

AGENDA

Meeting: CORSHAM AREA BOARD
Place: Box Pavilion, Valens Terrace, Box, SN13 8NT
Date: Thursday 19 March 2015
Time: 7.00 pm

Including the Parishes of Box, Corsham, Colerne and Lacock

The Area Board welcomes and invites contributions from members of the public. The chairman will try to ensure that everyone who wishes to speak will have the opportunity to do so.

If you have any requirements that would make your attendance at the meeting easier, please contact your Democratic Services Officer.

Refreshments and networking opportunities will be available from 6:30pm.

Please direct any enquiries on this Agenda to Libby Beale (Democratic Services Officer) on 01225 718214 / elizabeth.beale@wiltshire.gov.uk or Penny Bell (Community Engagement Officer), 01249 706613 / penny.bell@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Wiltshire Councillors

Alan MacRae (Chairman) – Corsham Pickwick

Sheila Parker (Vice Chairman) – Box & Colerne

Dick Tonge – Corsham Without & Box Hill

Philip Whalley – Corsham Town

Items to be considered	Time
<p>1 Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>To welcome those present to the meeting.</p>	7pm
<p>2 Apologies for Absence</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>3 Minutes (<i>Pages 1 - 12</i>)</p> <p>To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2015.</p>	
<p>4 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>5 Chairman's Announcements (<i>Pages 13 - 18</i>)</p> <p>To receive the following Chairman's Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal Credit explained • Healthwatch Wiltshire update 	7:05pm
<p>6 Partner Updates (<i>Pages 19 - 36</i>)</p> <p>To receive any updates from the following partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Wiltshire Police (b) Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (c) Health Services (d) Town and Parish Council Nominated Representatives (e) Corsham Community Area Network (CCAN) (f) Chamber of Commerce (g) Schools (h) Rotary 	7:10pm
<p>7 Legacy</p> <p>To receive a presentation from the Community Engagement Officer on activities and events on offer in the Corsham area and the county as a whole for 2015.</p>	7:30pm

8	<p>Budget 2015-2016</p> <p>To receive an update from the Community Engagement Officer on Wiltshire Council's 2015-2016 Budget and its implications.</p>	7:40pm
9	<p>Local Youth Network (LYN) (Pages 37 - 46)</p> <p>To receive the minutes of the last LYN Management Group meeting.</p> <p>To receive an update from Xina Hart, Community Youth Officer and consider the following application for Youth funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pound Arts Trust- TAKEOVER project 	7:50pm
10	<p>Community Area Grants (Pages 47 - 52)</p> <p>To consider the following applications to the Community Area Grants Scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lacock Parish Council – £4,000 for a community stakeholder consultation for Lacock Sports Pavilion development. • Corsham Cricket Club – £3,148 for sports equipment purchase. <p>To consider a recommendation from the Community Engagement Officer on the allocation of remaining revenue balance.</p>	8pm
11	<p>Community Area Transport Group (CATG) (Pages 53 - 70)</p> <p>To receive the notes and actions from the last CATG meeting held on 12 February 2015.</p> <p>To note progress made on implementing road resurfacing and safety schemes in 2014/15, consider the list of proposed highway maintenance schemes in the Corsham area for 2015/16, and agree the final list for implementation.</p> <p>To suggest any sites for inclusion in future year's highway maintenance and resurfacing programmes.</p>	8:15pm
12	<p>Future Meeting Dates</p> <p>The next meeting of Corsham Area Board will be held on 21 May 2015 at Springfield Community Campus, Corsham.</p>	8:30pm

MINUTES

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Alan MacRae (Chairman), Cllr Dick Tonge and Cllr Philip Whalley

Wiltshire Council Officers

Libby Beale (Democratic Services Officer)

Xina Hart (Community Youth Officer)

Town and Parish Councillors

Box Parish Council – Alan Clench, Jennie Hartless

Biddestone Parish Council- Tim Smith

Colerne Parish Council – John Bull

Lacock Parish Council – Terry O'Neil, John Boldon

Partners

Office of the Wiltshire Police & Crime Commissioner – Kieran Kilgallen

Police – Inspector Dave Hobman

Healthwatch Wiltshire- Anne Keat

Corsham Community Area Network- Kevin Gaskin

Corsham Area Heritage- Peter Tapscott

Total in attendance: 25

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed those present to the Area Board.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <p>Cllr Sheila Parker Dave Martin (Corsham Town Council) Pauline Lyons (Box Parish Council) Tom Hall (Colerne Parish Council)</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To confirm and sign as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2014.</p>
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interests.</p>
5	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to announcements in the agenda pack providing details of a public consultation on the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site Management Plan 2015 and an update from the Clinical Commissioning Group on performance in 2014.</p> <p>Anne Lock, Suffrage Centenary Committee, presented a commemorative plaque which the Area Board had funded to commemorate two local suffragists. The Committee returned a cheque of £67.96 to the Area Board for funding it had not used.</p> <p>Terry O'Neil, Lacock Parish Council requested other local town and parish councils consider that Wiltshire Council defer determination of a planning application for a large number of new homes at Rowden Park, Patterdown, pending the Chippenham Site Allocations Development Plan Document finalisation. Public consultation on the application would be running until 29 January 2015.</p>

6	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Inspector Dave Hobman, Wiltshire Police, updated that Sgt Nick Cooke would retire in March 2015. A mobile CCTV unit the Area Board had part-funded would soon be in the community area and the officer advised burglaries had been increasing in the area and residents should remain vigilant.</p> <p>An update from Healthwatch Wilshire was available in the agenda pack.</p> <p>Box Parish Council requested an update on a query raised at the previous meeting in relation to non-domestic rates.</p> <p>Colerne Parish Council, announced the success of the town's Christmas lights switch-on and advised it had prepared a snow plan for the winter.</p> <p>Lacock Parish Council, would be increasing its precept by 57% in 2015 in order to allow it to respond to local needs.</p> <p>Peter Tapscott, Corsham Area Heritage, made an appeal for active volunteers to join the group, those interested were invited to attend the Annual Governors Meeting on 25 February, 2pm at Arnold House.</p>
7	<p><u>Wiltshire and Swindon Police and Crime Commissioner</u></p> <p>Kieran Kilgallen, Chief Executive (PCC) explained there was likely to be an increase to the precept from 2015 of 1.9%. It was emphasised the increase was not an increase in the Council Tax by Wiltshire Council and was needed as the Police Service would receive a 5% cash reduction in its funding from central government. The consultation on the precept increase would be running until 4 February 2015. During a question and answer session it was confirmed all 'bands' would pay 1.9% more and on 24 February 2015 Wiltshire Council would agree its precept.</p>
8	<p><u>Area Board Working Groups</u></p>
8a	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p> <p>The Area Board received minutes from the last CATG meeting on 17 December and considered recommendations arising.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To allocate the sum of no more than £9,000 from the Area Board's 2014/15 discretionary highways budget to the scheme in response to road safety issues on Grove Road/Station Road in Corsham.</p>

<p>8b</p>	<p><u>Local Youth Network (LYN)</u></p> <p>The Area Board received the notes from the LYN Management Group meeting and an update from Xina Hart the Community Youth Officer. Updates included that a young person, Chloe Lintern, would co-Chair the LYN Management Group alongside Cllr Alan MacRae. KIK Radio, in partnership with the LYN, would be holding taster sessions of radio and DJ skills at the Springfield Community Campus on 18 and 19 February. The officer confirmed she would be please to attend Parish Council meetings to explain more about the LYN and funding available. The Area Board considered membership of the LYN Management Group.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To add Marcus Chapman, The Corsham School, to the membership of the LYN management group.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>9a) Community Area Grants</p> <p>Peter Newman, Leafy Lane Playing Fields, described how the ground was used by various sporting groups and for local competitions.</p> <p>A representative from Corsham For Walking highlighted the group wanted to become more professional with its own website. The 2014 walking festival had been a great success and it would be a three-day event in 2015. Cllr Philip Whalley, declared he would be organising one of the walks in the festival but was not involved in managing the organisation and would consider the application and vote with an open mind.</p> <p>A representative from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust reported the success of community gardens run in the south of the County. The Area Board agreed more information on the proposed location was needed before a decision could be made.</p> <p>Applications to the Community Area Grants scheme were considered:</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To grant Leafy Lane Playing Fields £983 to provide an overspill car parking facility.</p> <p>To grant Corsham for Walking £1,000 to create a new website and purchase publicity banners to promote the Corsham Walking Festival.</p> <p>To grant Golden Oldies £360 to help establish a Goldies singing group for older people in the Corsham community area.</p>

	<p>To defer consideration of an application for £5,000 from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to the next meeting of the Area Board following greater engagement with Parish and Town Councils and more information on proposed sites for the gardens.</p> <p>To grant Corsham Twirlers £925 to help establish a new majorette troupe in the Corsham community area.</p> <p>9b) Community Area Partnership Funding</p> <p>Kevin Gaskin, Partnership Office, gave details of work he was currently involved in and ideas for future involvement.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To grant Corsham Community Area Network £4,314 to fund the Partnership Officer.</p>
10	<p><u>Update from the Health Fair and next steps</u></p> <p>The Corsham Health Fair held on 20 November 2014 had been the best attended in the county and 86 pairs of slippers had been provided to elderly people as part of the successful slipper exchange. The Chairman encouraged the parishes to get in touch if they wanted the exchange to visit their areas.</p> <p>A future Area Board project was to be established to start an older person's forum for Corsham community area, interested parties were encouraged to get involved.</p>
11	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The next ordinary meeting of the Area Board would be on 19 March 2015.</p>
12	<p><u>Dementia Friends Session</u></p> <p>The Area Board meeting was followed by a 'Dementia Friends' session led by Sue Giles; approximately ten people attended and thanked Sue for her informative workshop.</p>

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Presentation to Corsham Area Board on 21 January 2015.

Mention to be made that I am representing Lacock Parish Council.

I should like to thank you for this opportunity to raise a major development proposal which Lacock Parish Council has been consulted on by Wiltshire Council and which the Parish Council firmly believes has far reaching implications for the Corsham Community Area.

The proposal I am referring to is contained in a recent outline planning application submitted by Crest Nicholson and Redcliffe Homes at Rowden Park, Patterdown. The proposal is for some 1000 houses, a site for a Primary School, four shops and a site for Community Uses.

A significant part of the planning application area lies in the Parish of Lacock and it is in this area that some 400 - 500 houses are planned to be built.

Lacock Parish Council recognises the need for homes and for that reason is not raising an objection as such to the planning application. However, it is recommending that Wiltshire Council defers making a decision on the planning application pending the Chippenham Site Allocations DPD being finalised.

