

AGENDA

Meeting: BRADFORD ON AVON AREA BOARD
Place: St Margaret's Hall, St Margaret's Street, Bradford on Avon BA15 1DE
Date: Wednesday 16 March 2011
Time: 7.00 pm

Including the Parishes of Limpley Stoke, Winsley, Monkton Farleigh, Bradford-on-Avon, Holt, South Wraxall, Wingfield, Westwood, Staverton

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.

ARRIVE EARLY ! Refreshments will be available and cakes will be on sale in aid of Comic Relief

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Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Malcolm Hewson, Bradford on Avon South (Chairman)
Cllr Rosemary Brown, Bradford-on-Avon North (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Trevor Carbin, Holt & Staverton
Cllr Linda Conley, Winsley & Westwood

Items to be considered	Time
<p>1. Chairman's Welcome and Introduction</p>	7.00pm
<p>2. Apologies for Absence</p>	
<p>3. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Councillors are requested to declare any personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>4. Minutes (Pages 3 - 12)</p> <p>To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2011.</p>	
<p>5. Chairman's Announcements and Updates (Pages 13 - 24)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Transport Working Group - meeting to consider priorities and progress with minor capital improvement works ii) Seminar on 'Big Society, Localism and What it Means for You'. iii) Proposed Changes to Arrangements Governing the Conduct of Councillors iv) Library Service Review v) Outcome of Leisure Facilities Review vi) Reducing Child Poverty Strategy Consultation vii) Childcare Sufficiency Assessment viii) Partner updates from Wiltshire Police, Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service and NHS Wiltshire 	
<p>6. Growing up in Bradford on Avon: issues for children and young people</p> <p>Discussion and prioritisation of issues facing young people - led by</p>	

young people – including representatives of the Bradford on Avon Young Peoples' Issues Group, Bradford on Avon Youth Council and St. Laurence School Council.

Issues arising to be addressed and debated by key professionals responsible for education, child welfare, youth work and policing in the community.

Display boards will be at the rear of the hall showing general information on the work of the Childrens' Centre, Youth Centre, St Laurence School and the Extended Services Network

7. **Graffiti Wall Projects in Bradford on Avon**

Heaven Scent

Kath Brownlee, Youth Development Co-ordinator and representatives of the Bradford on Avon Young Peoples' Issues Group will talk about the graffiti mural project.

Poulton Recreation Ground

Councillor Peter Leach and representatives of the Bradford on Avon Youth Council will talk about proposals for a re-sprayable graffiti wall at Poulton Rec.

Display boards will be at the rear of the hall featuring the two projects.

8. **Young Peoples' Participatory Budgeting Event** *(Pages 25 - 40)*

Young people from the Bradford on Avon Young Peoples' Issues Group will bid for a fund which has been delegated to the area board specifically to put towards activities for young people and to address issues of youth transport and access to services.

Total funds available: £4,711 Total sum requested: £5,707.90

i) Holt Youth Club - requesting £1,912.50

ii) DJ Project - requesting £1,420

iii) Football Coaching – requesting £1,200

iv) Ice Skating trip to Swindon – requesting £257.50

- v) Trip to Longleat Safari Park – requesting £248.90
- vi) Trip to Thorpe Park – requesting £538
- vii) Trip to Parliament /a London museum – requesting £131

With the help of the Youth Development Co-ordinator, short presentations will be given on each project. The audience will rank the bids through electronic voting. Funding will to be allocated to the favoured projects.

Display boards will be at the rear of the hall showing an outline of each youth project bid.

9. **Improvements to Recreational Spaces and Play Areas**

- i) Victory Field - multi use games area
- ii) Culver Close – management issues
- iii) Barton Farm - play area
- iv) Poulton Recreation Ground – bike ramps

Diane Holmes, Town Clerk, and others will describe plans for improvements at these key sites

Display boards will be at the rear of hall showing the proposals.

10. **Community Area Grants** (*Pages 41 - 50*)

Councillors will consider five applications seeking 2010/2011 Community Area Grant Funding:

- i) Hanging Baskets – Bradford on Avon Town Council requesting £2,798
- ii) Tannery Development Brief – Holt Parish Council requesting £2,825
- iii) Bradford 2026 Town Plan – Bradford on Avon Development Trust/ Bradford on Avon Town Council/ Climate Friendly Bradford requesting £7,100
- iv) Come and Try It Sporting Activities – Bradford on Avon Community Area Partnership requesting £1,500

- v) Walkers are Welcome – WAW Steering Group requesting £758

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/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>

11. **Performance Reward Grants** (*Pages 51 - 66*)

To consider two expression of interest to the Performance Reward Grant Scheme, as follows:

- i) Application from Wiltshire Police - Crime Detection through Ultra Violet scanning. As a joint initiative with Smart water technology Limited Wiltshire Police have offered members of Neighbourhood Watch schemes across the county Smart water property marking kits at a discounted price.
Smart water kits are individually unique and provide a direct link between the property marked and the lawful owner.
To be effective the Police require the facility to scan items for property marking such as Smart water or Selecta DNA.
The purpose of this initiative is to seek funds for the purchase of UV scanning torches for issue to Police Officers on operational duties.
- ii) Application from Bradford on Avon Town Council - Kingston Bridge - FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

12. **Meeting Evaluation**

Feedback using electronic voting.

13. **Future Area Board Meetings**

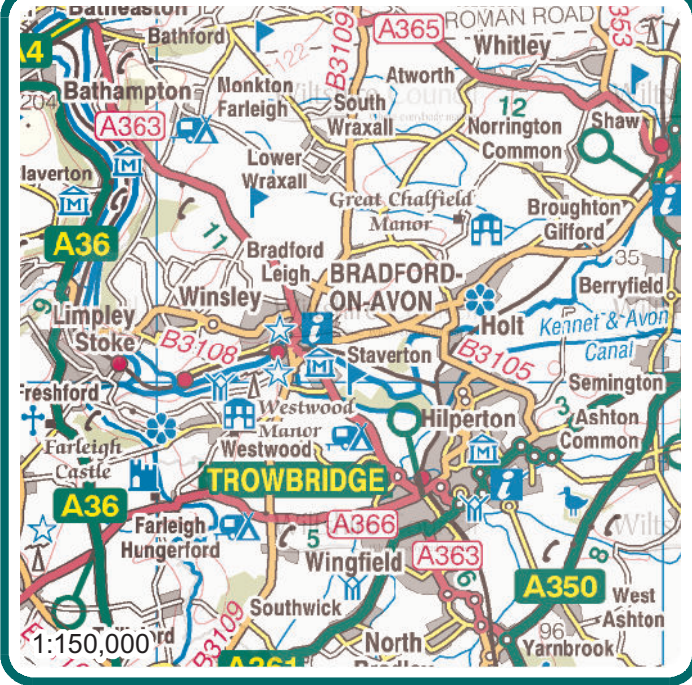
Wednesday 11th May – Holt Village Hall

Wednesday 20th July – Westwood Social Club

9.00pm

Wednesday 21st September – St Margaret's Hall

Wednesday 23rd November – venue TBC



St Margarets Hall
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MINUTES

Meeting: BRADFORD ON AVON AREA BOARD
Place: St Laurence School, Ashley Road, Bradford on Avon
Date: 19 January 2011
Start Time: 7.00pm
Finish Time: 9.05pm

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to:

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Malcolm Hewson (Chairman), Cllr Rosemary Brown (Vice Chairman),
Cllr Trevor Carbin and Cllr Linda Conley

Wiltshire Council Officers

Peter Dunford – Community Area Manager
Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer
Sharon Davies – Service Director, Children and Families

Town and Parish Councillor

Bradford on Avon Town Council – Vicky Landell Mills, Janet Repton, Isabel Martindale
& Gwen Allison
Monkton Farleigh Parish Council – Matthew Midlane
Westwood Parish Council – Terry Biles
Wingfield Parish Council – Alan Mines, Allan Spreadbury & Keith Brendish
Winsley Parish Council – John Allison

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Insp David Cullop
Wiltshire Police Authority – Kieran Kilgallen & Cllr Paul Sample
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue – Mike Franklin
Bradford on Avon Community Area Partnership – David Gregory

Total in attendance: 40

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
82.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to St Laurence School, and introduced the Wiltshire councillors who made up the board, as well as Sharon Davies, (Service Director), the Community Area Manager and the Democratic Services Officer.</p> <p>All town, parish and partner representatives in attendance were welcomed by the Chairman.</p> <p>The Chairman advised the meeting that Elly Townsend,(former Bradford on Avon Community Area Manager) had now left Wiltshire Council as part of its restructuring, her replacement, Peter Dunford then introduced himself to the meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that the Bradford on Avon Area Board sent Elly Townsend its good wishes and thanked her for the time, effort and dedication that she had shown in her role. Peter agreed to pass these messages on to Elly.</p>	Peter Dunford
83.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Simon Coombe, (Limpley Stoke Parish Council), Jo Howes (NHS Wiltshire) and Jim Lynch (Community Area Partnership).</p>	
84.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
85.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Decision</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on the 24 November 2010 were approved and signed as the correct record.</p> <p>It was however noted that the minutes of the Street Lights switch off Project – presented by Diane Teare should be amended to read as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents have the opportunity to check whether lights are suitable for switch off in their communities and to nominate 	

	<p>these locations for the switch off scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project scheme had received good support from Bradford on Avon Town Council, the chamber of commerce, the preservation trust as well as local councillors. • The final decisions would be announced at the January area board. 	
86.	<p><u>Announcements & Updates</u></p> <p>The following announcements contained in the pack were mentioned briefly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Flood Protection – introduction of gel sacs to augment sandbags in the event of flooding. • Dog control orders – consultation on new policy ends 7 February 2011. • Wiltshire’s Approach to Face to Face Service – increasing the range of service to be delivered in customers’ homes and business premises. Recommendations of suitable local venues are sought. • Public Protection Enforcement – consultation on new policy ends 11 February 2011. • Results of Waste Consultation – new arrangements to be implemented from Summer 2011. • Street Trading consultation - comments on harmonised policy by 17 March 2011. • Outcome of Leisure Services Review – see comments under Public Participation. • Car Parking Strategy – new arrangements will see chargeable parking introduced from 30 pence per hour, Monday to Saturday, with Sunday parking becoming free in line with practice elsewhere across the county. <p>The following partner updates contained in the pack were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Wiltshire. • Wiltshire Police. • Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service. <p>Mike Franklin also advised that there had been some take up of the fire safety checks that Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service were offering, and that the parish councils may like to publicise this service in their parish newsletters.</p>	

