyone can get flu, but it can be more serious for certain people, such as:

- people aged 65 or over
- people who have a serious medical condition
- pregnant women

Individual passports have been designed for each of these 'at risk' groups.

People in these groups are more vulnerable to the effects of seasonal flu (even if they are usually fit and healthy) and it's recognised that they can go on to develop a more serious illness, such as bronchitis and pneumonia, which could result in a stay in hospital. Flu can also make existing medical conditions worse, so it's important people to take up the offer of a vaccination.

Useful information about flu:

Get the jab

The best time of the year to get a flu vaccination is now - the autumn. It's free and it's effective against the latest flu virus strains. Even if someone has already had a flu jab in previous years, they need another one this year to keep immunity up to date. The flu jab may only protect someone for a year, because the viruses that cause flu are always changing. This year's seasonal flu vaccination also includes a vaccine to protect against swine flu. See your GP about the flu jab if you're 65 or over, or if you have any of the following problems (however old you are):

- a serious heart complaint
- a chest complaint or breathing difficulties, including asthma, bronchitis and emphysema
- serious kidney disease
- diabetes
- lowered immunity due to disease or treatment such as steroid medication or cancer treatment
- if you have a problem with your spleen or you have had your spleen removed
- if you have ever had a stroke

Your GP may advise you to have a flu jab if you have serious liver disease, multiple sclerosis (MS) or some other diseases of the nervous system. If you think you may need a flu vaccination,

check with your GP, practice nurse or your local pharmacist. If a nurse visits you regularly, ask about getting your flu vaccination. Most GP surgeries arrange vaccination sessions in the autumn.

Pregnant women

Pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy should have the seasonal flu jab. That's because pregnant women are more prone to complications from flu that can cause serious illness for both mother and baby. If you are pregnant and catch flu, talk to your GP urgently as you may need treatment with antiviral medicine.

The pneumo jab

When you see your GP for a seasonal flu jab, ask whether you also need the 'pneumo jab' to protect you against some forms of pneumococcal infection. It's available free on the NHS to everyone aged 65 or over, and for younger people with some serious medical conditions.

Kids and carers

If you're the parent of a child (over the age of six months) who has a long-term condition such as a serious respiratory or neurological condition, they should have a flu jab. Speak to your GP about your child having a flu vaccination. Your child's condition may get worse if they catch flu. If you're the carer of an elderly or disabled person, make sure they've had their flu jab. As a carer, you could be eligible for a flu jab too. Ask your GP for advice, or go to Carers Direct for information about Flu jabs for carers.

How effective is it?

No vaccine is 100% effective, however, people who have had the flu jab are far less likely to get flu. If you do get flu despite having the jab, it will probably be milder than if you haven't been vaccinated. The flu jab doesn't cause flu as it doesn't contain live viruses. However, you may experience side effects after having the jab, such as a temperature and aching muscles for a couple of days afterwards. Your arm may feel sore at the site where you were injected. More severe reactions are rare.

The flu vaccine only protects against flu, but not other illnesses caused by other viruses, such as the common cold.

Speak to your GP, practice nurse or pharmacist if you have any further questions.

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ITEM 07b

Older People Accommodation Development Strategy

Overview

The Council has produced a 10 year development strategy, modelled across two timeline options, which will modernise the way that older people's accommodation is provided, develop and adopt an integrated accommodation system, ensure the best use of increasingly scarce resources and respond to local needs in local communities.

The capital cost of the proposed development programme, including extra care, nursing and specialist dementia care provision, is approximately £220m based on current prices. Under these proposals the Council does not anticipate funding developments directly and will be working to maximise investment from the private and voluntary sectors. An innovative joint procurement exercise with Devon County Council is also being progressed in an attempt to reduce future Social Housing Grant requirements for extra care developments by accessing potential cross-subsidisation of schemes through the inclusion of Council owned land.