The reason for making that recommendation goes back to the decision of the Planning Inspector at the time of considering the Wiltshire Core Strategy. As I am sure you are aware he required the deletion of all the proposed allocations for new development in the Chippenham area and agreed that a new plan should be prepared reassessing where new development should take place. This plan, known as the Chippenham Site Allocations DPD, is at this very moment, being prepared by Wiltshire Council. Once a draft Plan has been out to consultation, it is almost certain that it will be reconsidered by the Planning Inspector at a further public Inquiry. After that, the Plan should be approved showing exactly where new development for housing and employment uses should take place in the Chippenham area.

It therefore seems to Lacock Parish Council that the proposal at Rowden Park is premature and should not be determined until the outcome of the new Plan is known. Otherwise there can be no point in preparing such a Plan. One might argue that it is only an application seeking outline planning permission, but it has to be appreciated that once granted such an application has an approval in principle which cannot be overturned.

So why am I making this presentation to you?

The reason is that this major development proposal lies in part of the Corsham Community Area and therefore it must have implications for the future of the evolving Corsham Area Masterplan in respect of overall housing demand in the Corsham Community Area.

For this reason, Lacock Parish Council, as one of the four councils making up the Corsham Community Area, would request the support of other member councils in conveying to Wiltshire Council a similar recommendation on the Rowden Park proposals. That is to recommend that the application be deferred pending the outcome of the Chippenham Site Allocations DPD being known, as it is believed that such a recommendation is both fair and logical and is in accordance with good planning practice.



**Wiltshire
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Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service has grouped together neighbouring fire stations into station hubs, to work more effectively and efficiently, supporting each other to improve the service we provide.

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Prevention work:

Staff from other departments also provide the community with specialist services giving fire safety and road safety advice and interventions such as talks and visits.

Protection work:

Specialist staff provide expert knowledge, give advice and undertake enforcement action working very closely with the planning authorities to keep communities safe from fire.

In an **emergency dial 999**, for other non urgent matters you can either visit our website: www.wiltsfire.gov.uk or contact the following people:

	<u>Manager / Department</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>email</u>
Operational matters	Kit WATSON Chippenham, Corsham, Malmesbury Station Hub		kit.watson@wiltsfire.gov.uk
Partnership and community engagement issues	Michael Franklin (Wiltshire Council Area)	07919 306037	mike.franklin@wiltsfire.gov.uk
Home fire safety visits and for talks and visits	Community safety department	0800 389 7849	www.wiltsfire.gov.uk and then complete the on line request

Message from Station Manager Kit WATSON

In the Malmesbury, Chippenham and Corsham areas December was a relatively quiet month compared to the previous year. This was a welcome contrast to November which saw an increased number of serious incidents. Crews continued to respond to a variety of incidents ranging from animal rescues to serious road crashes.

After a quiet Christmas Day; New Years Day was busier across the county. In our area crews from Avon FRS and Wiltshire FRS attended a roof fire on the Wiltshire border at Burton and managed to prevent the fire spreading to the rest of the building.

Prevention activities continued with seasonal messages of safety in the home concentrating on heating, candles and electrical standards for Christmas lights and gifts.

An increasing seasonal fire hazard is the popularity of Chinese lanterns.

Protection activities continued. A review of waste sites was carried out following a series of large and small incidents at waste sites across Wiltshire.

Two historic public houses were signed off after rebuilding works due to serious fires. Fire safety work continues in collaboration with council officers and developers on the Royal Arthur development and the Corsham Campus.

Evacuation drills at local care homes were supported by crews and fire safety officers. Schools will be contacted in the Malmesbury, Chippenham and Corsham areas to be offered a similar service in the New Year.

We continue to look for new recruits as On Call firefighters who live or work close to the stations. Malmesbury and Corsham stations will be running recruitment Open Days early in the New Year. In the meantime anyone interested in supporting their community in this way should visit their station on their training night (Monday for Chippenham and Corsham, Wednesday for Malmesbury).

On-call firefighters needed in Malmesbury

If you live or work in Malmesbury, and are interested in becoming an on-call firefighter, then Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service wants to hear from you!

More people are needed to provide fire cover for Malmesbury and the surrounding communities. On-call firefighters respond to a pager when a 999 call is made locally, and cover is needed at all times.

Contracted hours can vary, but on-call personnel usually make themselves available for between 48 and 120 hours per week. Between them, each fire station team will provide cover for weekdays, evenings, nights and weekends.

Malmesbury firefighters drill at the town's fire station in Gloucester Road every Monday evening.

Watch Manager Chris Harvey said: "The team at Malmesbury is really committed to helping the community, but we do need more people to join us, especially offering day cover. This open evening is a chance for anyone interested in being a firefighter to have a chat with us but also try out different things, such as wearing breathing apparatus or using the hydraulic rescue equipment."

He added: "On-call firefighters receive the same training and development as whole time colleagues, and we can be called to all sorts of emergencies, including fires, road traffic collisions, animal rescues and flooding. The pay does vary, depending on how much cover you give, but it is fantastically rewarding to be part of your community and to be in a position to

help people.”

In order to be on-call, you will need to be able to respond to the fire station in around five minutes once your pager goes off. This can be from home or work, and employers can benefit from a firefighter’s training – such as first aid, manual handling, a greater understanding of health & safety in the workplace, and enhanced team spirit.

If you are interested in being a firefighter in Malmesbury and can’t attend the event on 14 January, visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/workingforus

Significant step taken on road to combination

The Combination Order to bring together Wiltshire & Swindon Combined Fire Authority and Dorset Fire Authority has been submitted to the Secretary of State, the Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP.

Subject to a period of consultation, and the Secretary of State finding no need for an enquiry into the merits of merger, it is expected that the Combination Order will be made in February 2015. The required legislation will then be passed by the end of March 2015, allowing the new Fire Authority to come into being on 1 April 2016.

At recent meetings of the two existing Fire Authorities , ‘Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Authority’ was adopted as the name of the new administrative body.

A key concern raised during the public consultation process was that there should be parity in the number of Elected Members representing Wiltshire and Swindon, and those representing Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole, and this has been resolved quite amicably. The new Fire & Rescue Authority will have 30 members, with 15 from each geographical county – although this can be reviewed by the new body in the future.

Shadow governance arrangements for the transition to the new Authority have also been agreed, with defined Terms of Reference adopted by Elected Members in both Wiltshire and Dorset.

At the heart of the new combined Fire & Rescue Authority will be a purpose-built community safety centre, which will also act as a ‘virtual headquarters’. The Government has granted £5.54 million from its Fire Transformation Fund to support the construction of this facility, with money also available to align ICT between the existing Services and support other transition costs.

A project team is now scoping potential sites and we are also liaising with partners, including other emergency services and local authorities, to see what additional benefits can be realised through this scheme.

A key element of combination was the equalisation of council tax precepts. There have been many discussions with DCLG and, alongside more favourable finances due to local tax base increases, both Treasurers, Clerks, Chairs, CFOs and Authorities have been assured that the revised financial projections make combination both viable and desirable.

Michael Franklin

Partnerships & Community Engagement Manager(Wiltshire Council area)

January 2015

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Universal Credit
Officer Contact Details:	Ian P Brown, Revenue & Benefits <i>Direct Line:</i> (01225) 716701
Further details available:	Ian P Brown

Summary of announcement:

Universal Credit will begin in Wiltshire on 16 March 2015, following an announcement by the Wessex branch of the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP)

Many people on benefits believe that the financial risks of moving into work are too great. For some, the gains from work, particularly if they work part-time, are small, and any gain can easily be cancelled out by costs such as transport.

The government believes that:

- the current benefit system is too complex
- there are insufficient incentives to encourage people on benefits to start paid work or increase their hours

Through Universal Credit the government is aiming to:

- make the benefit system fairer and more affordable
- reduce poverty, worklessness and welfare dependency
- reduce levels of fraud and error

The intention of reforming the welfare system is to help more people to move into and progress in work, while supporting the most vulnerable.

Universal Credit (UC) is the latest national welfare benefit which will eventually replace six other benefits provided by the DWP and HMRC. UC will eventually replace Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Income based Employment Support Allowance, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit and Housing Benefit.

Claimants will always be encouraged to apply on line and report any change in circumstance, on line. The completed claim will not be processed locally but in a Service Centre in either Glasgow or Bolton. (A slide set entitled UC Welcome Pack is attached)

It is important to note that in this initial phase, which runs from 16 March 2015 to May 2016, only single, unemployed people will qualify for UC. Couples, families with children and those in work but entitled to any of the benefits listed above, will either be transferred or asked to apply for UC from May 2016 onwards. Based on the qualifying criteria it is estimated 3,000 residents could qualify for UC in Wiltshire 2015-16. Every UC award will be paid monthly, in arrears, and claimants will receive their payment direct, approximately five weeks after the claim is registered.

Some support will be available to those who either struggle with the delay in payment, through an advanced payment made by the DWP, which will then be recovered from on-going payments. When rent is not paid on time a landlord can apply to the DWP for an alternative payment arrangement (known as an APA).

Whilst support in terms of budgeting will made available through the council, management of complex debt may require referral to agencies better equipped, in this case the Citizens Advice Bureau. The council's role will be to ensure that residents are supported in the initial stages of their claim and:

- To provide access to computers,

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- Assistance to get on line and apply on line
- Budgeting support and money advice
- Supporting vulnerable claimants and providing access to discretionary funds and local welfare provision.

A great deal of work has already taken place to provide agencies with information about the transition to universal credit. The DWP and the council have spent considerable time in negotiations to develop a Delivery Partnership Agreement which includes a framework for payment to meet aspects of our service delivery. Wiltshire is therefore well placed to be one of the first local authorities in the west to support the roll out of universal credit and set out below is some of the preparatory work.

- The Wiltshire Online project and the provision of 180 new computers in our libraries.
- The council's corporate research team produced an extensive report entitled Universal Credit: analysis of risk.
- Joint working between the DWP and librarians in conjunction with other voluntary groups to support people to access information and apply for benefits online.
- Undertaken a project to replace the current paper based housing benefit application form with a web based E-form.
- The provision of training through children's centres to stakeholders and voluntary sector in conjunction with Wiltshire Money.
- The involvement of Wiltshire staff working with the DWP at the highest level in terms of project planning and attendance at Technical Working Groups in London.
- A track record of delivering change, particularly welfare reforms, through partnership working across Wiltshire.
- Robust and carefully managed discretionary schemes (Local welfare provision, Discretionary Housing Payments and the latest discretionary council tax reduction) that can be used to support those in the most difficult financial circumstances

There are details on the next page of the eligibility criteria and details of the information claimants will need to make a claim online.

For further information about any of the research papers or details regarding any of the projects above please contact either Ian P Brown, Head of Revenues and Benefits, Julie Higinbotham, Benefits Manager at Wiltshire Council or Jackie Tuckett, Partnership Manager at the DWP.

There is extensive information made available on the government's own [website](#).