	<p>Issues Update – information was included in packs and a display was at the back of the room. Thanks to Elly for her excellent work on a range of matters of local concern.</p>	
87.	<p><u>Public Participation</u></p> <p>Walkers are Welcome Richard Craft advised that Bradford on Avon was hoping to become a “Walkers are Welcome” town this year and had already gained the backing of the Town Council.</p> <p>The “Walkers are Welcome” network was a national initiative, started in 2006. There are currently fifty five towns and villages registered in England, Wales and Scotland. Bradford on Avon would be the first community in Wiltshire to receive this status.</p> <p>A grant application to the Area Board is planned.</p> <p>Bradford on Avon Swimming Pool Update Gerald Millward-Oliver advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal for community ownership is an opportunity not a threat. • The Development Trust were moving forward with a feasibility study on the pool, this would incorporate proposals to make the pool more environmentally friendly. • Positive vibes coming back from Wiltshire Council as to the trust taking on the pool. • A report would be going before Wiltshire Council’s Cabinet next month, with Wiltshire Council still interested in local ownership of the pool. <p>Family Sports Weekend Cllr Isabel Martindale advised that a meeting was to be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 9 February 2011, St Margaret’s Hall to scope out a proposed sports event for the week beginning 16 – 22 May 2011. The organisers would be looking for funding and would be applying for a community area grant at the March area board meeting.</p>	

	<p>Communications between Wiltshire Council and Town & Parish councils</p> <p>Cllr Janet Repton advised that concerns had been raised over the cementing over of a date and figure in the pediment of the listed New Mill building on the Kingston Mill site. Several requests were made to Wiltshire Council to get the date and figure restored on the building without success.</p> <p>Bradford on Avon Hospital Site</p> <p>Cllr Janet Repton advised that she was disappointed in the naming of buildings and roads on the old Bradford on Avon Hospital site. It would have been nice for local groups and residents to have had some say in the naming of the buildings and roads, the developer appeared to have had the only input with Wiltshire Council officers. The Town Council had been unable to meet to formally object due to adverse snow conditions in December.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everybody for their questions and participation.</p>	
88.	<p><u>Heaven Scent External Artwork project - Councillor Rosemary Brown and the Young People's Issues Group (CAYPIG)</u></p> <p>Cllr Rosemary Brown Introduced Kath Brownlee, Youth Development Co-ordinator, and members of the CAYPIG who gave a presentation to the area board to consider a funding bid to produce a piece of external artwork on the Heaven Scent Building on Victory Field, Bradford on Avon.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaflets had been distributed around the town requesting peoples views on the proposed art project, feedback had been very positive. • The Kingston Mill site had agreed to supply scaffolding for artists to work from. • Youth workers and CAYPIG members would be able to touch up any parts of the artwork if it was defaced etc. • A re-sprayable graffiti wall is planned for Poulton Rec. close to the skate park, an initiative of the Bradford on Avon Youth Council. 	

	<p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Bradford on Avon Area Board supports the project. <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Brown, Kath Brownlee and the CAYPIG representatives for their presentation.</p>	<p>Peter Dunford</p>
<p>89.</p>	<p><u>Impact of the Spending Cuts on Wiltshire Policing</u></p> <p>Councillor Paul Sample - Wiltshire Police Authority gave a short power point presentation on the potential Impact of the spending cuts on Wiltshire policing.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Police Authority's annual budget of £107 million must be reduced by £15 million over the next four years to meet government spending cuts. • Wiltshire Police was likely to lose up to 150 police officers and up to 200 police staff posts, but were committed to keeping officers on the streets and protecting the frontline as far as possible. • Numbers of neighbourhood police would remain the same. • New technology would keep officers on the beat fighting crime. • Current helicopter arrangements with the air ambulance would continue until at least 2014. • The Swindon and County divisional structures would be merged. • Wiltshire Police would use more local resolution, a new way of sorting out difficulties between people by getting them to reach agreement without court action. • Wiltshire Police Authority had compiled a questionnaire for the residents of Wiltshire to give their input as to funding cuts. <p>Points made included:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will more of Wiltshire’s resources have to be used to police Swindon? A – No more less than is required by operational needs. • Will we have to “buy in” policing, working with other police forces? A – Joint CID working may be looked at, bring in skills when needed. • There are existing good working relationships between police and social services. A – Fill in a questionnaire and let the WPA know this. <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Sample for his presentation.</p>	
90.	<p><u>Reducing unnecessary Street Lighting</u></p> <p>The area board considered nominations for streetlights to be switched off from midnight to 5.30am across the Bradford on Avon community area.</p> <p>Parish councils were asked to consider the possible impact of reducing street lighting upon levels of crime and disorder as well as areas with vulnerable residents and locations with a history of accidents where it would not be appropriate to reduce street lighting.</p> <p>The nominations put forward by Town and Parish Councils had been assessed by the Wiltshire Council street lighting engineers.</p> <p>A list of proposed sites for switch off were tabled and discussed.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That it would be useful to have a list of which lights have already been converted to switch off. • A further tranche of funding would be made available during 2011 for further light conversions to be carried out. <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area board supports the submissions from Monkton Farleigh, Limpley Stoke, Winsley and Holt 	<p>Peter Dunford</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">Parish Councils and Bradford on Avon Town Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The street lighting team is asked to initiate work on these schemes. • That a revisions process is requested by the Bradford on Avon area board to monitor implementation of the first tranche of switch offs and to investigate further opportunities on major roads. <p>The Chairman Thanked Diane Teare for her help and input into this process.</p>	
91.	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>i. The Wiltshire Councillors considered one application to the Community Area Grants Scheme 2010/11 as follows:</p> <p>Holt Netball Club requested £980 towards the cost of equipment for players.</p> <p>Cllr Alan Mines, (Wingfield PC) commented on behalf of the Bradford on Avon Community Area Grants Advisory Group.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>This application was turned down as the area board felt that the grant would be of limited public benefit, and that It was felt that as the groups' finances were healthy, it should be possible to accommodate the cost of the new kit from fundraising and member subscriptions.</p> <p>There was also a concern that awarding a grant to this group could prompt sports groups across the community area to also apply for funding for sports equipment.</p> <p>ii. The Community Area Manager advised that £30,000 of the current budget is still un-spent.</p>	
92.	<p><u>Performance Reward Grants</u></p> <p>The Wiltshire Councillors consider one bid to the Performance Reward Grant Scheme, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Wiltshire Infrastructure Support Service – ‘GROW’. 	

	<p>There was discussion regarding the benefits and opportunities provided through volunteering. Clarification was requested on the current levels of support services available, for example through Bridge House Trust.</p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bradford on Avon Area Board recognises that volunteering is vital during recessionary times, but was not convinced that this project was of a viable nature. 	Peter Dunford
93.	<p><u>Future Area Board Meetings</u></p> <p>The Chairman highlighted the forthcoming meetings and drew particular attention to Wednesday 16 March which was to be the young people participatory budgeting event at St Margaret's Hall.</p>	
94.	<p><u>Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everybody for attending the meeting.</p>	

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Chairman's Announcements

i) Transport Working Group - meeting to consider priorities and progress with minor capital improvement works

Date and venue to be announced, to be Chaired by Cllr Hewson

ii) Seminar on 'Big Society, Localism and What it Means for You'.

Date and Venue to be announced, to be Chaired by Cllr Hewson

iii) Localism Bill - Proposed Changes to Arrangements Governing the Conduct of Councillors

The Government's Localism Bill, published on 13 December 2010, makes significant changes to the current arrangements governing the conduct of councillors in Wiltshire. The proposals in the Bill include:

- removing the requirement for councils to adopt a national code of conduct for councillors;
- abolishing Standards for England, the national body responsible for overseeing the current standards regime in England;
- introducing new arrangements for the registration and declaration of personal interests, backed by the criminal law;
- giving councils a duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by councillors;
- enabling councils to adopt a voluntary code of conduct.

Councils, including unitary, town, parish and city councils will be expected to establish a committee to oversee the council's arrangements for promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct.

We will be monitoring the Localism Bill as it proceeds through Parliament. The Bill is expected to become law in the Autumn 2011. Further details on the arrangements will be provided in regulations.

In the meantime the current arrangements for standards, including the local assessment, consideration and determination of complaints under the model code of conduct adopted by councils, will continue to apply. We anticipate that the new arrangements will not come into effect until the Spring 2012.

We will be providing updates on the progress of this legislation to towns, parish and city councils.

If you need any further information on this matter please contact:

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iv) Library Service Review

The Wiltshire Library Service Review has culminated in a decision by cabinet on 25 January to accept the proposals outlined in the Library Service review paper.

A summary of the proposals is available in the document provided tonight which has section for comments that can be completed and returned to the council.

The proposals include inviting members of the community to get involved in volunteering in their libraries and the document has a reply section for those interested to get in touch.

The key points for libraries in this area are:

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- All mobile library stops will continue to operate.
- Bradford library opening hours will be reduced from 46 to 40 hours a week.
- New self service technology will be introduced to the library to improve efficiency and help communities extend library opening hours through support from volunteers, who will be trained and supported by Wiltshire library staff.

v) Outcome of the Leisure Facilities Review

Wiltshire Council's cabinet has considered the results of the extensive consultation exercise undertaken between July and October and approved a refined proposal which shall;

- Retain a strategic view and ensure that the indoor leisure facilities are a key component of the emerging community campus programme.
- Ensure that the indoor leisure facility service in Wiltshire will be enhanced which creates more opportunities for local people to actively pursue a healthy lifestyle.
- Give a clear message about the Council's commitment to providing high quality and efficient local services.

- Deliver a refined proposal that has been directly shaped by local people.

The refined proposals as set out in the report will provide;

- The specification for new leisure facilities in Trowbridge, Melksham, Warminster and Durrington/Amesbury as part of the wider campus development project.
- Improvements to Devizes Leisure Centre, Five Rivers in Salisbury, The Activity Zone in Malmesbury, Marlborough Leisure Centre and Tidworth Leisure Centre as part of the Workplace Transformation Programme.
- For an indoor Bowls facility to be included as part of a Campus facility in Melksham.
- For the provision of a grant of £400K to the Wiltshire School of Gymnastics in Melksham.

The Council has been clear about its proposals to transfer some of the local facilities to the community to manage. The Council will now consider the proposal to transfer these facilities in a wider strategic context to enable it to assess the impact of a potential transfer alongside other council buildings and services. This will enable the Council to consider the practicalities and options for wider campus developments.

Whilst the investigations into campus opportunities are completed, the Council will not be looking to alternative management arrangements for indoor leisure facilities as a single service. The Council's approach is intended to retain community involvement in the campus development project as it is recognised that local input is critical to success.

This refined proposal for leisure acts as a pre-cursor to a report that the Workplace Transformation Team shall present to Cabinet in the early part of 2011. This report will set out the high level principles behind a sustainable and affordable campus development project and consider the financial implications associated with this refined proposal for leisure.

The Council will continue the on-going dialogue which has already been established with local community groups regarding the local management of facilities.

vi) Reducing Child Poverty Strategy Consultation

The Child Poverty Act requires each local authority to produce a child poverty strategy.

The consultation is currently open regarding the content of the Wiltshire Reducing Child Poverty Strategy. The draft strategy includes a suggested strategic objective around geographic approaches (page 16).