The proposed development strategy and service remodelling would enable the Council to realise a cost avoidance of approximately £600m over the next 25 years when compared to the "do nothing" option. This will assist the Council to offset the challenges of the forecast demographic change of older people and is achieved through a diversion of people from residential care to community support or specialist nursing or dementia care, which achieves an average saving per person of £44 per week.

Development Strategy

The facilities to be provided in each of the community areas as a result of this development strategy are contained in the table below:

Community Area	Description of Facilities
Amesbury	40 unit extra care scheme to meet nursing needs
Bradford on Avon	80 bed nursing home
	18 unit extra care scheme
Calne	60 unit extra care scheme
Chippenham	64 bed care home for people with dementia
	60 unit extra care scheme
Corsham	80 bed nursing home
	40 unit extra care scheme
Devizes	80 bed nursing home for people with dementia
	45 unit extra care scheme
Malmesbury	50 unit extra care scheme
Marlborough	16 bed nursing extension for people with dementia
	45 unit extra care scheme
Melksham	45 unit extra care scheme

Melksham (cont)	60 bed nursing home (Semington)
	12 unit extra care scheme (Semington)
Mere	45 unit extra care scheme to meet nursing needs
Old Sarum	80 bed nursing home
	64 bed care home for people with dementia
Salisbury	50 unit extra care scheme
	80 bed nursing home
Tidworth	40 unit extra care scheme to meet nursing needs
Tisbury	Virtual extra care scheme
Trowbridge	66 bed care home for people with dementia
	40 unit extra care scheme
Warminster	80 bed nursing home
Westbury	40 unit extra care scheme
Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	64 bed care home for people with dementia
	63 bed nursing home
	45 unit extra care scheme
	40 unit extra care scheme (Cricklade)

The delivery of these new developments would enable the existing not fit-for-purpose or outdated facilities to be replaced, whereby the current residents would be relocated to the new schemes and the existing homes closed.

The development strategy will be delivered through a variety of partnerships, contractual arrangements and funding opportunities. These include:

- A long-term partnering agreement with The Orders of St John Care Trust, who currently operate the Council's care homes for older people, which recognises the need for developments and / or significant refurbishments due to the ageing nature of the existing facilities.
- The Department of Health Private Finance Initiative through which the Council has been provisionally allocated £49.687m to deliver specialist dementia care and nursing facilities in the south and north of the county.
- An innovative Preferred Developer Partner Framework agreement which is being jointly procured with Devon County Council to facilitate the development of extra care housing with little or no requirement for public subsidy i.e. Social Housing Grant, due to the potential cross subsidisation of facilities through the inclusion of Council owned land.
- A review of the sheltered housing stock to assess the quality of accommodation and its ability to meet current and future needs. Facilities may be recommended for refurbishment to provide community extra care housing or to meet other Council priorities i.e. the provision of affordable general needs accommodation.
- Utilising private sector and Registered Social Landlord (RSL) initiatives which may reduce the requirement for Council led developments in particular community areas.

The Older People Accommodation Development Strategy was approved by the Council's Cabinet on 25th January 2011 and the full document is available on the Council's website.

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ITEM 07c

Help to Live at Home

The Council has been working with the NHS and residents of Wiltshire on a major review of the services that are available to older and vulnerable people living in the county. This is called 'Help to live at Home'. The review aims to improve the experiences of vulnerable adults and carers who require support, whilst ensuring that the changes are sustainable in the future. This is an exciting time to really make a difference to the lives of people in Wiltshire.

We aim to provide an improved service to an increasing number of vulnerable people by:



- Bringing together a variety of separate services into one so that a single service is able to meet a wider range of needs. The sort of services we are including in this are personal care in the home, housing support and other services that support people in their homes.
- Ensuring these services focus on helping people learn or re-learn skills they may have lost as a result of illness, or another event that has resulted in them losing confidence and needing some help.
- Making even better use of the wide range of community services that there are in Wiltshire.
- Making sure these services are focused on doing what people want and helping people to live independent and fulfilling lives.
- Supporting sheltered accommodation schemes.