Universal Credit Expansion Eligibility

Claimants must:

- Be single.
- Must have a National Insurance Number.
- Be aged between 18 and 60 and six months.
- Not own or partially own the home they live in.

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- Not be homeless or live in support or exempt accommodation.
- Not live in the same household as a member of the regular or reserved army who is absent from home on duty.
- Be a British citizen, resident in the United Kingdom (UK) for the last two years (not absent outside the UK during those two years for four weeks or more).
- Not have a child or qualifying young person (QYP) living with them some or all of the time.
- Not be an adopter with whom a child is expected to be placed within the first two months of the UC claim or a foster parent.
- Not be liable to pay child support maintenance.
- Not be responsible for providing care to a person with physical or mental impairment, unless on a paid or voluntary work basis.
- Must not have a fitness for work note or applied for a fitness for work note. Claimant must declare themselves fit for work.
- Must not be considered as having limited capability for work.
- Not be pregnant, or have been pregnant in the last 15 weeks.
- Not require a person acting on their behalf e.g. Personal Acting Body (PAB) or Corporate Acting Body (CAB).
- Not be in education or training of any kind.
- Not be self-employed.
- Not be a company director or part of a limited liability partnership.
- Be unemployed or declared earned income for the first month of the UC claim is not expected to exceed £330.
- Capital must not exceed £6000.
- Must have a bank, building society, post office or current account with a credit union.
- Must not be entitled to old rules Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), old rules Jobseekers Allowance (JSA), Income Support (IS), Incapacity Benefit (IB), Severe Disablement Allowance (SDA) , Disability Living Allowance (DLA), OR Personal Independence Payment (PIP).
- Must not be awaiting a decision on a claim for old rules ESA, old rules JSA, IS, Child Tax Credit (CTC), Working Tax Credit (WTC) or Housing Benefit (HB).
- Must not be awaiting the outcome of an application to revise a decision of non-entitlement to old rules ESA, old rules JSA, IS and HB.
- Must not have an undecided appeal against non-entitlement to old rules ESA, old rules JSA and IS.



Update for Area Boards - February 2015

Focusing on Dementia

One of Healthwatch Wiltshire's (HWW) top priorities is dementia. This is because of what local people told us when we attended the 'what matters to you' events which were hosted by Community Area Partnerships and Area Boards in 2014. We have been working with local charities in Wiltshire to monitor the new Wiltshire dementia strategy. We are working with Alzheimer's Support, Alzheimer's Society, Age UK Wiltshire, Age UK Salisbury and District, Carer Support Wiltshire and Swan Advocacy.

We have held workshops across the county, where local people have been invited to share their experiences of local dementia services. Over 120 people participated in the workshops. People were also given the opportunity to take part in a one-to-one interview with a member of HWW staff or a trained volunteer. HWW is collating all the feedback and putting together a report of the findings to date. Further workshops are scheduled for later in the year, where we will continue to gather feedback. Please do get in touch with HWW if you would like to participate in the workshops.

Consultation on Specialist Dementia Hospital Care in Wiltshire

NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is consulting on the permanent location of specialist dementia hospital care. To help them make a decision about where this care should be, they want to hear what local people think. HWW has been independently facilitating the consultation. This has involved public meetings, talking to people in service user groups, inviting people to complete a questionnaire, and encouraging people to talk to us and tell us what they think.

HWW has now held all of the dementia consultation events, and is currently in the process of pulling together all of the feedback into a report. This report will be widely available for everyone to read and help with the decision making process, ensuring that people's voices are heard. The report will be available around the 17 March 2015. If you would like a copy then please contact us.

Wiltshire's Better Care Plan

HWW want to make sure that health and social care services for older people in Wiltshire are working well for them, their unpaid carers and their families. We are speaking to older people and their unpaid carers about their journey through the health and care system and encouraging them to share their experiences. We want to understand whether they, their families and unpaid carers are involved as much as they wanted to be in decisions about their care.

This is all part of Wiltshire's Better Care Plan which is designed to put patients at the centre of their care, provide care closer to home, prevent avoidable hospital admissions, and ensure patients can leave hospital as soon as they are well enough to either return home or continue their care in another setting. Wiltshire Council and NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group have agreed to work together to achieve all this. More information about Better Care can be found here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/better-care-plan-summary.pdf>

Contact us:

Tel 01225 434218

info@healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk

www.healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk

HWW will be collecting together all the feedback it receives about people's experiences and reporting this back to local people, commissioners, and providers of services.



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Protection work:

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In an **emergency dial 999**, for other non urgent matters you can either visit our website: www.wiltsfire.gov.uk or contact the following people:

	<u>Manager / Department</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>email</u>
Operational matters	Kit WATSON Chippenham, Corsham, Malmesbury Station Hub		kit.watson@wiltsfire.gov.uk
Partnership and community engagement issues	Michael Franklin (Wiltshire Council Area)	07919 306037	mike.franklin@wiltsfire.gov.uk
Home fire safety visits and for talks and visits	Community safety department	0800 389 7849	www.wiltsfire.gov.uk and then complete the on line request

Chief Fire Officer Designate appointed for new combined Fire Authority

Following a comprehensive selection process on Thursday 26 February involving Members from both Dorset and Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authorities together with independent specialist advisers, CFO Darran Gunter of Dorset Fire and Rescue Service has been appointed as CFO Designate for the new Dorset and Wiltshire FRS and will be the substantive CFO following the establishment of a new combined Service on 1 April 2016.

Cllr Chris Devine, Chairman of Wiltshire & Swindon Combined Fire Authority, and Cllr Rebecca Knox, Chairman of Dorset Fire Authority, said: "Darran will continue working closely with Elected Members on the Joint Committee overseeing the combination, and staff in both Wiltshire and Dorset Fire & Rescue Services to create a new organisation, its vision, and its future strategies and priorities.

"We are very grateful to Simon Routh-Jones, Chief Fire Officer of Wiltshire FRS, who has been instrumental in the combination strategy and we would like to thank him for all he has done in getting the project to this stage. He will continue to work with Darran to support the process to its conclusion.

"We look forward to continuing our work with Darran, Simon and both Fire & Rescue Services to build and develop a new, unified and successful Fire Authority."

Darran said "Our combination is by far the most complex and challenging change programme that both Services have embarked on. We are determined to protect and where possible strengthen frontline Services and I feel privileged and very proud to work with two such fire and rescue services. I am extremely grateful for the continued support from Simon Routh-Jones of Wiltshire and the professional team of Members and staff from both Services."

Message from Station Manager Watson

In the Chippenham, Corsham & Malmesbury area February was busier than last year. There was an increase in False Alarms and Fires which outweighed a reduction in non fire & rescue calls.

A lot of progress has been made in recent years to reduce the impact of false alarms. The majority of False alarms are caused by faulty equipment or incorrect use. Seasonal effects such as water leaks and dust or insects can also have an impact. Wilts F&RS operates a call challenging policy for reports of fire alarms operating to ensure that emergency responses are only made where needed, as much as possible.

We continue to respond where our control operators cannot confirm the call is a false alarm. Since February 2014 we have responded to over 200 Automatic Fire Alarms from Chippenham, Corsham & Malmesbury stations alone. 6 of which proved to be fires of some kind.

One of the most common causes of fire in the home is carelessness in the kitchen.

Last year, over half of all accidental fires in the home in England were linked to cooking with over 3,000 people injured in these kinds of fires each year.

Crews from Corsham, Chippenham and Bath attended one such fire in Box in February.

On-call firefighters needed in Malmesbury

If you live or work in Malmesbury, and are interested in becoming an on-call firefighter, then Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service wants to hear from you!

More people are needed to provide fire cover for Malmesbury and the surrounding communities. On-call firefighters respond to a pager when a 999 call is made locally, and cover is needed at all times.

Contracted hours can vary, but on-call personnel usually make themselves available for between 48 and 120 hours per week. Between them, each fire station team will provide cover for weekdays, evenings, nights and weekends.

Malmesbury firefighters drill at the town's fire station in Gloucester Road every Monday evening. In order to be on-call, you will need to be able to respond to the fire station in around five minutes once your pager goes off. This can be from home or work, and employers can benefit from a firefighter's training – such as first aid, manual handling, a greater understanding of health & safety in the workplace, and enhanced team spirit.

If you are interested in being a firefighter in Malmesbury, visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/workingforus

Warning given over dangers of chip pans

Last year, over half of all accidental fires in the home in England were linked to cooking. Many of these were caused by deep fat frying, and over 3,000 people are injured in these kinds of fires each year.

Deep frying requires heating a large volume of oil to extremely high temperatures. The oil can cause terrible burns, and it can go up in flames. In fact, it's an ideal fuel for a fire and, as such, it's difficult to put out. Homemade chips are great, but the safest way to deep fry is to use a thermostat controlled deep fat fryer rather than a chip pan, as the thermostat stops it from overheating - or, even better, use oven chips!"

Top tips for cooking are:

- Never fill a chip pan more than a third full of oil.
- Take care when cooking with oil - it sets alight easily.
- If the oil starts to smoke, it's too hot. Turn off the heat and leave it to cool.
- Ideally, use a thermostat controlled deep fat fryer, which can't overheat.
- Don't leave cooking unattended - a forgotten pan can lead to disaster.
- If you've consumed alcohol, don't be tempted to cook with a chip pan.
- Avoid children being in the kitchen alone when cooking on the hob.

If a pan does catch fire:

- Don't take any risks. Turn off the heat if it is safe to do so but don't try and move the pan.
- NEVER throw water over the fire - that will cause a fireball.
Don't tackle the fire yourself - get out, stay out, call 999.

Michael Franklin
Partnerships & Community Engagement Manager(Wiltshire Council area)
March 2015

January update 2015

A single Children's Community Health Service for Wiltshire

Children's Community Health Services consist of fourteen different services for children:

- Health Visiting Service
- Family Nurse Partnership
- School Nursing and National Child Measurement programme
- School-aged immunisation programme
- Children's Learning Disability Nursing
- Integrated Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Children's Community Nursing
- Community Paediatrics
- Community Paediatric Audiology (West Wiltshire only)
- Safeguarding Named Nurses
- Looked After Children
- Portage (Salisbury area only)
- Child Health Information Service (CHIS)

In Wiltshire, these services are currently delivered by five separate organisations.

As a result of listening to, consulting and involving service users, it has been determined that services and support for the county's children and young people can be improved by delivering services via a single contract.

Wiltshire CCG, Wiltshire Council and NHS England are jointly re-commissioning the services to create a single Children's Community Health Service for Wiltshire. It will mean that every child, young person and family across the county, no matter where they live, will have access to the same and all services and support. Services will be easier to access and there will be a potential for improved joint work with GPs, Wiltshire Council and other partners.