The Area Board is invited to contribute its views. The link is set out below:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/healthandsocialcare/childrenyoungpeoplefamilies/reducingchildpovertyconsultation.htm>

Consultation closes on 4 April 2011.

Information has already been sent to a wide distribution including all councillors, the Wiltshire Assembly, thematic partnerships, schools and early years' settings.

vii) Childcare Sufficiency Assessment

Local authorities have a duty, under the Childcare Act 2006, to assess the sufficiency of childcare in their area and produce a report. Wiltshire's second report has now been drafted and it is out for consultation on the Wiltshire Council website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schoolseducationandlearning/earlyyearsandchildcare/childcaresufficiencyassessment.htm>.

Any comments should be forwarded to the early years team using the response sheet provided on the website by 20 March 2011. The final report will be published on the website before 1 April 2011.

Further information is available from:

Email: earlyyears@wiltshire.gov.uk

Telephone: 01225 785674



Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Bradford-on-Avon Community Area Board 16th March 2011

1. Inspector Cullop is on annual leave and sends his apologies. PS Chris Hams will be in attendance to present this report and answer any questions from members of the public.



2. Neighbourhood Policing

Current Priorities:

Up-to-date details of the current news about Neighbourhood Policing Teams, including, profiles, priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on the Wiltshire Police Website.

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

Police Authority Representative

Cllr. Paul Sample is the Wiltshire Police Authority member with the responsibility for the Bradford-on-Avon Community. He can be contacted via Wiltshire Police Authority  01380 734022 or  <http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

Team profile:

Team Supervisor

Sergeant Chris Hams

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Martin Annetts
PCSO – Laura Humphreys

Rural Team

Beat Manager – PC Martin Barrett

PCSO – Vicky Huntley

Special Constables Police Support Volunteers

Dave Lee

Margaret Astell

Team News:

There have been no Team changes since the last Area Board Meeting.

3. Comprehensive Spending Review

Work is ongoing to deliver a new policing model to meet the projected funding cuts over the next 4-years. The public consultation phase has been completed. Details of any changes to local policing delivery in the Bradford-on-Avon Community Area will be reported to the Area Board as soon as they become known.

4. Performance

There continues to be a reduction in overall reported crime in the Community Area. Full details of latest figures can be found at **Table 1** below.

Following the introduction of Local Resolution there will be a decrease in offences that are recorded as sanctioned detections or in other words offences that are finalised with a Criminal Justice outcome. Local Resolution brings back a common-sense approach to dealing with minor crimes and anti-social behaviour by putting the victim's wishes first. In many cases victims only want an offender to apologise to them or agree to reparation. This approach fits well with the use of Restorative Justice Practices where offenders are made to understand the impact of their behaviour and in many cases undertake work within their community.

Levels of Anti-Social Behaviour show a reduction when compared with the corresponding 2009 quartile. The NPT will continue to respond to reports of ASB and seek to find lasting solutions in partnership with all stakeholders. Full details of the latest figures can be found at **Table 2** below.

Table 1 – Reported Crime Figures

1st Feb 2010 – 31st Jan 2011

BRADFORD-ON-AVON	CRIME				DETECTIONS	
	2009/10	2010/11	+ / -	% Change	2009/10	2010/11
Violence Against the Person	96	85	-11	-11.5%	58.3%	51.8%
Dwelling Burglary	38	42	4	10.5%	15.8%	40.5%
Criminal Damage	160	105	-55	-34.4%	14.4%	7.6%
Non Dwelling Burglary	58	71	13	22.4%	15.5%	1.4%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	35	44	9	25.7%	8.6%	20.5%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	15	11	-4	-26.7%	26.7%	18.2%
Total Crime	578	556	-22	-3.8%	26.5%	21.8%

Table 2 – Reported Anti-Social Behaviour Figures

1st Jan 2010 – 31st Dec 2010

JAN-MAR 2010	APR-JUNE 2010 (2009)	JULY-SEPT 2010 (2009)	OCT-DEC 2010 (2009)	MONTHLY AVE
115	145 (167)	112 (163)	117 (127)	122.3



David W Cullop
Sector Inspector

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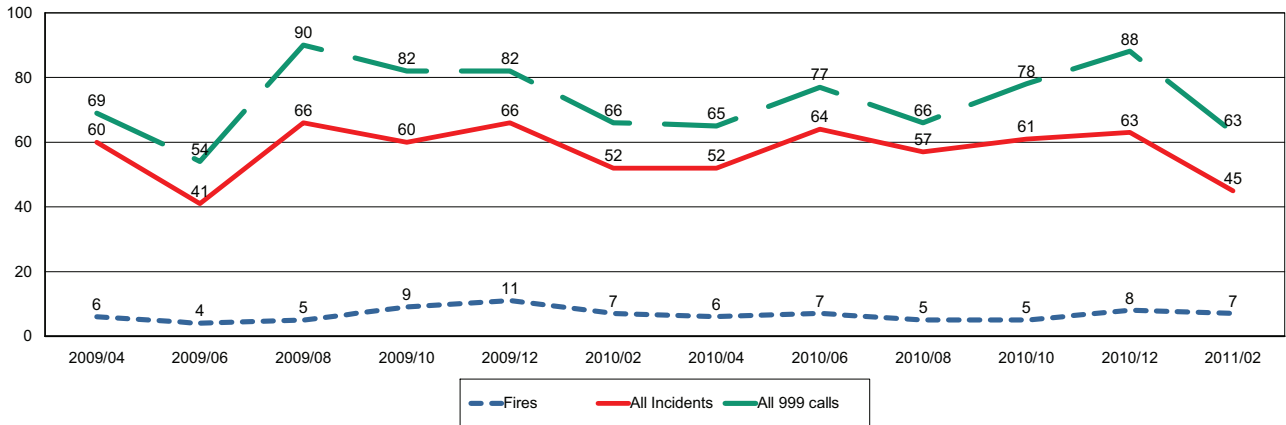
Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