As a result of this review –

- Services to older and vulnerable people in Wiltshire will be improved with more people able to access help to help themselves through the provision of information, advice and support from within the wider community and less people dependent upon help from the Council.
- More people will be able to remain in their own homes with an improved quality of life
- Less people will require help for long periods of time – more people will be helped to become independent more quickly.
- People who need support will receive it at whatever time of the day or night
- People will receive the right help, at the right time, in the right place.

HELPING PEOPLE TO STAY AT HOME



Improving Services for People in Marlborough

Why are we doing this?


Consultation with older people and others.

Modernising and transforming services

WHAT WE FOUND OUT


- Too many organisations – too much choice
- Too difficult to know where to get help when it is needed
- Lots of money wasted from duplication
- Concern about crises at night
- Importance of “that little bit of help”
- Loneliness and isolation
- People going into care homes who would rather be at home



What support services do people get now in Marlborough?


- Home care – 120 / 3 organisations (Home Care / Audley Care / Dimensions)
- Housing related support – 20 / 12 organisations (in SN8 area)
- Equipment – 6 organisations
- Voluntary and community sector – 1000's







THE LOCAL PICTURE - Marlborough

- Number of care home beds – 142 units (10 homes)
- No. Sheltered housing units – 241 units (12 homes)
- Number of extra care units – 146 (Merlin Court / Brendoncare /Aldbourne Nursing home)
- Number of people receiving domiciliary care at home in Marlborough (SN8) – 81
- Marlborough Area (SN8, SN9, SP11, SP9) - 127
- Community organisations – parish councils, voluntary sector, good neighbours scheme




What are the Council and NHS doing about it?




- Commissioning a new service for people at home
- Developing telecare and Response service
- Commissioning a new equipment and practical help service
- Improving access to information, advice and support

Reducing the number of foot steps to people's front door, by bringing together multiple services into a single service




Help to Live at Home Service

- 4 organisations rather than 120 – incl. Leonard Cheshire
- Joint with the NHS
- Not just domiciliary care
- Doing things that customers want
- Making good use of community resources
- Enabling people to have a life
- Assuming most people want to be independent and manage without help
- Professional care and support staff able to provide a wider range of services



Telecare and Crisis Response



Support when you most need it – 24 hours a day

Equipment and Practical Support Service




One service for all (instead of 5)
 "One stop shop"
 Available to everyone
 Joint with the NHS

What will be Better?

- **For the Customer**
 - One service for care
 - Response service 24 hours a day
 - "that little bit of help"
 - One equipment service
 - Same service for whole population
 - Greater independence
- **For the Council**
 - Improved service
 - Reduced wastage
 - Less back office inputs
 - Savings from economies of scale
 - Reduced travel
 - Sustainable model of care

What's Happening Now – Dec 2011?

- New care and support organisation appointed
- Customers changing providers
- Sheltered housing and extra care schemes – staff changing employers
- Equipment contract being tendered
- Response service being negotiated



Any Questions ?

Report to	Marlborough Area Board
Date of Meeting	1st November 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 4 applications seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant Funding. Officer recommendations:

1. Kennet Valley Hall – Award £954 to purchase modern safety lighting for the exterior of the building.
2. Ramsbury Parochial Church Council – Award £5,000 to replace kitchen and carry out improvements to the building to make it more energy efficient. Conditional upon the balance of funding being in place
3. Baydon Cricket Club – Award £2,742 to purchase mower, portable nets and scoreboard. Conditional upon the balance of funds being in place.
4. Superstrings. Wiltshire Folk Project - £4,060 to introduce young people to play stringed instruments leading to a large scale concert type event. Conditional upon the project receiving approval from Pewsey, Bradford on Avon and Devizes Area Boards.