Service users have been extensively involved in developing the new service. Children and young people and parent and carers have been at the heart of consultation and engagement, working alongside professionals in shaping Wiltshire's new Children's Community Health Service. As well as public events on the service, there have been a series of meetings, workshops, focus groups and on-line surveys.

The new improved service will be in place from March 2016. The tendering process is currently underway.

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Royal United Hospital, Bath acquires the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases

The proposed acquisition of the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases NHS Foundation Trust (RNHRD) by the Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Foundation Trust (RUH) has now been approved, health sector regulator Monitor announced.

Joint working with the RUH will secure the future of the renowned specialist services of the RNHRD and allow patients in the area and beyond to continue to access world class care and expertise. The acquisition takes place on 1 February 2015.

The RNHRD endoscopy service is the only clinical service to move to the RUH on 1 February. Combining the endoscopy services will give patients access to greater choice of appointments and the assurance of nationally accredited standards of care.

Patients, GPs and other relevant partners have already been engaged with and informed of this change.

All other RNHRD clinical services will continue to be provided from the RNHRD hospital and patients will be seen and treated by the same team of staff.

Specialist Dementia Care

NHS Wiltshire CCG and Wiltshire Council are currently running a public consultation, through Healthwatch Wiltshire, on the future location of where specialist dementia hospital care in Wiltshire will be delivered.

Specialist dementia care is currently being temporarily provided at Amblescroft South in Salisbury and has been provided there since the closure of Charter House, Trowbridge in February 2013. There are also additional beds available in Swindon and Bath and this provision will continue.

The consultation is asking the public to share their views on the three locations that have been put forward for a permanent place for specialist dementia care to be provided from, and the three possible locations are: Charter House, Trowbridge; Avebury Ward at Green Lane Hospital, Devizes; and Amblescroft South, Foundation Way, Salisbury.

The public consultation started on 1 December 2014 and is running until 10 March 2015.

More information on the consultation can be found on Healthwatch Wiltshire's website:

<http://www.healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk/consultation-specialist-dementia-care>

Integrated Community Teams

Wiltshire's pioneering Neighbourhood Teams, who were set up across the county to deliver community health care, are now developing even further and, in conjunction with Great Western Hospital and Wiltshire Council are transforming into 20 Integrated Teams, providing health and social care services to the population of Wiltshire.

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The aim of the teams is to deliver community health and social care in an integrated, seamless way - a total care environment in the community where the patient lives, supporting them to continue to live at home, or stay locally for as long as possible without having to go into hospital.

The integrated teams will be GP led, with each team serving a population of approximately 20,000 people. Each team consists of primary healthcare workers and community care people from the NHS, Council and other agencies.

Three pilot sites have already been set up in Bradford-on-Avon, Salisbury City and Calne, and the remaining 17 teams hope to be operational by the end of September 2015.

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Update for Corsham Area Board

Update from	Corsham Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	19 March 2015

- **Poldark** – Corsham’s starring role as Truro can now be seen on Sunday nights on BBC1. To mark the start of the eight-week run an exhibition of photographs taken during the filming, many by Corsham residents, is currently on in the foyer at the Town Hall. It’s open Monday-Friday, 9am-4.30pm, and will be there until the end of March.
- **Annual Town Meeting and Community Awards Presentation** – The Annual Town Meeting will take place on Thursday 16 April, 7 for 7.30pm at the Town Hall, and as well as guest speakers, will also include the presentation of the Community Awards to three people who have made Corsham a better place for those who live here.
- **Easter Egg Hunt** – Throughout the Easter Holidays, so from 28 March-12 April, the Town Council will be running its annual Easter Egg Hunt, in conjunction with the local shops, involving a trail around the town centre.
- **Springfield Play Area Consultation** – The Town Council will be installing a new play area alongside the Campus this summer. Three play equipment companies submitted designs which had been considered by the Town Council and the Youth Council, and then went on display at the Campus for a wider, public consultation. There were 472 responses, mainly from young people, collected over two weeks in February, with a clear favourite emerging. The play area is the first stage of changes to Springfield Rec – outdoor gym, sensory garden, wildlife area – that will take place over the next two years.
- **Visit Corsham Website** – The Town Council is launching a Visit Corsham section of its website this month, in line with the Destination Corsham strand of its Strategic Plan. The new section will include details on places to visit, stay and eat, as well as Corsham’s heritage and history, making it easy for tourists to find all the information they need in one place. Visit www.corsham.gov.uk or search Visit Corsham.

Update for Corsham Area Board

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Update from	Sue Stockley, Corsham Chamber of Commerce
Date of Area Board Meeting	19 March 2015

Headlines/Key Issues

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- The **Corsham Means Business Show** on **Wednesday 18 March 2015 at Hartham Park** is moving to its climax thanks to a committed, hard-working (and voluntary) events team. We are now at full capacity for stand bookings, with over 50 stands taken. Excellent presenters including Ruth Hopkinson, Chair of Corsham Town Council, Tim Martienssen from Wiltshire Council, Jeff Thomas of the Corsham Institute and inspirational leadership speaker Manley Hopkinson, will be there together with four seminar speakers.
 - Full details of the show and the visitor booking link can be found on the event's website <http://corshameansbusiness.co.uk/>. The event is free to attend but **pre-registration is required**.

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- Marketing the show has enabled the Chamber to collect more information on businesses in the area. The **Corsham Register of Businesses** will be finalised after the Show and will include all local business attendees and exhibitors.

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- The Chamber's **AGM** is being held at **17.30hrs on Wednesday 25 March at The Methuen Arms, Corsham** with Ruth Hopkinson, Chair of CTC as guest speaker. All are welcome. This is a **free** event with refreshments being provided by chamber members, The Methuen.

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- Following the AGM our next events are:
 - **8 April 2015** - Networking breakfast at Guyers House Hotel @ 07.30hrs with Duncan Hames MP
 - **13 May 2013** - Park Lane Press are hosting a breakfast meeting @ 07.30hrs
 - **10 June 2015** – Corsham Print are hosts @ 12.30hrs at their premises on Leafield TE

Details of these events can be found on the Chamber blog at: <https://corshamchamber.wordpress.com/corsham-chamber-events/>

Rotary; the best kept secret

Most people have heard of Rotary but exactly what it does and why it does it is something of a mystery to many people. In some ways this isn't surprising as the aim of Rotary is not self promotion, rather "service above self".

The local Rotary **Club** is the basic unit of Rotary activity. Most clubs meet weekly, usually at breakfast, lunch or dinner time, although these days, because of the demands on people's time, a number of variations of Clubs are in operation. Informality is becoming the norm and there are for example e clubs and clubs that don't always have a meal each time they meet.

The style of the club very much reflects the needs and style of its members, what is common however is that all Clubs undertake in their different ways the business of Rotary, conducting various service projects within their local community, and participating in special projects involving other clubs in their district, and occasionally a special project in a "sister club" in another nation.

Activities within a club are usually grouped into four areas.

"Club Service" which involves all of the activities necessary for Rotarians to perform to make their club function successfully.

"Vocational Service" is the opportunity each Rotarian has to demonstrate their particular vocational ethics, skills and experience to the other members of the club.

"Community Service" covers those activities which Rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in their community and it frequently involves assistance to youth, the aged, handicapped and others who look to Rotary as a source of hope for a better life.

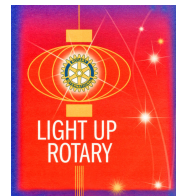
"International Service," describes the many programmes and activities which Rotarians undertake to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace. International Service projects are designed to meet humanitarian needs of people in many lands and include significant activities like the eradication of polio.

Rotary is an organization of business and professional people united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world. It is a secular organization open to all persons regardless of race, colour, creed, religion, gender, or political preference

Rotary is about people. People who give and people who need. It is made up of over 1.2 million volunteer Rotarian men and women throughout the world and their aims and objectives are simple:-

To help and support less fortunate people at local, national and international levels, whilst enjoying themselves in social events and activities within their Rotary club and the wider world of Rotary. Also to apply the following Rotary code of ethics to what they think, say or do. Is it the truth, Is it fair to all concerned, will it build goodwill and better friendships and will it be beneficial to all concerned. Rotarians are good people to do business with.

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NEWSLETTER of the ROTARY CLUB of BATHAVON CHARTERED 18 APRIL 1980

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS – ROGER PAYNE, VINCE ARKELL and the late GLYN MADDOCKS

No.149 February 2015

President – Charles Hayward. Joint Presidents Elect – Alison Patrick/Val Mason. Secretary – Peter Hopwood. Treasurer – Nigel Cockburn. Membership Services Committee Chairman – Debra Galloway. Community and Youth Committee Chairman – Thomas Blaettler. International/Foundation Committee Chairman – Tim Westbrook. Recruitment Committee Chairman – Val Mason. Fundraising Committee Chairman – Michael Twitchett. Joint Immediate Past Presidents – Peter Mills and Michael Wood. Protection Officer – David Hill. Almoner – Mike Richards. Editor – Jeremy Holmes.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS - REMINDER

OLD MOBILE PHONES and USED INK CARTRIDGES as well as



Thomas Blaettler collects these at BUSINESS meetings



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Contact : The Rotary Club of Bathavon
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Tel 07984 559832

Mike Twitchett is the co-coordinator

MEETINGS PROGRAMME and DUTY ROSTER – Subject to change after publication.

APOLOGIES to ROLAND ADAMSON, Attendance Officer – email: apologiesrotary@gmail.com before 8.00 pm on WEDNESDAY. NO APOLOGY – YOU WILL PAY FOR YOUR MEAL

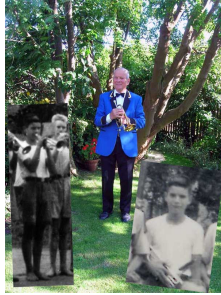
Week beginning 9 FEBRUARY	SCATTER WEEK - No MEETING at the Hilton Hotel Each Committee to visit a Club away from Bath during this week	
19 FEBRUARY 7.00 pm	PETER BAZIRE – My teenage years in	HILTON HOTEL
	GRACE – Ian Pegg HOST – Roger Wilson	
26 FEBRUARY 7.00 pm	WINE TASTING at GREAT WESTERN WINES Details to be advised when finalised.	WELLS ROAD
5 MARCH 7.00 pm	BUSINESS MEETING and 2015 District Conference information GIFT – Averil Armstrong	HILTON HOTEL
12 MARCH 7.00 pm	STEVE BAXTER – Iconic Cycling events GRACE - Alison Patrick HOST – Ivan Street	HILTON HOTEL
19 MARCH 7.00 pm	SHERRIE-JANE JACKSON – District Foundation Ambassador GRACE – Mike Wood HOST – Brian Archer	HILTON HOTEL
26 MARCH	NO MEETING – SEE BELOW	
Saturday 28 MARCH	VISIT to S.S GREAT BRITAIN Details to be finalised	BRISTOL
2 APRIL	NO MEETING – Maundy Thursday	
9 APRIL 7.00 pm	BUSINESS MEETING – with sandwiches GIFT – Mike Spragg	HILTON HOTEL
16 APRIL 7.00 pm	JOHNNY JOHNSON – Last Dambuster - with Partners and guests Fund raiser evening at £15 donation each - audience limit of 200 – no meal, pay bar available	HILTON HOTEL
23 APRIL 7.00 pm	TBA GRACE – John Young HOST – John Long	HILTON HOTEL
30 APRIL 7.00 pm	TBA GRACE - Tim Westbrook HOST – Tony Duce	HILTON HOTEL

Club's thanks to Adrian Campbell-Howard of the Society Café who so generously lent Club his café on the 22 January to raise funds for Julian House. Thanks also go to Mike Twitchett, who organised the evening, and to all who contributed towards the £500 raised.



There will be **NO MEETING on 12 FEBRUARY at the HILTON**. The week beginning Monday 9th will be a **SCATTER WEEK** with each Committee visiting a Club of their choice, away from Bath, at some time during this week.

19 FEBRUARY - Peter Bazire has been booked to speak at this meeting about "My teenage years in Japanese Prison Camps in Northern China, 1942 – 1945".



Peter was a Biology teacher at the City of Bath Boys/Beechen Cliff School and a colleague of the late Glyn Maddocks.

26 FEBRUARY – An evening with partners and guests at a **Wine Tasting** with nibbles at **Great Western Wine** on Wells Road – cost £15 each.

Monies will be collected at the meeting on 19 February.

5 MARCH – BUSINESS MEETING with the added attraction of two members from the Rotary Club of Mendip presenting propaganda for the 2015 District Conference sometime in October.

12 MARCH – STEVE BAXTER will be speaking to Club about **Iconic Cycling Events**. Steve is the organiser of the annual Bike Bath event. No doubt you will remember that last year's event was in June; this year it will be held in July.

19 MARCH – at this meeting Club welcomes **SHERRIE-JANE JACKSON** who is the **District Foundation Ambassador**. "What is a District Foundation Ambassador?" I hear you all cry! Well no doubt we shall all find out at this meeting.

26 MARCH - NO MEETING at the HILTON but there is a **visit to the SS Great Britain on Saturday 28 March**



SS *Great Britain* was designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel for the Great Western Steamship Company's transatlantic service between Bristol and New York. She was advanced for her time, while other ships had been built of iron or equipped with a screw propeller. *Great Britain* was the first to combine these features in a large ocean-going ship. She was the first iron steamer to cross the Atlantic, which she did in 1845, in the time of 14 days.

When launched in 1843, *Great Britain* was by far the largest vessel afloat. However, her protracted construction, high cost and the ship being stranded by a navigational error forced her owners out of business in 1846.

Sold for salvage and repaired, *Great Britain* carried thousands of immigrants to Australia until converted to sail in 1881. Three years later she was retired to the Falkland Islands where she was used as a warehouse, quarantine ship and coal hulk until scuttled in 1937.

In 1970, following a donation by Sir Jack Hayward, she was towed back to the UK. *Great Britain* was returned to the Bristol dry dock where she was built. Now part of the National Historic Fleet, she is a museum ship in Bristol Harbour.



Details of timings, transportation and refreshments are to be finalised and advised.

16 APRIL – JOHNNY JOHNSON the LAST DAMBUSTER.

As this is a fundraising evening our Partners and guests are invited to the Hilton Hotel to hear the Last Dambuster for a minimum donation of £15 a ticket. The evening is in aid of Rotary charities and the RAF Benevolent Fund. The audience is limited to 200. There will be a pay bar.



George Leonard "Johnny" Johnson was born in 1921. He joined the RAF in 1940 retiring as a Squadron Leader in 1962 and subsequently became a school teacher living in Newark. He retired to Torquay and then moved to Bristol to be nearer his family.

NEW MEMBER

Transferred from Rotary Club of Palermo Teatro del Sole.



President Charles welcomed **Elena Trincanato** to Club during the Business Meeting on 5th February.

Elena lives at
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 with her husband Mirco Gnesi.
Mobile phone - 07948 823585
 e-mail - et404@bath.ac.uk

Corsham Local Youth Network Management Group

Meeting Notes

Date: 24/2/15

Times: 6 - 8pm

Venue: Springfield Campus

Present: Josh Towers, Joy Wingrave, Geoff Fortune, Bob Hancock, Marcus Chapman, Russ Tunney, Alan Macrae, Sheila Parker, Neil Pocock - Corsham Town Council (representing Miranda Morgan) Xina Hart

Apologies: Miranda Morgan, Chloe Lintern, Penny Bell

Agenda items:

1. CYO Update

Procurement catalogue has been released as a spreadsheet XH to send this to LYN management group members

LYN MG reviewed a questionnaire to assess needs of young people. XH to make amendments and adapt for Survey Monkey. MC agreed that this could be distributed through the Corsham School

Draft Needs Assessment report is being written for Early Help Department. XH will share this with the LYN MG when it is available.

Social media, XH has had training and a facebook is being set up centrally. The questionnaire will ask what social media that the young people use, so future promotional activities can be targeted.

2. Terms of Reference, Toolkit and conflict of interest

LYN MG discussed the guidance around conflicts of interest and agreed that if a member of the LYN MG makes an application through the grant process they would leave the room whilst decisions are being made. RT declared a conflict of interest and agreed to leave whilst the LYN MG discussed the Pound Arts application for funding.

3. Grant Applications

LYN MG discussed the pound arts application for funding for the Takeover project and completed the scoring sheet.

4. Procurement

N/A

5. AOB

RT gave feedback to CYO regarding application process

LYN MG agreed that in the absence of AM or CL as chair. JW and JT could act as vice chair

Recommendations to Area Board:

- The LYN recommends the Takeover project is funded the full amount.

Actions:

XH

- send procurement catalogue spreadsheet to LYN MG
- amend questionnaire and adapt for survey monkey

MC

- distribute questionnaire in School

Date of Next meeting: 14th April 2015 6pm Corsham Campus
16th June 2015 6pm Corsham Campus

Notes taken by- name: Xina Hart **Position:** CYO

Update for Corsham Area Board

Update from	Xina Hart, Community Youth Officer
Date of Area Board Meeting	19 March 2015

The Local Youth Network (LYN) is conducting a needs assessment, to find out what young people need in their area. A questionnaire has been developed by the LYN management group and is being distributed by The Corsham School. The CYO can give out hard copies to those who need it.

The Youth Grant Application form is now available online and is open for applications for funding to be assessed at the next LYN management group meeting on Tuesday 14th April.

The LYN management group reviewed their first grant application from the The Pound Arts Centre for a project called Takeover, where 13-19 year olds take over the programming, promotion and event management of part of Corsham Summer Festival. Details in the report for funding.

KIK Radio held two successful taster days on radio and DJ skills during the February half term holiday at the Campus in partnership with the LYN.

Xina Hart
Community Youth Officer
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6th March 2015

Report to	Corsham
Date of Meeting	19/03/2015
Title of Report	Community Youth Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Corsham Area Board:

Application	Grant Amount	
Applicant: Pound Arts Trust Ltd Project Title: TAKEOVER	£1500.00	
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£1500	
Total amount allocated so far	£520	

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2014/15 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Cabinet member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2014/2015.

Community Youth 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.

Community Youth Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

3. The applications

Applicant: Pound Arts Trust Ltd Project Title: TAKEOVER	Amount Requested from Area	

	Board: £1500.00	
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This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.

Project Summary: TAKEOVER Takeover is an opportunity for 13 - 19 year olds in Corsham to take over the programming, promotion and event management of part of Corsham Summer Festival. We will mentor and train young people to create events specifically for audiences of young people and will work alongside them to ensure successful delivery of the programme. They will curate a series of events, from rock concerts to DJ gigs and will learn skills such as teamwork, marketing (including digital), and finance. Takeover will provide a celebratory stage for the voice of teenagers in Corsham.

6. Please tell us which theme(s) your project supports:

Informal education
Youth work/development
Arts/Culture
Employment or training
1:1/group work
Community Project
Volunteering

If Other (please specify)

7. About your project

Local Needs & Priorities

Corsham Summer Festival is run by The Pound Arts Trust (registered charity), who also run The Pound arts centre which caters for events and participatory activities for 16,000 young people a year. Whilst Corsham is fortunate to have this resource which is supported strongly by the local community, there is a gap in provision for less formal cultural activities, particularly for teenagers. Through consultation with young people at The Corsham School, they reported that most young people in Corsham do not independently attend live cultural events, and that for the proposed events to be successful it is essential that they have a 'cool' quality and are free to attend (hence a zero income target for Box Office in the budget). This is clearly best achieved by direct involvement of young people themselves in the programming and marketing of events. The cultural offer currently is managed and delivered by a staff of experienced and skilled adults. The core of this proposal is to share that expertise, support and nurture the young people themselves to shape their cultural provision. Nothing like this currently exists in Corsham.

Consultation with Young People

Pound Arts staff have initiated consultation with the sixth form committee at The Corsham School along with key staff, as well as the Pound Arts Youth Council (a group of young people who take part in activities at Pound Arts). We will work with these groups to recruit up to ten young people as the core volunteers to shape the Takeover programme. These ten young people will

be mentored and trained to develop key skills to enable them to consult effectively with a wider cohort of their peers. Consultation will remain the backbone of the project throughout. The young people who we identify as curators will meet regularly between March and the Festival in June. The intention is that Takeover becomes a regular part of the festival programme, but also that as the Pound Arts team mentors this group of young people they will also challenge, teach and change the way we work to make our programme increasingly accessible to young people.

How many young people will benefit?

We expect a small committee of between 6 to 10 young people to benefit as the core volunteer organisers/entrepreneurs who will devise the Festival offer. We expect a further 40 young people to help deliver the events themselves, also gaining essential employability skills. These fifty young people will receive a Certificate of Participation, will be signposted to additional participatory arts opportunities, and will have the opportunity to use their involvement to count towards completing an Arts Award qualification. Further to this we expect that a further 150 young people to benefit from attending the events themselves.

Accessible, Affordable and Inclusive

Takeover will be part of our annual Summer Festival. This Festival has always been aimed at families and the majority of the programme is offered for free. This project plugs a gap in provision for teenagers within this. The work that we undertake mentoring young people will be free to them and the young people themselves will ensure that the events are accessible and inclusive. Their brief is to create events that other young people will be excited by and will attend. As such, although the ticketing structure will be decided upon by the organising group of young people, we anticipate these events being largely free. We operate in a number of venues and locations, most of which are fully accessible. We are experienced in delivering projects with vulnerable members of the community and have all the appropriate policies, guidelines and practices in place. Our team of dedicated staff will work alongside the young organisers to ensure that Takeover complies with best practice. As the events will be devised and delivered directly by groups of young people, we aim to genuinely provide for young people an opportunity to engage with their community. We want this project to work hard to deliver to those who don't already know how to access culture and leisure or who don't feel it is 'for them'.

Volunteering & Community Involvement

Pound Arts works with approx. 100 volunteers a year and is the hub of much community activity year round. The young people who become organisers and curators will volunteer their time and we will provide access to our regular volunteers to help run the events. Our Festivals are a celebration of community and we see Takeover as a key missing part of this jigsaw.

Partnerships

Much of our work is delivered in partnership and we would anticipate that Takeover will be delivered working closely with The Corsham School, Pound

Arts, artists, and the venues who stage work during the festival (Pound Arts, Almshouses, Town Hall, St Bartholomew's, Springfield Campus, etc). We will also work closely with other interested groups with expertise in this area including WYAP (Wiltshire Youth Arts Partnership), Wiltshire Music Connect and Music Matters.

8. Safeguarding

We take the safeguarding and protection of young people taking part in projects and activities here at Pound Arts as a critical priority. As such we have the policies which cover Child Protection & Vulnerable persons. All staff & Volunteers who have contact with young people are subject to a DBS check and we keep copies of these records in our office.

Our work with young people is headed by Naomi Silverton who is the Creative Learning Officer. Management responsibility for safeguarding and child protection lies with the Director, Russ Tunney and the board of Trustees. Responsibility for Child Protection does of course lie with every adult (staff, volunteer or trustee) who has contact with young people.

9. Monitoring

We have a rigorous evaluation and monitoring policy in place which we use for the activities in our programme. At the beginning of the project we compile our success criteria, targets, action plan and timeline of activity. These areas of work are assigned to named individuals. During the life of the project we assess our progress against these criteria and respond to challenges or obstacles. At the end of the project we gather participant feedback, qualitative and quantitative data, and assess this against the original success criteria. This assessment is shared at trustee level and with appropriate stakeholders such as funding partners.

10. Finance:

10a. Your Organisation's Finance:

Your latest accounts:

04/2014

Total Income:

£402362.00

Total Expenditure:

£393607.00

Surplus/Deficit for the year:

£8755.00

Free reserves currently held:

(money not committed to other projects/operating costs)

£83152.40

Why can't you fund this project from your reserves:

We are making an allocation of £2500 from our core budget, and providing £1100 of in kind support but are unable to meet the entire costs ourselves. As part of our national statutory funding, We are required to hold three months reserve of running costs so cannot use these funds for projects.

10b. Project Finance:

Total Project cost	£7100.00
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Total required from Area Board		£1500.00		
Expenditure (Itemised expenditure)	£	Income (Itemised income)	Tick if income confirmed	£
Programming Budget	2000.00	Box Office		0.00
Marketing	1000.00	Staff/space (in kind)	yes	1100.00
Admin	500.00	Seed Fund (if successful)		2000.00
Mentoring (8 sessions)	1200.00	Core budget	yes	2500.00
Equipment	500.00			
Tech Staff	300.00			
Venues Hire	300.00			
Travel	100.00			
Tickets	100.00			
Staff/space (in kind)	1100.00			
Total	£7100			£5600

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

No

Decision:	Yes
Amount Awarded:	£1500
Reason for part award (if applicable):	
Reason for rejection:	
Local Youth Network Members present:	Josh Towers, Joy Wingrave, Geoff Fortune, Bob Hancock, Marcus Chapman, Alan Macrae, Sheila Parker, Neil Pocock - Corsham Town Council (representing Miranda Morgan)
Date:	24/2/15

Recommendations to the Area Board:

The LYN feels that this project has taken on board the voice of young people and will continue to consult with them during its delivery. The project has the potential to deliver positive outcomes for the young people involved if it is successful.

To agree funding this project the full amount of £1500.

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Report to	Corsham Area Board
Date of Meeting	Thursday 19 March 2015
Title of Report	Area board funding – community area grants

Purpose of Report

Capital:

To ask the Corsham Area Board to consider 2 applications seeking capital funding from the 2014/15 community area grant scheme:

1. Lacock Parish Council – requesting £4,000 for a community stakeholder consultation for Lacock Sports Pavilion development.
2. Corsham Cricket Club – requesting £3,148 for sports equipment purchase.

The funding applications are available on the following link:

http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard_grants/grants_list.php

Revenue:

3. The Area Board currently has a revenue balance of £351.65. It is recommended that the Area Board ring-fences this amount to enable the facilitation of 3 rural slipper exchanges and mini health fairs in Colerne, Box and Lacock, and that authority be delegated to the Community Engagement Officer in consultation with the Chairman to allocate funds accordingly in between Area Board meetings. Any expenditure incurred under this delegation will be reported at the next available Area Board meeting, and any funds remaining after the 3 events would be re-credited to the Area Board’s revenue budget for 2015/16.

Special note:

Area Board members are asked to note paragraph 4.2 of this report, as follows:

Corsham Area Board has a remaining balance of £6,169.14 in its capital budget for 2014/15. Applications in this report total £7,148, and so if approved, would leave a deficit of £978.86. The Area Board could decide to reward a lesser amount to one or both of the applicants, or defer one of the applications until its next meeting on 21 May 2015.

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve grants under powers delegated to them by the Leader of the Council. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2014/2015. [Area Board Grants Guidance 2013/2014](#).
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. The emphasis in the Coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement and the nurturing of resilient communities. With this in mind Community Area Grants (CAGs) should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. Corsham Area Board has been allocated a 2014/15 budget of £41,104 for community grants, digital literacy projects, area board operational funding, community area partnership core funding and area board/councillor led initiatives. In 2014 / 15 only capital funding is available for community area and digital literacy grants. There has also been a total of £5,225 returned to the budget as a result of one project not being able to secure external funding and one project under spending by £255.
- 1.5. Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £1,000 - £5,000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
- 1.6. Area boards will not consider Community Area Grant (CAG) applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 1.7. In addition to Community Area Grants, councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle sticky community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet has emphasised that they do not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls.
- 1.8. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available.
- 1.9. Paper copies of funding applications no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce paper. They are however available on the Wiltshire Council

web site http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard_grants/grants_list.php and hard copies available upon request.

- 1.10. New for 2014/15 is a single on-line application process for Community Area Grants (CAG) and Digital Literacy grants, introduced to provide an easy step by step application process. The application process and funding criteria can be found [here](#).
- 1.11. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete an evaluation form as soon as the project has been completed and provide receipts if requested. Groups are encouraged to up-load information and photographs about their project on to their area board [blogsite](#). Failure to evaluate projects will preclude applicants/organisations being considered for future funding.

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</p>	<p>Corsham Community Area Plan</p> <p>Area Board Grant Criteria and Guidance 2014/15 as approved by delegated decision</p> <p>Corsham Joint Strategic Needs Document</p>
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2014/15 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be no further rounds of funding during 2014/15. The next round of funding will be in 2015/16 on 21 May 2015.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

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

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Corsham Area Board.
- 4.2. **Corsham Area Board has a remaining balance of £6,169.14 in its capital budget for 2014/15. Applications in this report total £7,148, and so if approved, would leave a deficit of £978.86. The Area Board could decide to reward a lesser amount to one or both of the applicants, or defer one of the applications until its next meeting on 21 May 2015.**

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 will give local community and voluntary groups, town and parish council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.

7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – Officer Recommendations.

8. Applications for consideration

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Lacock Parish Council	Community stakeholder consultation for Lacock Sports Pavilion development	£4,000 of a total project cost of £8,000

8.1.1. Lacock Parish Council is requesting the sum of £4,000 to contribute towards a community stakeholder consultation for the proposed redevelopment of Lacock Sports Pavilion.

8.1.2. This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria 2014/15.

8.1.3. This application demonstrates links to the Corsham Community Plan 2012, particularly the Children & Young People 'improve access to local facilities and activities' and the Culture, Recreation & the Arts 'support the need for a wide and varied programme in arts, culture, heritage and leisure' and 'improve the opportunities for late teens and early 20s' sections.

8.1.4. This partnership project led by Lacock Parish Council, supported by the National Trust, aims to engage the Lacock community in the design and development of a Community Sports Centre utilising a semi derelict historical building on its Recreation Ground which currently offers limited facilities and is not deemed fit for purpose.

8.1.5. Lacock Parish Council seeks to refurbish the building as a facility providing sport for all, and to achieve that aim seeks a grant of 50% of the funding needed to produce the design and business plan required to then make capital funding

applications to Sport England and Business sponsors to undertake the building works.

- 8.1.6. The outcome will be a plan for a sensitive building conversion which is financially sustainable, meets contemporary specifications in support of public health, is multi-purpose and inclusive of gender and disability.
- 8.1.7. Lacock Parish Council is committing 50% match funding of £4,000 to this element of the project. Other reserves held are committed to other local projects.
- 8.1.8. The Community Area Grants Criteria states that only one application can be made per project. Therefore, should the Area Board wish to approve this application, it might like to consider awarding the funding on the condition that no further applications for the capital element of the project can be made.
- 8.1.9. If the Area Board wishes to approve this application, it is also recommended that it does so on the condition that the funding requested be returned to the Area Board if the project does not proceed beyond the consultation/feasibility stage.
- 8.1.10. If the Area Board decides not to fund this project, it is at risk of not proceeding in the near future as alternative sources of funding have not been successfully identified.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Corsham Cricket Club	Sports equipment purchase	£3,148 of a total project cost of £15,148

- 8.2.1. Corsham Cricket Club is requesting the sum of £3,148 towards the purchase of new sports equipment.
- 8.2.2. This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria 2014/15.
- 8.2.3. This application demonstrates links to the Corsham Community Plan 2012, particularly Children & Young People 'improve access to local facilities and activities'; the Culture, Recreation & the Arts 'support the need for a wide and varied programme in arts, culture, heritage and leisure' and 'improve the opportunities for late teens and early 20s' sections.
- 8.2.4. Corsham Cricket Club seeks to purchase major items of equipment to further the club's development and potential, including upgrading the score box, purchasing wicket covers & renewing the all-weather playing surface.
- 8.2.5. Corsham Cricket Club club is a popular, thriving and inclusive club in the centre of Corsham that operates as an open club for members and social players, adults

and children and both male and female players.

8.2.6. The balance of the project is being funded by grants from Sports England's Small Grants Scheme, and Community First. The club's own reserves are earmarked for other major capital projects within its 5 year development plan.

8.2.7. If the Area Board decides not to fund this project, the club might have to use some of its own reserves which would compromise its plans for development and growth over the next 5 years as detailed in the 5 year plan.

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

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Agenda Item 11

Corsham Community Area Transport Group (CATG)
Thursday 12 February 2015, 10.30am
Springfield Community Campus

Notes of meeting

1. Welcome and introductions

Present: Cllr Dick Tonge, Cllr Alan Macrae, Cllr Sheila Parker Cllr Phil Whalley, Ivis Thompson (CTC), Simon Scott (CTC), Penny Bell (WC), Gareth Rogers (WC), Spencer Drinkwater (WC), Paul Bollen (WC), Gemma Winslow (WC), Alan Clench (Box PC), John Bull (Colerne PC), Jon Reeves (Gastard resident)

2. Apologies

Ruth Hopkinson, Anne Lock and Dave Martin (CTC), Terry O'Neill (Lacock PC).

3. Notes of last meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 17 December 2014 were agreed.

4. Direction signage proposed – Velley Hill, Gastard

A discussion took place regarding the proposal to install directional signage on the pole outside no. 3 Velley Hill in Gastard. Various arguments both for and against were considered. The group voted in favour of leaving 'Coppershell' on the signage.

After some debate, it was agreed that Ivis Thompson would investigate an alternative location with the local community and report back at the next meeting.

5. Budget

Please see attached budget spreadsheet appended to these notes. These figures include potential additional costs for the Corsham Estate Footpath. Any uncommitted funds from 2014/15 could be carried forward into 2015/16.

6. Updates on priorities from previous meetings:

- a) Skynet Drive – a letter has been sent to the MP requesting assistance to get this matter moving. Currently awaiting a response.
- b) Corsham Estate permissive path – planning conditions have been discharged. Gate access being discussed with estate and will then place order with contractors. Currently estimated at £18-19k with £13.1k allocated from CATG budget. Cllrs Alan Macrae and Phil Whalley would approach local schools asking for a potential contribution and will report back at the next meeting.
- c) Vehicles/cyclists contravening one way/no cycling signs at High Street, Corsham – the signs would be taken down which would complete the work.
- d) 2869 - remove redundant signs A4 through Pickwick – order will be placed in April.

7. Updates on live issues:

- a) 3432 – Road safety Grove Road / Station Road – funding approved and design ongoing.
- b) 3253 – Commercial vehicles parking on Priory Street Corsham – design ongoing.
- c) 3504 – Speeding traffic, Linleys – no CSW volunteers – **Cllr Phil Whalley to speak to local residents and report back to next meeting.**
- d) 3502 – Dangerous pavements Colerne – no budget for works at present so will remain on

the list.

- e) 3451 – Danger to pedestrians Lacock Road – connected to permissive path issue – **CLOSE.**
- f) 3624 – HGV turning left off A4 onto A365 – no update yet as A365 might be looked at under Casualty Reduction Programme.
- g) 3726 – Request installation of street lighting at Mayo memorial, Corsham – town council to deal with – **CLOSE.**
- h) 3727 – Trip hazard on the cobbled areas of Corsham High Street – town council to deal with – **CLOSE.**
- i) 3730 – Request for speed limit reduction on Lypiatt Road, Corsham – markings to be done with BBLP – **CLOSE.**

8. New issues received:

- a) 3760 – request for white lines at Ivy Field, Corsham – **Paul Bollen to provide an update – CLOSE.**
- b) 3769 – driveway obstructed and need verge markers at Orchard Road, Corsham – **Paul Bollen to investigate and provide the resident with OHT contacts.**
- c) 3776 – speeding on A4/Park Lane to Katherine Park roundabout, Corsham – does not meet criteria for 30mph limit. **Metro count to be carried out.**
- d) 3789 – request additional bus stop at top of Priory Street, Corsham – **forward to Passenger Transport Unit.**
- e) 3794 – speeding/no pavements at Cross Keys, Corsham – **Gemma Winslow to look at refreshing white lines and keep clear signage.**
- f) 3809 – request no entry signs be repositioned at The Ley and Market Place, Box – **Box PC to alert police – CLOSE.**
- g) 3819 – speeding in Pickwick Road – **Cllr Phil Whalley to speak to the resident – CLOSE.**
- h) 3827 – improve safety on C151, Colerne, in area of rugby/football clubs – isolated incidents – club needs to take responsibility for marshalling children – **CLOSE.**
- i) 3828 – improve safety on C151 crossroads at Quarry Lane, Colerne – school to action through travel plan – **CLOSE.**
- j) 3829 – concerns raised re directional signage at Velle Hill, Gastard – **CLOSE.**
- k) 3830 – speeding on Bradford Rd, Corsham at Rudloe estate entrance – current signage deemed appropriate – **CLOSE.**
- l) 3837 – request repositioning of 30mph signs at Quarry Hill, Box – being picked up centrally and signs will be moved – **CLOSE.**
- m) 3850 – speeding traffic and narrow road due to parked cars on Bradford Rd, Corsham – only option to lay double yellow lines would be unfair to residents – more a case of bad driver behaviour. Could submit to town council to request double yellows. NFA – **CLOSE.**

n) 3853 – Dangerous for pedestrians to cross road from Skynet Drive/Park Lane, Corsham – Spencer Drinkwater to provide response – **CLOSE**.

9. **Previous issues on hold pending other decisions:**

National speed limit sign, Colerne – still on hold pending school travel plan and speed limit review.

10. **C155 Gastard 30mph speed limit**

Further to previous recommendations by the group, the Traffic Regulation Orders for the proposed change have recently been advertised. During the consultation, an equal number of views of support and objection have been received. A cabinet member report is required to resolve the objections, and the view of the CATG is required (either in support or objection).

The CATG voted not to support this request

11. **Local Highways Investment Fund 2014/20**

The group considered the proposed Highways Major Maintenance list for 2015/16. The group agreed in principle to the proposals, pending confirmation from the parish and town councils that they were also in support (**consult parish and town councils**).

12. **Metro count results**

Prospect, Corsham (30mph) = 40.9mph (SID). Refer to police and **CLOSE**.

13. **Any other business**

20mph requests would be considered at the next meeting – (**consult with parish and town councils**).

14. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 April, 10.30am at Springfield Community Campus.

Wiltshire Council

Corsham Area Board

Date of meeting

Subject: Local Highways Investment Fund 2014 – 2020

Report Author: Parvis Khansari, Associate Director Highways and Transport

Executive Summary

Wiltshire Council has a major programme of investment in highway maintenance over the next six years which has started in 2014/15, and will see a significant improvement in the condition of the county's highway network.

The investment is being targeted at those roads in worst condition, and will include minor roads as well as the main roads. The scheme list for 2014/15 was considered by the Area Board earlier this year, and is fixed. The work is either completed or currently underway on these sites (See **Appendix 1**). There are also road safety and Community Area Transport Group schemes being implemented (See **Appendix 2**).

A list of roads for resurfacing and treatment in 2015/16 has been prepared (See **Appendix 3**). The site list has been developed taking into account the existing condition of the roads, road safety considerations and the anticipated deterioration in condition. The Area Board is asked to review this list, and suggest any other sites, particularly for consideration for future years.

The level of funding for highway maintenance in Wiltshire is significantly above the level of funding provided by the Department of Transport, with a budget of £21 million for highway maintenance and £3 million for bridge maintenance in 2015/16. The DfT funding for roads and bridge maintenance in Wiltshire has been £12.262 million for 2014/15, and is in the region of £16.500 million for 2015/16.

The Local Highways Investment Fund 2014 -2020 represents a significant increase in investment in road maintenance in Wiltshire.

Proposals

The Area Board is requested to:

1. Note the progress made on implementing road resurfacing and safety schemes in 2014/15
2. Consider the list of proposed highway maintenance schemes in their areas for 2015/16, and agree the final list for implementation.
3. Suggest any sites for consideration for inclusion in future year's highway maintenance and resurfacing programmes.

Reason for Proposal

Wiltshire Council has a major programme of investment in highway maintenance, which will see a significant improvement in the condition of the county's highway network.

The views of the Area Board are important in helping to identify local priorities for road maintenance, and future programmes of work.

Delays in finalising the list could result in non-delivery of sites, and your assistance in agreeing a final list for 2015-16 would be appreciated as there is a significant programme of works to deliver.

Wiltshire Council

Corsham Area Board

Date of meeting

Subject: Local Highways Investment Fund 2014 – 2020

Report Author: Parvis Khansari, Associate Director Highways and Transport

Purpose of Report

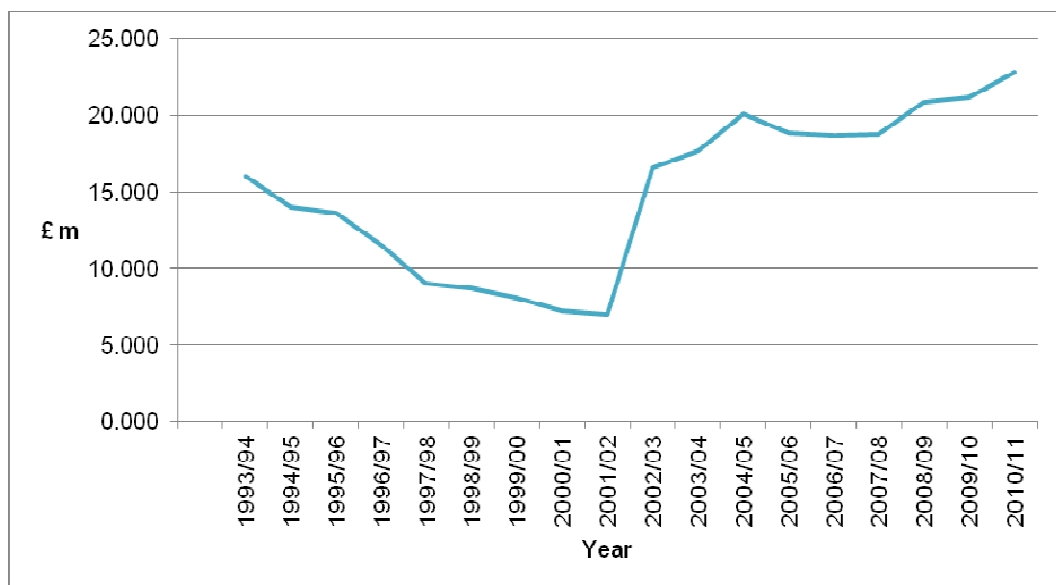
1. To advise the Area Board about progress made implementing the Wiltshire Council's Local Highways Investment Fund 2014 – 2020, and to agree the local highway maintenance priorities for 2015/16.

Relevance to the Council's Business Plan

2. The Council's Business Plan sets out the vision to create stronger and more resilient communities. It includes three key priorities and twelve actions that the Council will deliver over the next four years. One of the twelve actions is to 'invest additional money between 2014-17 to reduce the historic backlog in highways maintenance'.

Background

3. Expenditure on highways declined substantially during the 1990's, and there has been under investment in roads maintenance for years. It has increased since 2000/1, with the introduction of Local Transport Plan funding, but there is still a large backlog of maintenance required on the network.



5. Funding of highway major maintenance has continued to increase in Wiltshire in recent years, but with a series of bad winters and flooding earlier this year the road network has been badly affected.
6. Wiltshire Council has a major programme of investment in highway maintenance over the next six years, and this will see a significant improvement in the condition of the county's highway network.

Main Considerations

7. There is a substantial programme of road maintenance currently underway. The larger schemes in your area are shown in **Appendix 1**. Most of the surfacing across the county has already been completed, or is programmed for the coming months, subject to weather. The scheme list for 2014/15 is fixed and at this stage would only be changed in exceptional circumstances.
8. In a few cases schemes have had to be delayed because of public utilities work or other access difficulties, and these sites will generally be completed at the first available opportunity.
9. As well as those roads on the list of schemes circulated to Area Boards in 2014, additional sites have had to be treated because of damage caused by flooding. This additional work has been funded from additional funding provided by central government for winter damage and potholes.
10. There are ongoing programmes of local safety and Community Area Transport Group (CATG) schemes in the area, and recent larger projects are listed in **Appendix 2**.
11. The Local Highways Investment Fund 2014 – 2020 is being targeted at those roads in worst condition, and includes minor roads as well as the main roads. It is intended to produce a long term improvement in the condition of Wiltshire's roads by applying asset management principles. Road safety information and road condition data has been used to prepare a list of priority sites for treatment in 2015/16 in the community area as shown in **Appendix 3**.
12. In addition to the larger carriageway surfacing sites, the Council will also be repairing localised areas which are suffering from deterioration or which need repairs. A programme of pothole and defect repairs will continue across the county in response to local damage identified through our regular inspections or reports from the public and road users.
13. As well as addressing the roads in worst condition, improvements will be made to the drainage and footways to bring them up to standard. Some roads will have to be treated as priorities because of the need to ensure there is adequate skid resistance and they are in safe condition.
14. It is the intention that the Area Boards will have the opportunity to help identify local priorities for treatment for future years. Any sites which the

Area Board suggest will be inspected and considered for potential inclusion in the road maintenance programme for future years.

Safeguarding Implications

5. Does not apply.

Public Health Implications

6. Increased investment in road maintenance will have benefits for public health. The improved road surfaces, better skid resistance and associated safety improvements will help reduce the numbers killed and injured on the road network. These improvements would complement the other measures to improve road safety, such as traffic calming, speed limits, and schemes being developed by the Community Area Traffic Groups.
15. The improved road surfaces, particularly on the minor urban roads, will be of benefit to cyclists and pedestrians. Urban roads in poor condition may discourage cycling as cyclists who can be adversely affected by road conditions and uneven or damaged surfaces. The investment supports the strategy to encourage cycling as set out in the Council's Local Transport Plan.
16. Roads in poor condition in urban areas can result in disturbance and noise for residents, especially on busier routes carrying heavy goods vehicles at night. Better road surfaces should result in reduced background noise in residential areas, with potential mental and physical health benefits.
17. The Council monitors road collision data in order to focus safety improvements at those sites with the worst accident records. With the additional funding this process will continue, and where appropriate other alterations to signing, drainage, street lighting or road markings could be incorporated into resurfacing work to improve safety.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

18. The road network is particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change. In recent years we have seen the effects of a series of severe winters which have resulted in damage to the roads and an increase in the number of potholes. Last year was the wettest on record and flooding damaged a number of roads in Wiltshire. In long periods of hot weather the surfaces can be damaged by melting, resulting in roads becoming slippery or deforming under traffic loads.
19. In the longer term a more robust highway network, with roads in better condition, will require less reactive maintenance and reduced travelling to respond to potholes and localised defects. A planned maintenance regime enables traffic disruption to be kept to a minimum. With unplanned maintenance the delays to traffic and associated fuel consumption can be considerable.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

20. The improvements in road safety anticipated with increased investment in road maintenance would be expected to benefit all road users, but especially the more vulnerable, including pedestrians, cyclists and other non vehicle users.
21. The highway network is important to local businesses, and to public transport operators. The delays due to un-programmed maintenance and road repairs have been identified as concerns by local businesses. The high profile programme of works to address road conditions will help send the message that transport is important in Wiltshire and could help to promote inward investment and job creation.

Risk Assessment

22. There are serious risks in connection with road maintenance. These include the safety and reputational aspects of those killed and seriously injured on the highway network. In order to reduce these risks the Council has approved highway inspection and skid resistance procedures in place, but in order to keep the network in safe condition it is important that the highway network has adequate investment.
23. The road condition data collected through the technical surveys is used to focus investment on those sites where there is most need and greatest risk. As well as the safety benefits this approach also ensures that best use is made of the limited available funding in order to keep the asset in optimum condition.

Risks that may arise if the proposed decision and related work is not taken

24. The risks to the Council from lack of road maintenance are in terms of claims against the Council as the result of accidents, or in extreme cases prosecution as a result of particular incidents. As well as the safety and cost aspects, there are also significant reputational implications of such events.
25. Not carrying out highway maintenance is likely to lead to declining public satisfaction in the future as road conditions remain the same and no progress is made on improving them.

Risks that may arise if the proposed decision is taken and actions that will be taken to manage these risks

26. There is a potential risk that the proposed investment will not deliver the improvements in road condition anticipated. This risk is being managed by using the technical data to focus the investment on those sections of road where work is required to meet safety requirements, and on those places where it would improve road conditions the most. Effective asset management will reduce this risk and make sure the investment is effective.

27. There is a risk that the investment will not increase public satisfaction with the service. In view of the initial results from those authorities which have made a substantial investment it would appear that satisfaction levels will improve in the longer term with the increased investment.

Financial Implications

28. Routine highway maintenance such as grass cutting, gully emptying and litter picking is paid for with Revenue funding. The majority of funding for major road maintenance and highway improvements is capital funding usually provided through the Maintenance Block Capital Grant from the Department for Transport (DfT). The allocation for Wiltshire for 2014/15 is £12.262 million, and for 2015/16 is expected to be in the region of £16.4 million.
29. The importance of highways investment has been recognised within the Wiltshire Council Business Plan 2013/17 and as a result an intention to invest additional Capital budget was factored into the financial plan based on assumed future grant levels. Highway maintenance funding in Wiltshire has been increased to £21 million for the six year period to 2020, with a budget for bridge maintenance of a further £3 million annually during this period.
30. It has been estimated that an annual expenditure of around £12.575 million would be required to maintain the highway network in its existing condition for the next 15 years. Spending less than this would result in road conditions deteriorating and public satisfaction reducing.
31. The funding of £21 million for highways maintenance for six years will result in a significant improvement to the condition of the network, including improving the condition of the unclassified roads, and improving safety on the classified roads

Legal Implications

32. The Council has a duty under the Highways Act to maintain the county's roads. The highway inspection procedures, policies and improvement plans ensure that this duty is fulfilled. The increased investment and improved road conditions will help the Council meet its responsibilities with regard to road maintenance.

Options Considered

33. The Council considered various options regarding funding levels for future highway maintenance, but it was concluded that an investment of £21 million annually would be realistic and would significantly improve the condition of the county's roads. Less funding would result in not all roads in poor condition being treated, and higher levels of funding were not considered realistic in the present circumstances.

Conclusions

34. The conditions of the road network are important to the public, and this is reflected through the People's Voice and NHT surveys. In order to improve carriageway conditions in Wiltshire, increased expenditure above the funding levels provided by the Department of Transport is being provided for highway maintenance.
35. The current funding of £21 million for six years will provide a significant improvement to the condition of the network, improving the condition of both unclassified and classified roads. As part of the scheme the opportunity is being provided to the Area Boards to help identify local priorities for treatment.

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Background Papers

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this report: None

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Corsham Highways Major Maintenance 2014 – 15
- Appendix 2 – Corsham Integrated Transport Schemes 2014 – 15
- Appendix 3 – Corsham Highway Major Maintenance Sites 2015 – 2016

APPENDIX 1

Corsham – Highways Major Maintenance Schemes 2014/15

Road	Location	Treatment	Approximate Length (m)	Completed/ Programmed Date
U/C	Corsham Purleigh Rd.	Resurfacing, with footway	445	February 2015
U/C	Corsham Ludmead Rd / Broadmead Rd.	Resurfacing with footways	1,050	February 2015
A365	A365 Devizes Road, South of Box	Resurfacing	100	Completed
C86	C86 Cross Keys Road, Corsham	Resurfacing	130	Completed
A4	A4 Box Hill	Resurfacing	2,000	Completed

Corsham – Additional Sites 2014/15

Road	Location	Treatment
U/C	Beech Road, Rudloe	Resurfacing
U/C	Drewitts Mill, Box	Resurfacing
U/C	Doctors Hill, Box	Resurfacing
U/C	Barnetts Hillm Box	Resurfacing
A4	Love Lane, Box	Resurfacing
U/C	Elm Hill, Box	Resurfacing

Corsham - Integrated Transport Schemes 2014/15

Road	Location	Scheme Description	Completion/ Programmed date
U/C	Corsham, Leafield	Weight restrictions	Completed
C86	Corsham, High Street	Contravention of one-way order	Completed
C86	Corsham, High Street	Contravention of no cycling order	Completed
B3353	Corsham, Pickwick Road, South Place, Pound Pill	Speed limit signing & lining	Completed
U/C	Lacock, Mons Lane Junction	Junction alterations and footway	March 2015

Highways Major Maintenance 2015 -2016 – Corsham Area Board

Road	Location	Area Board	Recommended Treatment	Estimated Length (m)
U/C	Naish Hill, Mons Lane east to Bewley Lane junction to A342 Devizes Road	Corsham	Surface Dressing	4753
U/C	Bewley Lane (Junction with Mons Lane east to Bowden Hill)	Corsham	Surface Dressing	992
A365	Devizes Road near junction with Longsplatt, Box	Corsham	Skid Resistance Improvements	90
C86	C86 North of junction with A4 Bath Road, Corsham	Corsham	Skid Resistance Improvements	50
A4	A4 High Street, Box	Corsham	Skid Resistance Improvements	80
C48	The Old Jockey Farm, Box	Corsham	Skid Resistance Improvements	60
U/C	Beech Road, Box	Corsham	Surfacing	936
B3109	Bradford Road, near caravan park	Corsham	Surfacing	TBC
U/C	Henley Lane, Box	Corsham	Surfacing	440
U/C	Stokes Road, Corsham	Corsham	Surfacing	206
U/C	Doncombe Lane, Colerne	Corsham	Surfacing	481
U/C	Tutton Hill to Mill Lane, Colerne	Corsham	Surfacing	225
U/C	Mill Lane, Box	Corsham	Surfacing	387