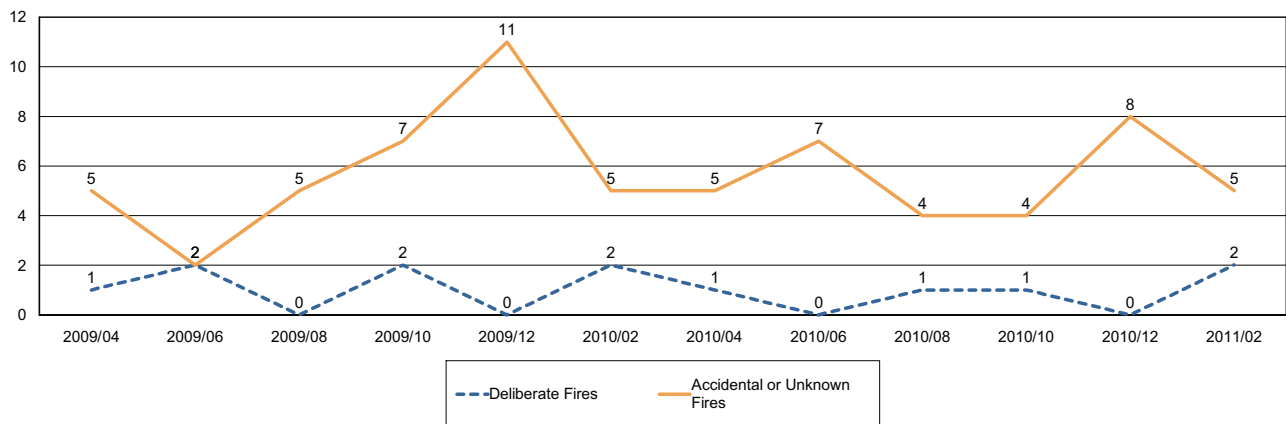
Report for Bradford on Avon Area Board

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

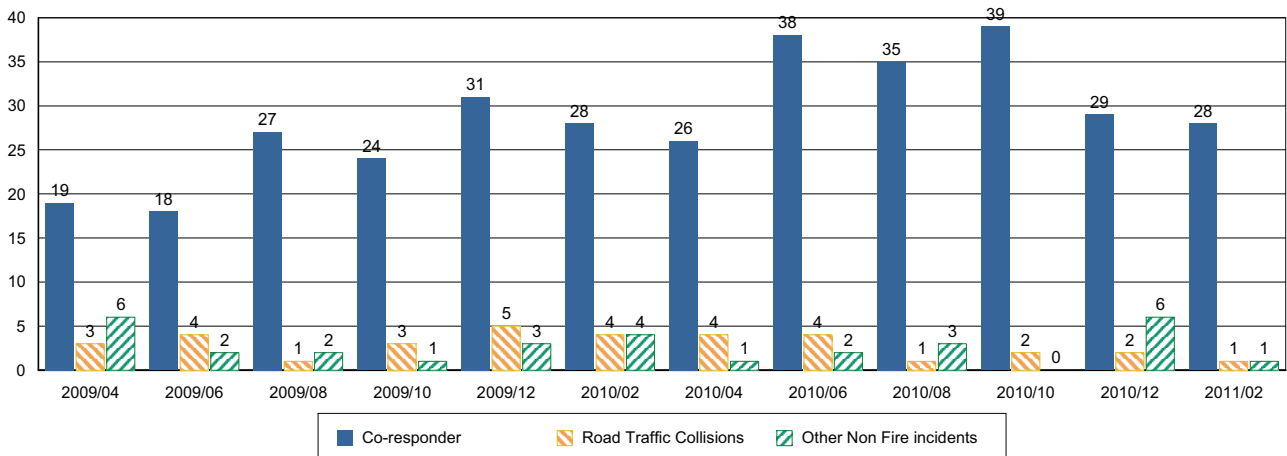
Incidents and Calls



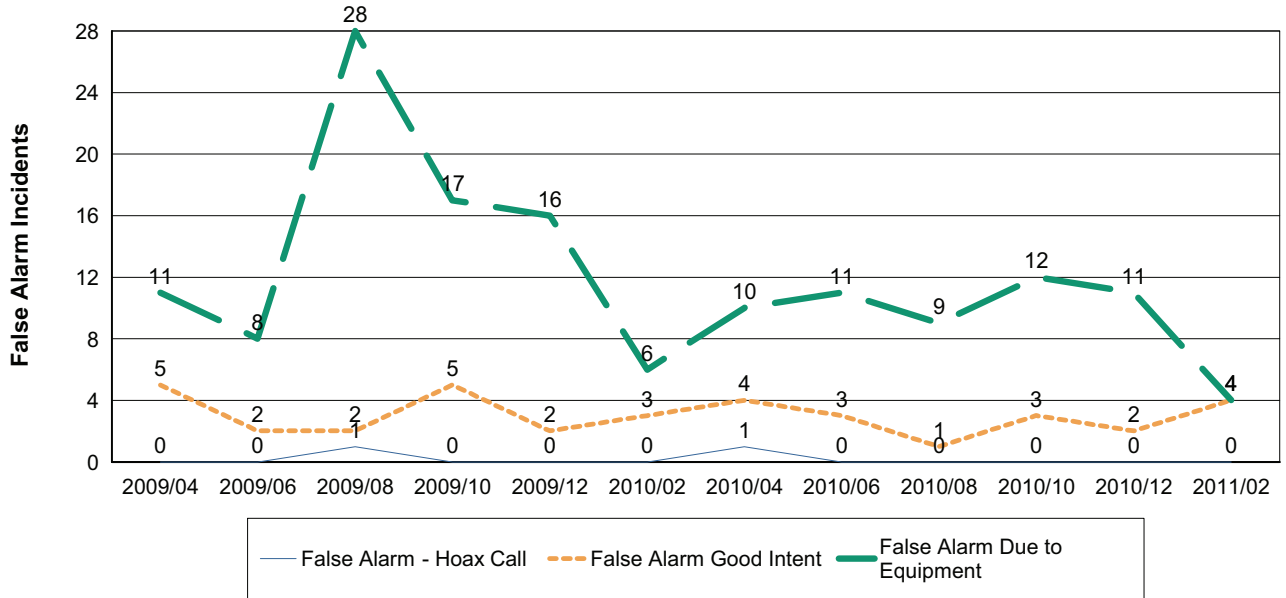
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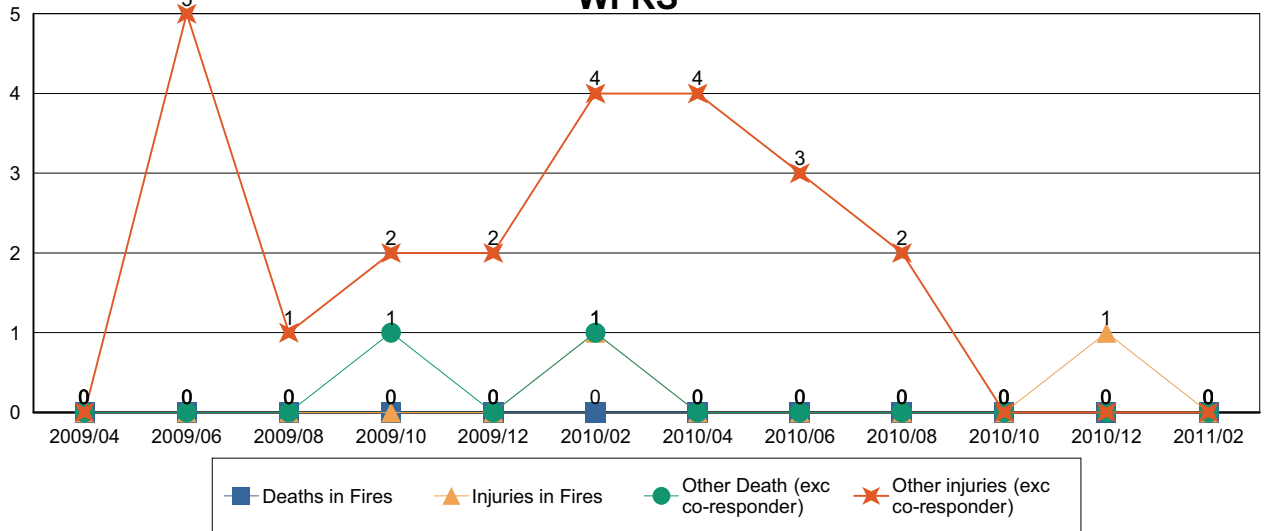
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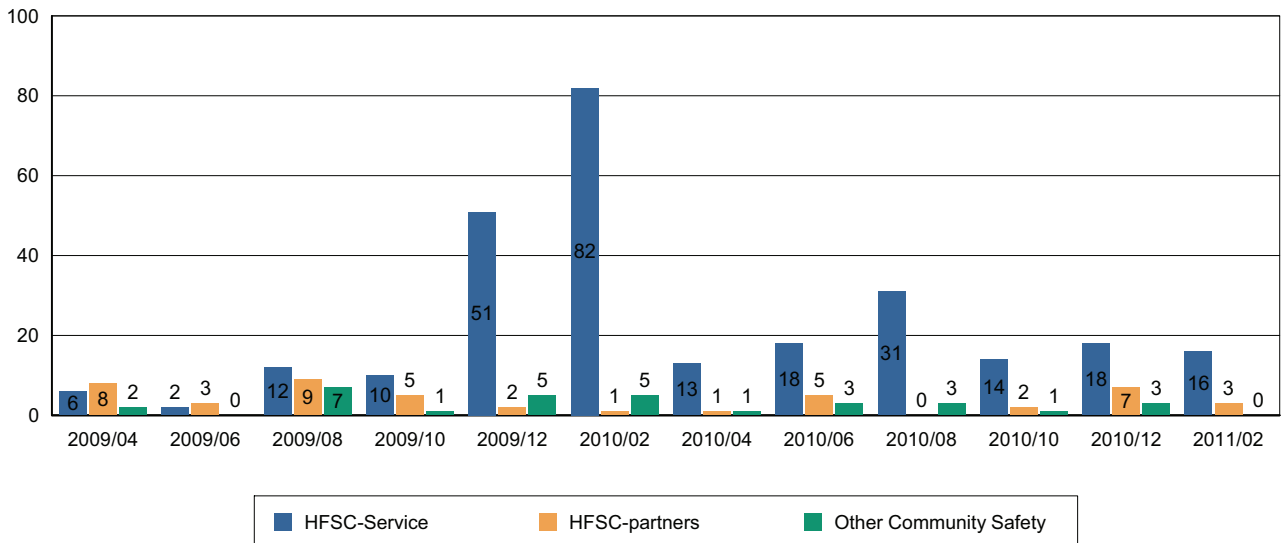
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Comments and Interventions overleaf

NHS Update – March 2011

South West has the highest proportion of people who smoke ‘roll-ups’

Smokefree South West launches a major campaign in Wiltshire in early March, targeting the 33% of smokers in the South West, the highest in the country, who use hand rolling tobacco. The first of its kind, it will highlight its inherent health risks and dispel the myths that have built up around it.

The campaign, which has been backed by Cancer Research UK and the Faculty of Public Health, will be seen across Wiltshire, including eye catching billboards, support packs for smokers looking to quit and hard-hitting radio and television adverts premiering today.

The cost of hospital admissions for users of hand rolling tobacco in the South West ran to approximately £31.7m in 2008/09, this represents an estimated £6 for every person in the South West.

Smokefree South West has developed a brand new Wise-Up to Roll-Ups pack, in the style of a hand rolling tobacco pouch, containing information about hand rolling tobacco and quitting tools to aid smokers to quit hand rolling tobacco. Smokers can order a pouch, by texting **WISE** to a unique text number, 0800 028 0553, or by going online to our dedicated website www.wiseupandquit.co.uk. Leaflets and posters will also be placed in GP surgeries across the South West.

New NHS Stop-Smoking drop-in clinic for Westbury

Westbury smokers wanting to take the first steps to freedom from the habit will have a new option on their doorstep, with the opening of NHS Wiltshire’s Saturday drop-in clinic at The Laverton in Bratton Road. The clinic has been set up in response to increasing demand for support to stop smoking, and will open on Saturday 26 February 2011, initially running for a 12-week pilot.

There is already an award-winning stop smoking clinic established in Westbury on Tuesday evenings which has proved a great success with people giving up and becoming smoke free. The Westbury clinic at the Hospital has attracted over 100 smokers since April 2010 with 65 per cent of those being smoke free four weeks after setting a quit date.

For information on how to get off the cigarettes, your local NHS Stop Smoking Service is the first place to call – phone 01380 733891. Alternatively people can visit <http://www.wiltshire.nhs.uk/> for more information to help them make this important move.

Chippenham Hospital CQC Inspection

In early February, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) which is the independent regulator of health and social care services in England, published a report following its visit to Chippenham Hospital in December 2010.

The visit was one of a programme of unannounced inspection visits to NHS facilities. Inspectors looked at the hospital environment, spoke to patients and staff on two wards and in the minor injuries unit, and reviewed a range of information.

The report identified that the Care Quality Commission has minor concerns about *some* aspects of the service on Beech Ward at Chippenham Hospital. It also found that new mothers praised staff on Chippenham Birthing Unit for their patient support with breastfeeding, and in the minor injuries unit staff were described as cheerful and welcoming.

Wiltshire Community Health Services (WCHS), which runs Chippenham Hospital, has welcomed the report, and acknowledged the areas where the CQC defined it has minor concerns. Responding, Annie Kelly, WCHS Director of Nursing with responsibility for the quality of patient care, said: "We take all the concerns seriously and are finalising a robust action plan, detailing how we can work with staff and others to ensure that we are providing the high quality care that people rightly expect."

Director of Public Health thanks health colleagues as flu numbers drop

This year's seasonal influenza virus appears to be on the decrease this month after a difficult winter. Maggie Rae, Director of Public Health for Wiltshire, praised staff for their dedication and commitment over the last few months.

"As the person with responsibility for the public health of the people of Wiltshire, I would like to give my thanks to the GPs, hospital doctors, nurses, pharmacists and NHS Wiltshire's Primary Care Team who have done a tremendous job this winter – as they do every winter – in keeping the local health service running effectively. All the health and social care staff have done an excellent job, and thanks to their efforts, along with appropriate self-treatment and use of services by local people, we have managed very well".

Influenza is still circulating in our communities, although at much lower levels than we saw over the Christmas period.

Next NHS Wiltshire Board Meeting

The next Board meeting of NHS Wiltshire will be held on **Wednesday 16 March at 10am - 2011 at Southgate House**. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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

Area Board Project

1. What is the Initiative?

To keep Holt Youth Club open by paying for an Assistant Youth Worker for 3 hours a week.

This Assistant Youth Worker would be provided by Wiltshire Councils Development Service for Young People, and would work beside another Youth Worker that is funded by the Council itself.

The club is supported by a rota of community volunteers, but without a second Assistant Youth Worker the club may have to close.

2. Where is the initiative taking place?

The club runs at Holt Village Hall, Wednesdays 7 - 9pm. The worker would work 3 hrs a week in total as they will need time to set up the club, clear up and complete their records afterwards.

3. When will the initiative take place?

1st April 2011 – 31st March 2012.

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

The following are statements from young people explaining why they feel the youth club benefits them:

"It's somewhere to go to not be scared."

"It's somewhere to go and let your hair down and have a laugh, and forget about everything. "

"There's nothing else for the youth in Holt and it's a good atmosphere where people who care about us."

"It's a time where all the young people from Holt can come to a nice, warm, dry and safe place to meet."

"Please don't take away our youth club as it has helped us to achieve things as both youth workers are always there to help us when we need them. They help us with new opportunities, especially in this upcoming year in which we are trying to raise money so we can start projects like the baby project where we would learn to look after electronic babies. We are also planning on going on a residential where we can do surf lessons and horse riding lessons.

"The youth club itself gives us opportunity to see friends in a calm environment where we enjoy taking part in activities together such as apple bobbing at Halloween and Christmas parties during the festive season."

"The youth club overall is just a great thing to be a part of as it helps us all a lot, for example helping us find money raising opportunities to help us go to college and do courses."

For further details on how the youth club has been of direct benefit to the community please read statements attached from the following supporting adults:

The Chair of Holt Parish Council, John Palmer, who has provided a brief history of Youthwork in Holt, highlighting the problems the village struggled with before we had a Youth Club, and the large & continuing personal and

financial commitment of Holt Parish Council to the Youth Club.

Alan Fox, a villager, first Chairman of the Advice and Support Group for the Young People of Holt and social work professional who has written a brief background and statement of his views on the Youth Club's value.

PC Martin Barrett, who finds the Youth Centre a valuable link to Holts younger residents, and believes it has a direct link to keeping anti-social behaviour in the area low.

5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

To stop the youth club closing.

We want to keep it open as this youth club gives us new opportunities to try different activities, from designing shoes to horse riding.

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

It would be a joint partnership between the Broughton Gifford and Holt Youth Project, and the Wiltshire Council Youth Development Service for Young People.

Katherine Brownlee, the Youth Development Coordinator for Bradford on Avon, would be the main contact from the Development Service for Young People. She would be managing the staff at the youth club.

7. Costs/quotes/ match funding? (total cost £5k require 1 quote, total cost £5k-25k require 3 quotes)

The cost of the worker would be £10.98 per hour. They would work 3 hrs per week for 52 weeks of the year. They would also need to go on training and meet with their manager regularly to monitor their progress.

The total cost for the year would be £1912.50.

8. Additional information

Further comments from young people:

"All of us at Holt Youth Club do not want it to close. Please give us money for another youth worker as this place means a lot to all of the people who are a part of Holt Youth Club."

"It's somewhere to go once a week. It's such a good night."

"It's somewhere to hang out and have a laugh and speak to wonderful and lovely people. I love youth club. I'd cry if it gets closed."

"Holt doesn't have a lot to do anyway so youth club is fun for us all."

There are also statements of support attached from local adults. These are from:

6 Holt residents

The Holt School headmistress, Margaret Harndon.

Andrew Evans, Rural Dean.

Martin Moyes, Holt Parish Council

Area Board Project

1. What is the Initiative?

Music Production project, with a professional teaching young people how to create their own piece of music using state of the art music technology.

2. Where is the initiative taking place?

Bradford on Avon Youth Development Centre.

3. When will the initiative take place?

It would be on a different day to the normal drop in sessions, and the group would be much smaller too. This would mean young people would get more time alone with the tutor so would learn more, and they would concentrate better with less people around.

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

We would like a Music Production project because we'd be able to use state of the art music technology that we wouldn't be able to use normally.

Also, we would like to work with a music professional, which we wouldn't normally be able to do.

We've wanted to do this for a long time as we love music and want to create our own.

We'd like to do the project as a separate project at the Youth Centre because it'd be too loud and busy for us to be able to concentrate properly on a normal night. Everyone that comes to the project would be dedicated to making new music, so we'd be able to take it seriously and work hard to learn new skills.

We could make a CD of music young people have made and play it in the centre. Then everyone could listen to our music instead of shop bought CDs, which would be amazing.

As we've wanted to do this for a long time, this will give us the chance to find out if the music industry is something we want to carry on with as a career or a hobby. If we like it we could organise more projects like it.

It would be good to learn new skills whilst still having fun.

We could also achieve our Asdan Activities Award by doing this project, which would look good on our CVs when we look for jobs.

We could arrange transport for people living in the villages. We would like to run the project twice and could even run one of them in a village.

5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

To give people new opportunities.

To teach young people new music and IT skills.

To let people explore whether music is a good career for them.

To produce music that can be played at the Youth Centre.

For young people to achieve their Asdan Activities Award.

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

Katherine Brownlee, the Youth Development Coordinator for Bradford on Avon

7. Costs/quotes/ match funding? (total cost £5k require 1 quote, total cost £5k-25k require 3 quotes)

Cost per project:

4 x 2 hour evening sessions. = £500

Blank CDs = £10

Post mix and Production = £50

Total per project = £560

We would like to run the project twice so we can involve as many young people as possible.

We would also like £300 to help make the project accessible to young people living in the villages. For example, taxis or hiring a place in one of the villages where we could hold one of the projects.

The overall total would be £1420

8. Additional information

Other comments from young people:

"It would give us something else to do that we wouldn't normally get the chance of."

"It would take young people out of their comfort zone."

"We could organise our own discos and parties if we learnt how to DJ and make music."

"It would teach young people a new skill."

"This would help us be creative."

"We'd learn new musical skills."

"It would lighten up the centre (it's boring with no music)."

"It would be fun!"

Information from Music Lab Workshop, Bradford on Avon:

'These sessions are designed to provide an in-depth look at music technology using computer software, instruments, microphone and DJ technology.

Participants will learn how to produce their own music and learn to use professional music making equipment found in recording studios.

They will have the option to work as a large group to create a track, smaller groups to create several tracks or individually to compose their own creation. There will be emphasis on working together at the beginning of the project.

The final day will see participants mixing their music to produce a final piece for CD. (These mixes may also be put onto individuals mobile phones and uploaded to Music Labs SoundCloud site).'



Area Board Project

1. What is the Initiative?

Football coaching project.

To get a football coach in to teach us football skills and tricks.

2. Where is the initiative taking place?

Bradford on Avon Youth Development Centre, or another sports hall in Bradford on Avon.

3. When will the initiative take place?

In the Easter holidays or Summer holidays.

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

We want to do it because football is popular. We want to learn more skills and tricks and get more people into it.

We also want to learn more about the rules.

It could help people become professional football players.

After the project some people might join Bradford on Avon Football Club and make it better. Then it might get into the Barclaycard Premiership one day so we can play teams like Liverpool!

It would help us to make new friends and develop our team work skills. It is also a good way for people to keep fit.

The project would be for 11 – 19yr olds. It would be for boys and girls as both like playing football.

5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

To give people new opportunities.

To develop football skills and learn more about the rules.

To meet new people and make new friends.

To give us exercise.

To get more people interested in football as a good way of keeping fit and having fun.

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

Katherine Brownlee, the Youth Development Coordinator for Bradford on Avon

7. Costs/quotes/ match funding? (total cost £5k require 1 quote, total cost £5k-25k require 3 quotes)

A football project of 16hrs of coaching would cost £400. We would split this into 4 and have 4 x 4hr sessions.

We would like to do 2 projects so we can involve as many young people as possible.

We would also like £400 to help make the project accessible to young people living in the villages. For example, taxis or hiring a place in one of the villages where we could hold one of the projects.

The total we need is £1200.

8. Additional information

Statement from Kath Brownlee, Youth Development Coordinator:

“The young people writing this bid are very eager to learn new football skills and tricks. This project would be a rare opportunity for them to work with a professional football coach. It would also allow them to take part in a structured sporting activity during the school holidays.

If funding is awarded, this project would encourage young people in Bradford on Avon to look at football as a way of undertaking regular exercise in a team sport. Young people could be signposted to other opportunities that would enable them to take their interest further.”

Area Board Project

1. What is the Initiative?

Ice skating trip to Swindon

2. Where is the initiative taking place?

Swindon Link Centre

3. When will the initiative take place?

In the Easter holidays or Summer holidays.

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

We want to go Ice Skating because we don't have an ice rink in Bradford on Avon so it would be a new experience for a lot of people.

It would be a good way for people to face their fears. It would also boost peoples confidence when they learn how to skate.

Ice skating is good exercise, so it would help us to stay fit.

We could even become famous by learning new tricks!

The trip would also help us to meet new people and make new friends.

5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

For young people to enjoy the trip, learn new skills and have fun!

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

Katherine Brownlee, the Youth Development Coordinator for Bradford on Avon

7. Costs/quotes/ match funding? (total cost £5k require 1 quote, total cost £5k-25k require 3 quotes)

A minibus to take us there would cost £130. This would take 17 people.

We would then need 17 tickets to go ice skating. With skate hire this would cost £127.50 (£7.50 each).

In total we need £257.50.

8. Additional information

Statement from Kath Brownlee, Youth Development Coordinator:

“The young people involved in this bid would like the opportunity to go ice skating. As there is no rink in Bradford on Avon, this would mean a trip to Swindon. Visiting the nearby town would be a new experience in itself for many of the young people.

Participants on the trip would be heavily involved in organising the event, including arranging tickets, transport and consent forms.

Therefore, young people would be developing their organisational, team work and communication skills, as well as their ice skating ability. “

Area Board Project
1. What is the Initiative?
Trip to Longleat Safari Park, near Warminster in Wiltshire for YPAB (Young Parents and Babies/Bumps).
2. Where is the initiative taking place?
We would meet at Bradford on Avon Youth Development Centre then travel to Longleat in the councils Multi Person Vehicle (MPV). We will also use a suitable staff vehicle as there will not be enough space in the MPV for everyone.
3. When will the initiative take place?
Spring/Summer 2011. If we got the money we would organise a day that suited everyone in the group best.
4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/links to Community Plan/Community Issue?
<p>It would give the children the opportunity of a new experience. It would help us to build links with Wiltshire and help us as parents to access local facilities.</p> <p>We could not go without Area Board funding as we could not afford the tickets. The majority of us also do not have transport to get there. There is no where else in Wiltshire where we could access the same range of facilities as Longleat. We also feel Longleat is not too far, so the Children would not get too tired. We think that places like London Zoo are too far. This is why we want to go to Longleat.</p> <p>It would help us to teach our children animal noises, habitats and develop their knowledge and understanding of the world.</p> <p>It would cover the Every Child Matters outcomes for us and our children. It would cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Be healthy' because it would help us teach our children about different animal diets, and it would give us a chance to develop positive relationships with our children in a new environment. • 'Be Safe' as we could continue teaching our children about safety such as stranger danger and not touching unknown animals. It would also help us as parents as we can practise teaching these things in a different environment to normal. • 'Achieve economic wellbeing' because it would help our children in developing social skills that are vital in later life. • 'Enjoy and achieve' as our children would enjoy experiencing new animals in a new and exciting environment. • 'Make a positive contribution' as we could all support each other to look after and teach our children in this new environment.
5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?
<p>For 6 young parents and their 8 children to go to Longleat Safari Park, supported by the 2 workers from YPAB.</p> <p>For us and our children to share a new experience and strengthen our positive relationships with each other.</p> <p>For us to practise teaching our children about safety in a new environment, which will help develop our confidence.</p>

For our children to learn about different animals and their diets, and safety such as stranger danger and not touching unknown animals.

For us as a group to develop our relationships with each other outside of our normal group meeting place.

For our children to develop their friendships in a different environment.

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

Katherine Brownlee, Development Service for Young People.

7. Costs/quotes/ match funding? (total cost £5k require 1 quote, total cost £5k-25k require 3 quotes)

Day tickets to Longleat cost £26 per adult. This includes entry in to:

- Safari Park
- Longleat House
- Jungle Kingdom
- Jungle Cruise
- Longleat Hedge Maze
- Adventure Castle
- Jungle Express
- Animal Adventure
- The Bat Cave
- Motion Simulators
- Postman Pat Village
- Tea Cup Ride

We will need 8 adult tickets.

Most of our children will not need to pay as they are under 3yrs old, but we will need 1 child's ticket for £18.50.

The total of this will be £226.50.

We will also need money for petrol. It will be 28 miles for the return journey. The current Wiltshire Council mileage rate is 40p per mile so this will mean that staff will need £11.20 for each vehicle. We are taking 2 cars so will need £22.40 in total.

The overall total that we need is £248.90.

8. Additional information

Statement from Kath Brownlee, Youth Development Coordinator:

"YPAB has been running since September 2010. It has a core group of 6 young mums who attend weekly sessions where they can access information and advice on issues relevant to them.

The young people have been involved in writing the session plans for the group, and they all agreed that they wanted trips out of the youth centre where they normally meet. This was to enable them and their children to experience environments and activities that they wouldn't normally access due to lack of money, transport issues or lack of confidence.

The group identified places they'd like to visit with their children, and agreed that Longleat would be the best option. Some felt venues such as Bristol and London Zoos were too far for their first trip. Everyone agreed that Longleat was easily accessible, and would provide them and their children with a new and varied experience.

If funding is agreed, the young people would be involved in organising the trip."

Area Board Project

1. What is the Initiative?

Trip to Thorpe Park

2. Where is the initiative taking place?

Thorpe Park

3. When will the initiative take place?

In the Summer holidays.

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

We would like to go to Thorpe Park because most of us have never been. This is because it is so far away and expensive.

The trip would be good for people to test their limits and face their fears. For example, facing their fear of heights.

It will also let us have fun with our friends outside of school and youth club.

There would not be enough space for everyone at the Youth Centre to come, so we would ask people to apply and then have a lucky dip. Only people who behave well at the centre could apply, so it would be a good incentive for people.

This would be an exciting trip to experience new things and make new friends.

5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

For young people to enjoy the trip, face their fears and have fun!

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

Katherine Brownlee, the Youth Development Coordinator for Bradford on Avon

7. Costs/quotes/ match funding? (total cost £5k require 1 quote, total cost £5k-25k require 3 quotes)

We would need £130 for a minibus. This would take 17 people.

We would also need 17 day passes which would cost £408 (£24 each).

In total we need £538.00.

8. Additional information

“These young people would like the opportunity to visit Thorpe Park. Many of them have not been to a large theme park before due to financial or transport limitations.

If awarded funding, the young people would be heavily involved in organising the trip, including arranging tickets, transport and consent forms. Therefore developing their organisational, team work and communication skills.

This trip would serve as a well deserved reward for young people who have achieved personal goals this academic year, such as improving their behaviour or taking part in CAYPIGs (Community and Young Peoples Issues Group).”

Area Board Project

1. What is the Initiative?

Trip to London to a museum and shopping.

2. Where is the initiative taking place?

London

3. When will the initiative take place?

In the Easter or Summer holidays.

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

A trip to London will give young people a chance to see their capital city.

They could learn by going to a museum and enjoy themselves by shopping and sight seeing.

If we were given money to go to London we would vote on which places to visit and organise the day around what people would like to do.

Some ideas of places to visit are the Science Museum, Oxford Street, Knights Bridge, Transport Museum, Imperial War Museum and Parliament.

The trip would also mean we can socialise with our friends outside of school and youth club, and we could also meet new friends on the trip.

5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

To give young people a wider knowledge of their capital city.

For young people to learn about a subject of their choice by visiting a museum or Parliament.

To meet new people and make new friends.

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

Katherine Brownlee, the Youth Development Coordinator for Bradford on Avon

7. Costs/quotes/ match funding? (total cost £5k require 1 quote, total cost £5k-25k require 3 quotes)

It would cost £131 for a 17 seater minibus for a day.

8. Additional information

“Young people have decided that a trip to London would be a rare opportunity for them to experience their capital city. Many of them have not been to London before due to financial or transport limitations.

The group have many ideas of possible places to visit, and this would be decided by the young people should they be awarded funding.

If awarded funding, the young people would be heavily involved in organising the trip including agreeing the places to visit, arranging tickets for museums, transport and consent forms. Therefore developing their organisational, team work and communication skills.

This trip would provide a flexible learning opportunity, with young people at the heart of deciding its final itinerary and outcomes.”

Kath Brownlee, Youth Development Coordinator.

Report to	Bradford on Avon Area Board	Agenda Item No.10
Date of Meeting	16th March 2011	
Title of Report	Community Area Grants	

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 5 applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding:

i. Bradford on Avon Town Council – Hanging Baskets - requesting £ 2,798

The officer recommendation is that the full funding of £ 2,798 is awarded to Bradford on Avon Town Council for Hanging Baskets, on the basis that this is a one-off payment and cannot be repeated in subsequent years.

ii. Holt Parish Council – Tannery Development Brief – requesting £ 2,825

The officer recommendation is that the full funding of £ 2,825 is awarded to Holt Parish Council for the Tannery Development Brief project. The Spatial Planning Officer has requested that this be in the form of a 'Design Guide'.

iii. Bradford on Avon Development Trust / Bradford on Avon Town Council/ Climate Friendly Bradford on Avon – Bradford 2026 Study – requesting £ 7,100

The officer recommendation is that the application is deferred pending further discussions with Spatial Planning Officers.

iv. Bradford on Avon Community Area Partnership – Come and Try it Sporting Activities – requesting £1,500

The officer recommendation is that full funding of £1,500 is awarded to Bradford on Avon Community Area Partnership for the Come and Try It Sporting Activities project.

v. Walkers Are Welcome Steering Group – Launch of Walkers Are Welcome Initiative – requesting £758

The officer recommendation is that the full funding of £758 is awarded to the Walkers are Welcome Steering Group for the launch of the Walkers Are Welcome initiative.

Total amount requested £14,981

1. Background

1.1 Area Boards have authority to approve Community Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.

1.2 In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any 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 as to why this should justify an exception to the criteria.

1.3 In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance, officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.

1.4 Bradford on Avon Area Board has been allocated a budget in 2010/2011 of £47,110 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £5,122. This leaves a total budget of £52,232 for the 2010/2011 financial year. It has again been agreed that unspent monies at 31/03/11 can be rolled forward into the budget for the 2011/12 financial year.

1.5 A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.

1.6 The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11• Bradford on Avon Community Area Plan• Wiltshire Local Area Agreement• Report of Grant Advisory Group• Technical Officer reports
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2 Main Considerations

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

2.2 There have been 5 rounds of funding during 20010/11, this being the final round.

3 Environmental & Community Implications

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

4 Financial Implications

4.1 Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Bradford on Avon Area Board.

4.2 If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Bradford on Avon Area Board will have a balance of £ 20, 436 which can be rolled forward to the 2011/12 financial year.

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	Bradford on Avon Town Council	Hanging Baskets	£ 2, 798

8.1.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria 2010/11. It is eligible as one-off capital expenditure and cannot be funded again in subsequent years.

8.1.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through its support to the local tourism industry, improving the appearance of the town centre and thereby encouraging expenditure in local shops and on local services.

8.1.3 Members of the Grants Advisory Group have commented on this application and have raised concerns about the size of the reserves of the Town Council, the competitiveness of the quotes received and the value for money of the project. The full comments are available in an appendix to this report.

8.1.4 The project will provide 54 hanging baskets at locations around the town centre at a total cost of £ 5, 597.48. 3 quotations have been received for this work.

The officer recommendation is that the full funding of £ 2, 798 is awarded to Bradford on Avon Town Council for Hanging Baskets, on the basis that this is a one-off payment and cannot be repeated in subsequent years.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Holt Parish Council	Tannery Development Brief	£ 2, 825

8.2.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria 2010/11 and the Principal Legal Officer has confirmed that it is a lawful use of public money.

8.2.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through support to the Village Plan for Holt which is focused on the future of the Tannery site and consultation with local people through an enquiry by design process.

- 8.2.3 The Grants Advisory Group, Principal Legal Officer, Spatial Planning Officer and Economic Development Officer all have commented on this application. The full comments are available in an appendix to this report.
- 8.2.4 Spatial Planning and Economic Development Officers are broadly supportive of the project. The Grants Advisory Group's view is that the Grants system was not designed to provide funding to aid and support campaigns of pressure groups such as described in this project. They question the community benefit and consider the application to be premature given impending changes to planning legislation under the Localism Bill.
- 8.2.5 The project will bring in professional assistance to develop a participative process around a large, high profile site in the village that will bring together all parties to develop a plan for future uses of the site that best matches all aspirations. The 'enquiry by design' will engage a range of stakeholders including residents, local businesses, the developer, the site owner and the Council in a workshop process.

The officer recommendation is that the full funding of £ 2, 825 is awarded to Holt Parish Council for the Tannery Development Brief project. Spatial Planners have requested that this be in the form of a 'Design Guide'.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3	Bradford on Avon Development Trust/ Bradford on Avon Town Council/ Climate Friendly Bradford	Bradford on Avon 2026 Study	£ 7, 100

- 8.3.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria 2010/11 although the funding requested is above the normal threshold of £ 5, 000 per grant.
- 8.3.2 This application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement by providing importance evidence and parameters for the refresh of the 2005 plan, as well as addressing new areas not previously covered such as climate change.
- 8.3.3 The Grants Advisory Group, Spatial Planning Officer and Economic Development Officer have all commented on this application. The full comments are available in an appendix to this report.
- 8.3.4 The Spatial Planning Officer is supportive in principle but is concerned at the changing legislative framework in the light of the Localism Bill and recommends a re-focusing of the initiative as a 'Vision and Scoping' exercise rather than a

supplementary planning document. The Economic Development Officer stresses the need for the exercise to conform with the core strategy and LDF process and the need for a steering group of key local bodies to oversee the project. The Grants Advisory Group was concerned at the cost of the exercise, the lack of clarity around it and the timing of the application given impending changes to planning legislation under the Localism Bill. They consider that the grants system does not exist to aid this type of project and believe that, given the doubts expressed by spatial planning officers that the application as it stands should be rejected.

8.3.5 The project is to prepare a spatial planning framework for Bradford on Avon as a supplementary planning document to cover the next 15 years. This will be underpinned by a town roadmap to meet Climate Change Act obligations to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 34 % by 2020.

The officer recommendation is that the application for the Bradford on Avon 2026 Study is deferred pending further discussions with spatial planning officers.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	Bradford on Avon Community Area Partnership	Come and Try It Sporting Activities	£ 1, 500

8.4.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria 2010/11.

8.4.2 This application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement by addressing the need for outdoor sports and coaching facilities and by addressing objectives on health and wellbeing and promoting active lifestyles.

8.4.3 The Grants Advisory Group and Sports Development Officer have commented on this application and are both supportive. These comments are available in an appendix to this report.

8.4.4 The project will provide a week of come and try it sporting activities in conjunction with sports clubs throughout the community area, culminating in a sports weekend in the Country Park in Bradford on Avon running alongside the externally organised Triathlon, Aquathon and 10K Run.

The officer recommendation is that full funding of £ 1,500 is awarded to Bradford on Avon Community Area Partnership for the Come and Try It Sporting Activities project.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5	Walkers Are Welcome Steering Group	Launch of Walkers Are Welcome Initiative	£ 758

8.5.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria 2010/11. Since the application was submitted WAW status has been successfully granted to Bradford on Avon, the first town to be designated in Wiltshire. This application will now focus on the launch of the initiative.

8.5.2 This application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan by encouraging visitors, tourism and spending in the local economy as well as the promotion of healthy lifestyles and the conservation of the local landscape character.

8.5.3 The Grants Advisory Group has commented on this application and is supportive. These comments are available in an appendix to this report.

8.5.4 The objectives of WAW are i) action to ensure facilities for walkers are maintained in good condition; ii) adequate marketing of WAW status to benefit the local economy by attracting visitors and ensuring they are welcome and the town is easy and safe to navigate on foot; iii) encouragement of walking using public transport. The launch event will be celebrated as part of the Bradford on Avon Sports Festival week, 16-22 May 2011.

The officer recommendation is that the full funding of £ 758 is awarded to the Walkers are Welcome Steering Group for the launch of the Walkers Are Welcome initiative.

Appendices:	<p>Grant applications from:</p> <p>Bradford on Avon Town Council Holt Parish Council Bradford on Avon Development Trust/ Bradford on Avon Town Council/ Climate Friendly Bradford on Avon Bradford on Avon Community Area Partnership Walkers Are Welcome Steering Group</p> <p>Report from the Grants Advisory Group together with comments from technical officers</p>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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Performance Reward Grant Scheme

APPLICATION FORM

To be returned to:

wiltshirelaa@wiltshire.gov.uk

Area Board	<i>All Wiltshire community areas</i>	
Form submitted by (contact for all queries)	<i>David J Budd, Crime Prevention Office on behalf of Wiltshire's Neighbourhood Watch Schemes c/o Wiltshire Police Community Affairs Department David.budd@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk 01225 794659 Mobile 07966 818020</i>	
Name of initiative	<i>Crime Detection through Ultra Violet scanning</i>	
Brief Description of Initiative	<i>As a joint initiative with Smart water technology Limited Wiltshire Police have offered members of Neighbourhood Watch schemes across the county Smart water property marking kits at a discounted price. Smart water kits are individually unique and provide a direct link between the property marked and the lawful owner. To be effective the Police require the facility to scan items for property marking such as Smart water or Selecta DNA. The purpose of this initiative is to seek funds for the purchase of UV scanning torches for issue to Police Officers on operational duties.</i>	
Please put a cross against the ambition(s) that this initiative will support *It is only necessary to identify those ambitions on which you feel your bid will make a significant impact.	Building resilient communities	x
	Improving affordable housing	
	Lives not services	
	Supporting economic growth	
	Safer communities	x
	Protecting the environment	
	Action for Wiltshire – combating the recession	x
	Improving outcomes for Children and young people	
Amount of funding sought	<i>£20,000</i>	
What will this money be spent on?	<i>Purchase of 500 x UV3C Twin Task Torches</i>	
Is planning permission required?	<i>Not required</i>	
Have quotes been obtained? Yes	<i>There is only one quote as this is the only company with which Wiltshire Police deal that supply these items. Having</i>	

	<i>purchased some of these items from this company in the past I am satisfied with their reliability and that they are fit for purpose. Value of quote £ 17,225 plus VAT (rising to 20% in Jan 2011).</i>
<p>Note: Bids will only be considered if they help us to achieve our ambitions in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire. It is important that initiatives have a positive local impact, and that we are able to show success. In this section you are being asked to provide information about how your project contributes, and how you will measure that success. The level of improvement we expect to see will be proportional to the level of the bid: i.e. the more funding required, the greater the level of impact and improvement that will be necessary.</p>	
<p>Please describe how your initiative will support the ambition(s) indicated above, and summarise the action that will be taken</p>	<p><i>By providing the tools to aid a positive Policing response to crime.</i></p> <p><i>Torches will be issued to operational Police Officers to enable them to deploy Ultra Violet light when scanning persons, vehicles and property stopped or seized for the purposes of detecting Smart water/selecta DNA or other property marking means. In conjunction with the application o Smart water or selecta DNA this will enable officer to identify property that may be stolen, apprehending the offenders and allowing the property to be returned to the rightful owners.</i></p>
<p>What makes this initiative a local priority (e.g. evidence from research and local support)</p>	<p><i>Crime affects us all in one way or another and this initiative allows local police officers to reduce the fear of crime through an increase in detections</i></p>
<p>How will you know you have been successful?</p>	<p><i>It will be possible to monitor the success through statistics of crimes detected as a result of Police officers using the scanning torches when doing search warrants, attending scenes of crimes and during routine checks of persons, vehicles and property. Success can also be measured against a reduction in acquisitive crime.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will you measure the impact? (may have more than one measure) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>A decrease in peoples fear of crime</i> 2. <i>An increase in the public confidence in Wiltshire Police</i> 3. <i>Furthering the aim of Wiltshire Police in making Wiltshire the safest county in the country</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your improvement target (s), and when do you expect to achieve this/these? 	<p><i>The target would be an increase in detections of acquisitive crime and also a decrease in the number of crimes committed. The time scale is difficult to quantify</i></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will you ensure that the improvement continues after the end of the initiative?) 	<p><i>The torches will be issued to operational officers and will remain an ongoing commitment.</i></p> <p><i>At present this is a one off funding however it is hoped that further funding can be found to purchase more crime Prevention/detection aids in the future.</i></p>
Who will benefit from this initiative?	<i>Potentially this initiative will benefit all the residents across Wiltshire who will hopefully see a decrease in acquisitive crime and a higher detection rate of those crimes that do take place.</i>
Confirm no unfunded commitments from this initiative	<p>Please delete the statement that does not apply:</p> <p>1. I confirm that there will be no unfunded financial commitments arising from this initiative</p>
Will ongoing maintenance of premises/equipment be necessary?	<i>If 'Yes' please indicate how this will be funded/who is responsible No</i>
What are the key risks to success and how will these be managed?	<i>There would appear to be no risks.</i>
Who will manage the initiative	<p><i>David J Budd</i> <i>Crime Prevention Office</i> <i>Wiltshire Police</i> <i>Community Affairs Department</i> <u>David.budd@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk</u> <i>01225 794659</i> <i>Mobile 07966 818020</i></p>

Signed:

Chairman of Area Board

Dated:

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

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



Performance Reward Grant Scheme APPLICATION FORM

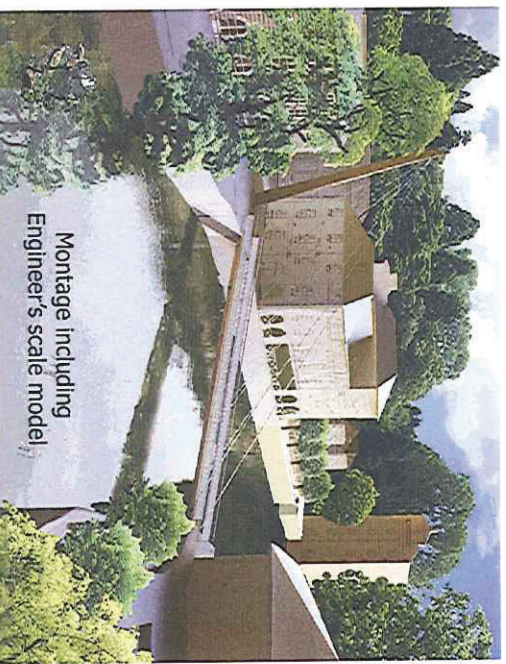
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Karen Spence, Performance Manager, Performance Team

Email: wiltshirelaa@wiltshire.gov.uk

Area Board	Bradford on Avon
Form submitted by (contact for all queries)	Bradford on Avon Town Council St Margaret's Hall St Margaret's Street Bradford on Avon BA15 1DE Tel 01225 864240 Email townclerk@bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk Contact Mrs Diane Holmes Town Clerk
Name of initiative	Kingston Bridge
Brief Description of Initiative	<p>In order to provide safe pedestrian access to the new Bradford on Avon town centre, a new site specific, single mast cable stay foot/cyclebridge is proposed as it is considered essential to cross the river from a point near the library to ensure that the new town centre is economically viable.</p> <p>The town centre, Kingston Mills site is currently being developed to provide a new town square and 4825 sq metres of commercial space and 170 dwellings including 30% affordable housing.</p>



Montage including
Engineer's scale model

The main pedestrian access through the town centre is across the Town Bridge with very narrow footways, which are difficult for pedestrians to safely negotiate, particularly the elderly, disabled and those with push chairs and young children.



Please put a cross against the ambition(s) that this initiative will support

Building resilient communities	X
Improving affordable housing	X
Lives not services	X
Supporting economic growth	X
Safer communities	X
Protecting the environment	X
Action for Wiltshire – combating the recession	X
Amount of funding sought	£100,000

See funding strategy enclosed



Capital cost of the bridge and associated ramps/paths is estimated at £850,000

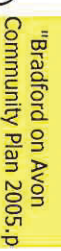
What will this money be spent on? (please show split between capital and revenue. For capital expenditure guidance – see Appendix 1 in the Bid Pack)




Bridge supply, transportation, assembly and erection: 595,000
 Foundations: 65,000
 Library ramps: 35,000
 Lighting: 45,000
 Fees and other on costs: 110,000
 TOTAL: 850,000

This application is for a contribution to the capital cost of the public access element of the bridge including ramps, paths, railings on the library side and lighting (foundations £15,000, ramps £35,000, lighting £45,000 and fees £5,000). The application is therefore for 100% capital cost.

Please describe how your initiative will support the ambition(s) indicated above, and summarise the action that will be taken

Attach separate documents if appropriate
 The requirement for a footbridge was highlighted in the Bradford on Avon Community Plan (see page 21)
 It has received strong support from the community and will ensure that the new town centre will be vibrant.
 The new development will include 30% affordable housing and the footbridge will be of great benefit to residents enabling them



	<p>to safely access vital services such as health centres, library and public transport without the risks to pedestrians on the narrow, congested town bridge.</p> <p>The bridge will improve quality of life for local residents of all ages by offering a safe route through and to the town.</p> <p>The new commercial centre, shops, offices and restaurants will depend on footfall and it is essential that access to the centre is easy to allow the local economy to thrive despite the recession.</p> <p>The bridge will also be for cyclists and the reduced number of parking spaces means that more residents and visitors will have to walk or cycle. A reduction in car journeys is essential for Bradford on Avon part of which has been declared an air quality management area due to traffic congestion.</p> <p>The quality of the design which is supported by English Heritage and the Commission for Architecture in the Built Environment will add to the ambience of the town and will attract more tourists both to the new shops and restaurants and existing traders thus further boosting the local economy further. Planning Permission has been obtained from Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>The bridge is planned to be built December 2010./Jan 2011.</p> <p>The element of the project for which this funding application is made will improve safety and public access to facilities in the vicinity of the bridge, enhance the environment and ensure maximum use of the bridge to contribute to economic vitality.</p> <p>A feasibility study was carried out by Hyder Consulting (see file attached) with much research to predict use of the bridge.</p> <p>3 Public meetings have been held, an exhibition in the library, the production of a model and questionnaires. The design of the bridge has been controversial which is understandable due to its close proximity to the ancient town bridge and being in the conservation area but nearly all (89%) of respondents are in favour of a bridge. The results of the questionnaire are attached.</p> <p>The bridge has been the subject of consultation and research over the last 10 years. I attach a summary of this work.</p> <div data-bbox="896 1236 1025 1444">  <p>"001-WXX22097-WXR-03-Bradford on Avon"</p> </div> <div data-bbox="660 1236 790 1444">  <p>"B on A Bridge Consultation outcome"</p> </div> <div data-bbox="504 1236 633 1444">  <p>"Foot-cyclebridge summary of process"</p> </div>
<p>What makes this initiative a local priority (eg evidence from research and local support)</p>	
<p>How will you know you have been successful?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Kingston Mills commercial development will thrive. • Footfall on the new bridge will be significant.

<p>How will you measure the impact? (may have more than one measure)</p>	<p><i>eg performance indicator, public perception survey, number of...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footfall on the bridge • Cyclists using the bridge • Number of occupied/unoccupied commercial units
<p>What is your improvement target (s), and when do you expect to achieve this/these?</p>	<p><i>In some cases improvement may be achieved in stages, so you may want to give more than one improvement target</i></p> <p>The bridge should be constructed by Spring 2011 by which time some of the housing units will be in occupation. The commercial units should follow on and success of the bridge in relation to economic development should be measurable by Spring 2013</p>
<p>How will you ensure that the improvement continues after the end of the initiative?</p>	<p><i>Sustainable improvement</i></p> <p>The bridge is a substantial low maintenance structure built for the long term and will be maintained by Wiltshire Council</p>
<p>Who will benefit from this initiative?</p>	<p><i>Consider the number of people likely to benefit and the impact on disadvantage or vulnerability in your area</i></p> <p>Residents of the new housing, all residents and visitors accessing the town. Disabled people, carers of young children and cyclists will have safer access to the town centre.</p>
<p>Confirm no unfunded commitments from this initiative</p>	<p><i>Please delete the statement that does not apply:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I confirm that there will be no unfunded financial commitments arising from this initiative, or 2. There may be on-going commitments of £ [put in amount] which will be funded from [please complete showing funds within your control that will be committed to this]
<p>What are the key risks to success and how will these be managed?</p>	<p><i>National Economic Crisis</i> – so far Bradford on Avon has not suffered from empty shops/offices due to local buoyant trade and there is no reason to think that this will not continue to be the case.</p> <p><i>Development of Kingston Mills slows down or stops</i>- This capital investment is for the long term. The Developer is proceeding to schedule and the affordable housing is planned to be occupied by February 2011.</p>
<p>Who will manage the initiative</p>	<p><i>Town Clerk Mrs Diane Holmes and experienced Project Manager and Architect Jack Konyneburg</i> <i>Bradford on Avon Town Council</i> <i>St Margaret's Hall</i> <i>Bradford on Avon</i> <i>BA15 1DE</i> <i>Tel 01225 864240</i></p>

Signed:

Dated:

Chairman of Area Board

**BRADFORD ON AVON CYCLE FOOTBRIDGE
UPDATE OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

Date: 3 February 2011

This report is an update of that presented to the Town Council, called 'Estimate of Financial Position' dated 3 April 2010.

The April report described how, since the granting of planning permission on 10 February 2010, extensive work was undertaken to move the project onto the next stages. The overall estimate of cost of the project had risen from £850,000 in May 2009 to £956,239. This increase was both in fees and construction, due to the increased complexity of the project including:

- A change in sequence of construction of the Kingston Mills development, which precluded assembly and erection of the bridge from the Kingston Mills side. This resulted in extensive and time-consuming negotiations and search for an alternative, increasing the cost of construction, as well as delaying the design process, as this is in part dependent on the method of erection.
- Following negotiations with Wiltshire Council, and due to Planning Conditions, the extent of works by the library were much more involved than when the scheme was originally designed. This includes a wider path, infilling of the underneath of the ramp, greater complexity to steps and planting, removal and replacement of trees, and the possibility of lighting.

However on 22 April a Town Poll was held, and the motion 'that the project be put on hold until local people have been presented with an acceptable design that does not impose an unacceptable financial burden on the town' was approved by a majority of residents. Although the outcome was not binding on the Town Council, it agreed to delay the project to allow a 'Stakeholder process' enabling interested parties to put forward alternative designs for comparison with the adopted cable stayed solution. This process is still underway.

At its meeting on 30 November 2010, the Town Council agreed to reconvene the Bridge Working Group, and ask it to establish the position regarding the current proposal, and what steps needed to be taken to bring it up to tender stage. The Working Group resolved Inter Alia that the 3 April financial be updated.

1. FEES etc.

There have been increases in fees throughout the project for both Project Manager and Engineer, due to the time involved in consultation, negotiations, and the sequence issue referred to above, which were set out in the 3 April report. An extra £19,500 requested by the Engineer was subsequently agreed, and is now included in the 'Paid to date' column.

MLDE have now estimated that to restart the project and take it through to tender will require extra fees of £6,924. This due to a combination of factors. This includes retendering the South side site investigations, the separation of design, Category 3 check and approvals for the 'flexi foundations' from the main element of the work, and the need to revisit for the 4th time the erection method and sequence referred to above.

£			
	Estimated Total	Paid to date	Estimated still to Pay
Project Manager time	17,980	12,980	5,000
Feasibility	520	520	
Engineer			
<i>Original Quote</i>	<i>69,242</i>		
<i>Extra agreed</i>	<i>28,000</i>		
<i>Extra not yet agreed</i>	<i>6,925</i>		
<i>Other additional items</i>	<i>2,810</i>		
TOTAL	106,977	74,683	32,294
Category 3 check	11,000	2,500	8,500
Solicitor	9,000	4,204	4,796
Publicity, Consultation, Appeal say	6,206	4,206	2,000
Manufacture of samples say	3,000		3,000
Town Poll	3,000		3,000
Other	15,000	12,128	2,872
Estimated Total:	172,683	111,221	61,462

2. FOUNDATIONS

The current budget of £65,000 for foundations comprises £50,000 for the North side of the river (which will be carried out and paid for by Linden Homes), and £15,000 on the South side by the Library. The cost of this element is not expected to change.

3. BRIDGE SUPPLY AND ERECTION

A budget price was obtained in April from a reputable steel fabricator for £550,000 for manufacture of the bridge. Due to the difficulties with assembly and craning, which are currently unresolved, it was advised that an extra £75,000 be allowed, making a total budget of £625,000. In September 2010 it was reported that due to an increase in the cost of steel £25,000 would need to be added making a manufacture estimate of £575,000, and increasing the supply and erection estimate to £650,000.

It is now reported that whilst steel prices are still rising the cost should, through a competitive tender process, still be contained within this figure. However should the invitation of tender date move to beyond May 2011, this would be unlikely to still be the case.

Estimated Total: £650,000

3. WORKS BY THE LIBRARY

Estimated Total: £75,000

4. LIGHTING

The lighting scheme has been designed and incorporated in the Planning Applications. It has not been changed and therefore the £45,000 budget is unaltered.

Estimated Total: £45,000

5. CONCLUSION

The total estimated cost of the bridge project can now be summarized as follows:

	£
Fees etc.	172,683
Foundations	65,000
Bridge Supply and Erection	650,000
Works by Library	75,000
Lighting	<u>45,000</u>
TOTAL:	1,007,683

It is advised that the most uncertain cost is the £75,000 for assembly and erection which, depending on the method adopted (which is dependent on complex negotiations with interested parties) could be reduced or exceeded.

**Funding Report in respect of the Foot/Cycle Bridge
for Bradford on Avon Town Council
Diane Holmes Town Clerk 24.02.11**

The attached spreadsheet details income and expenditure in relation to the bridge since 2000 and includes feasibility and all expenditure up to 3rd February 2011.

The Total Secured funds including the amount budgeted by the Town Council for the year 2011/12 is **£383,325** of which £111,220 has been spent.

The Total estimated project budget in the Project Manager's Report dated 3rd February 2011 enclosed is **£1,007,683**.

The shortfall is therefore £624,358

This could be met as follows:

5Ti Fund held by WC	£ 76,230
Performance Reward Grant*	£100,000
Public Sponsorship/Trusts	£ 48,128
Public Works Loan**	<u>£400,000</u>
	<u>£624,358</u>

*The Performance Reward Grant application was approved by the Area Board in March 2010 needs to be updated and submitted to the grant panel by 31st March 2011

** The cost of a PWLB loan of £400,000 over 20 years would be £31,708.20 at a fixed interest rate as at 24th February 2011 (rate 4.94%).

This would be £7.95 per band D household per annum or 15.3p per week.
(*current band D figure is 3985.98 and £31,708.20/3985.98 = £7.95*)

Alternatively a loan of the same amount over 10 years would be £12.17 per annum or 23.4p per week (interest rate 3.83%) to each band D household.

A loan is subject to borrowing approval from Dept of Communities & Local Govt. Rates may vary daily.

Existing Commitments

The Town Council borrowed £100,000 for works to St Margaret's Hall over nine years in 2004 at repayments of £13,414 per annum (6p per week). The final payments will be made in 2011/12.

Precept in respect of the bridge
In this year and next £75,000 has been budgeted for the bridge (36p per week per band D property).

With current rates therefore the precept in 2012/13 in respect of the bridge could be reduced from 36p to 15.3p per week.

Extraordinary Town Council Meeting of Bradford on Avon Town Council 2nd March 2011

Proposed by Cllr Hewson, Seconded by Cllr Craddock

Motion carried 8 in favour 4 against

Resolved:

- that the Town Council does not take Unity 3 any further forward and subject to a consultation takes the Cable Stay bridge off hold and plans accordingly.
- that the consultation includes a leaflet for Bradford on Avon residents explaining the Council's position and requesting electors views on:
 - i) Whether they support the cable stay bridge or
 - ii) Whether they would prefer the Town Council not to build a bridge at all

Diane Holmes
Town Clerk