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 15th April 2011. 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. 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.
- 1.6. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.7. 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.
- 1.8. 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.
- 1.9. 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

- Area Board Grant Guidance 2011/12
- Marlborough Community Area Plan

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. There will be 1 further round of funding during 2011/12. This will take place 7th February 2012.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

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

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the budget allocated to the Marlborough Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Marlborough Area Board will have a **balance of £36,145**

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 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	Kennet Valley Hall	To purchase up to date safety lighting for the exterior of the building	£954

8.1.1. Kennet Valley Hall – Award £954 to purchase safety lighting for the exterior of the building.

8.1.2. This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2011/12.

8.1.3. This application demonstrates link to the Marlborough Community Plan “Places for people to meet” and “Aim to increase support for community facilities and events and to encourage a range of cultural opportunities for residents and visitors to the area”.

8.1.4. Kennet Valley Hall is a not for profit organisation and the committee go to great lengths to keep the building in good order for the benefit of the community.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2.	Ramsbury Parochial Church Council	To replace kitchen and carry out improvements to the building to make it more energy efficient.	£5,000

8.2.1. Ramsbury Parochial Church Council – Award £5,000 to replace kitchen and carry out improvements to the building to make it more energy efficient. Conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

8.2.2. This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2011/12.

8.2.3. This application demonstrates a partial link to the Marlborough Community Plan “Aim to increase support for community facilities and events and to encourage a range of cultural opportunities for residents and visitors to the area”.

8.2.4. Ramsbury Parochial Church Council is a not for profit organisation and highly regarded in the local community

8.2.5. Officers are of the opinion that this project represents a good investment in local community infrastructure and will serve the community for many years

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.	Baydon Cricket Club	To purchase mower, portable nets and scoreboard	£2,742

8.3.1. Baydon Cricket Club – Award £2,742 to enable them to purchase new equipment. Conditional upon the balance of funding being in place. This should also be conditional upon the club making plans to make them more sustainable in the future.

8.3.2. This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2011/12.

8.3.3. This application demonstrates a direct link to the Marlborough Community Plan “Aim to increase support for community events”

8.3.4. This application demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council’s priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire to create stronger and more inclusive communities “Improve community relations and encourage communities to take part in sporting and cultural activities and events”.

8.3.5. Baydon Cricket Club is a not for profit organisation and is fully supported by the parish council who have awarded 50% of the funding needed.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4.	Superstrings Wiltshire Folk Project	To promote string playing for young people to culminate in a concert style event	£4,060

8.4.1. Superstrings – £4,060 Conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and supported by Pewsey, Bradford on Avon and Devizes Area Boards.

8.4.2. This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2011/12.

8.4.3. This application demonstrates a direct link to the Marlborough Community Plan “Aim to increase support for community events”

8.4.4. This application demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council’s priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire to create stronger and more inclusive communities “Improve community relations and encourage communities to take part in sporting and cultural activities and events”.

8.4.5. Superstrings is a not for profit organisation and is fully supported by the Wiltshire Music Centre who have submitted a letter of support for this project.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 grant application – Kennet Valley Hall
Appendix 2 grant application – Ramsbury parochial Church Council
Appendix 3 grant application – Baydon Cricket Club
Appendix 4 grant application - Superstrings

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

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Area Board Project – Fund towards celebrations for the Jubilee / Olympics

1. What is the Initiative?

An earmarked fund of £12,000 from the Marlborough Area Board discretionary grants budget 2011/12 to be made available for Parish Councils who wish to apply for financial assistance to stage celebrations/events to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and/or the 2012 London Olympics.

Each Town/Parish Council may apply for up to a maximum of £500 for their local celebrations, although the Area Board will also consider applications for extra funding from Parish Councils running separate events in distinct geographical communities within the parish (e.g. Joint Parish Councils, or parishes covering more than one village).

2. Where is the initiative taking place?

This fund will be managed by the Marlborough Area Board and will be made available to all of the 16 Town/Parish Councils in the Marlborough Community Area.

3. When will the initiative take place?

During June 2012. Applications must be received by 24 February 2012.

4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/links to Community Plan/Community Issue?

The Marlborough Area Board anticipates that many of the parishes within the Community Area will want to stage community events to mark these two national celebrations, and it would like to demonstrate its support for such events, on the basis that these activities will help promote the overall objectives of community engagement and cohesion.

5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

To support and encourage Town/Parish Council to organise and/or support community events associated with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the 2012 London Olympics.

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

Each event will be managed by the Parish Council and by community volunteers. The £12,000 fund will be allocated by the Marlborough Area Board based on the merits of each application.

7. Costs/quotes/ match funding?

Each event is required to demonstrate a need for financial assistance from the Area Board, and to provide quotes and/or invoices evidencing the costs of each event.

Match funding is not a condition of this fund. However, the Area Board reserves the right to exercise discretion on each request made, and would prefer to see that financial support is secured from other local sources for each event, e.g. from the Parish Council or local business sponsor.

8. Additional information

The availability of this fund is earmarked for the specific purposes detailed above only, and the Area Board reserves the right to exercise full discretion in how this fund is applied.

All bids to this fund will need to have been submitted and formally considered by the Area Board before the 31st March 2012. The Area Board meets on Tuesday 27 March, and so applications will need to be submitted by 24 February 2012 at the latest.

A draft application form template is set out at Appendix A.

**Marlborough Area Board –
Fund towards celebrations for the Jubilee / Olympics**

1. What is the event / initiative?

2. Where is the event / initiative taking place?

3. When will the event / initiative take place?

4. What are the Community benefits / links to Community Plan?

5. What is the desired outcome of this event / initiative?

6. Who will Project Manage this event / initiative?

7. Costs/quotes/ match funding?

8. Additional information

Request for a contribution towards provision of pedestrian crossing points in Marlborough

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To seek a contribution towards the provision of dropped crossing points in Marlborough

2. Background

- 2.1. The local highways team have received requests for a number of new dropped crossing points to enable wheel chair user to access the High Street from the East side of Marlborough. In order to establish the need of a number of users, officers have met with a group of wheelchair users and together looked at existing facilities and locations where additional crossing points would be suitable.

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. To ensure that any new locations for crossing points are placed in a safe location and that they will benefit the community.

The following locations have been highlighted;

- Outside the shop in Baylie Acre off North View Place – this is not highway, we believe the footway is owned by Westlea so we will pass on the concerns of wheelchair users to them
- The junction of Blowhorn St with St Martians – 2 sets (one each side of the road)
- Outside York Place in St Martians – 2 sets (one each side of the road)
- The lower end of Kingsbury St – 2 sets (one each side of the road)
- Outside Clarks shop in the High St – 1 set (To enable drivers using the disabled bay to gain access onto the High Street near the bay)

4. Implications

4.1. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

The dropped kerbs will be constructed in accordance with standard highway details and the use of setts to match existing in the High St. There will be no environmental impact associated in their construction or location.

4.2. Financial Implications

The cost of installing dropped kerbs is typically £700 per set (dropped kerbs one side of the road) It is anticipated that it will cost £4900 for these works, plus an additional £500 for traffic management. The local highways office is seeking a contribution of £2000 from the CAT G funds towards the cost of these works.

4.3. Legal Implications

There are no legal implications associated with these works as the works will be on the highway and the local highway authority is the promoter of the works.

4.4. HR Implications

There are no HR implications associated with these works

4.5. Equality and Diversity Implications

The provision of the crossing points will improve access for wheel chair users to gain access into Marlborough High Street.

5. Recommendation

It is recommended that:

An allocation of £2000 is made to the local highways office as a contribution towards the construction of the dropped crossing points.

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Appendices:

Background papers: