

AGENDA

Meeting: DEVIZES AREA BOARD
Place: Lavington School, The Spring, Market Lavington, Devizes, SN10 4EB
Date: Monday 21 March 2011
Time: 7.00 pm

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

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

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

Refreshments and networking opportunities will be available from 6.30 pm.

Please direct any enquiries on this agenda to Alexa Smith (Democratic Services Officer), on 01249 706610 or alexa.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk

or Richard Rogers (Community Area Manager), on 07771 547522 or richard.rogers@wiltshire.gov.uk

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

Press enquiries to Communications on 01225 713114 / 713115.

Wiltshire Councillors

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

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

Items to be considered	Time
1. Welcome and Chairman's Announcements (<i>Pages 1 - 8</i>)	7.00 pm
2. Apologies for Absence	
3. Minutes (<i>Pages 9 - 16</i>) To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2011.	
4. Declarations of Interest Councillors are requested to declare any personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.	
5. Partner Updates (<i>Pages 17 - 30</i>) To receive updates from the following partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Wiltshire Police b. Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service c. NHS Wiltshire d. The Traffic Working Party e. Devizes Community Area Partnership f. CAYPIG g. Town and Parish Councils. 	7.15 pm
6. Community Services Contract Great Western Hospital has been awarded the contract to run the community services currently run by the PCT (health clinics, community hospitals, maternity services and neighbourhood teams). A presentation will be followed by a short question and answer session.	7.35 pm
7. Primary Care Trust Update A presentation by Jeff James, Chief Executive, followed by an opportunity to ask questions.	7.55 pm
8. Caen Hill Project James Young from British Waterways will introduce the Caen Hill project, to redevelop 78 acres of low grade farmland, and a bid made to the Jubilee People's Millions Fund.	8.15 pm
9. The Wharf To raise awareness of the forthcoming consultation. There will be the opportunity to view a small display at the meeting from 6.30 pm.	8.35 pm

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| 10. | Cabinet Representative - Councillor John Brady

Councillor John Brady will provide a short overview of his role as Cabinet member for Economic Development, Planning and Housing. | 8.40 pm |
| 11. | Community Issues Update <i>(Pages 31 - 34)</i>

The Community Area Manager will report on highlights and unresolved issues in the Community Area. A log of the community issues submitted is available to view online at:
http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/area_board/areaboard_issues_search.php?issue_location_in=Devizes | 8.50 pm |
| 12. | Community Area Grants and Budget <i>(Pages 35 - 40)</i>

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

a. Devizes and District Twinning Association, seeking £500 for the provision of a marquee and toilets during the conference celebration on the Green
b. Bishop Cannings Cricket Club, seeking £3,415 towards the purchase of sight screens and a mobile practice net as well as to re-surface the worn artificial playing surface on the pitch
c. Marston Parish Council, seeking £2,067 towards the refurbishment of the village bus shelter. | 8.55 pm |
| 13. | Evaluation and Close. <i>(Pages 41 - 42)</i> | 9.15 pm |

Future Meeting Dates

Monday, 23 May 2011

7.00 pm

Devizes Sports Club

Monday, 18 July 2011

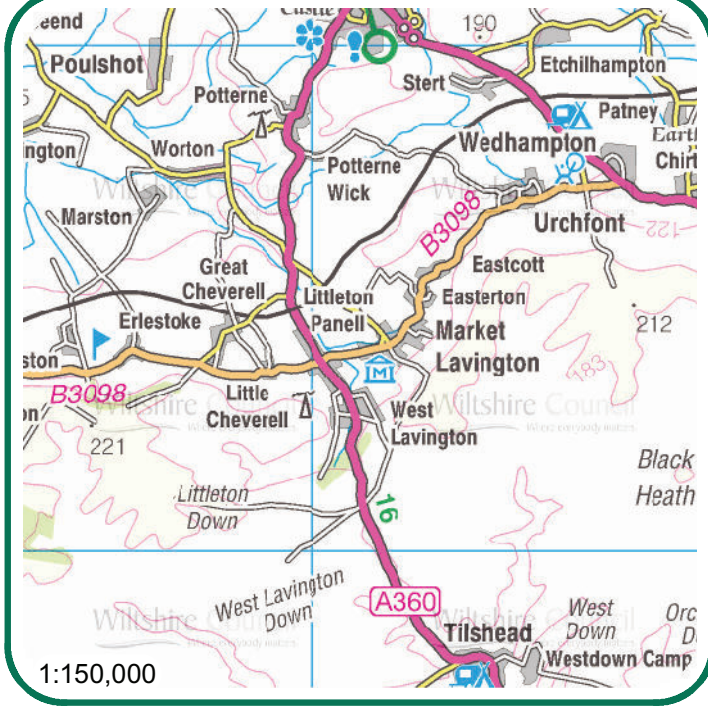
7.00 pm

Lavington School

Monday, 3 October 2011

7.00 pm

Devizes Bowls Club



Lavington School
The Spring
Market Lavington
Devizes
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Chairman's Announcements – 21 March 2011

Big Society, Localism and What it Means for the Devizes Area – Corn Exchange, Devizes, 7 April 2011 at 6.30 pm (with refreshments available from 6.00 pm)

This seminar will be for anyone who is interested in important issues now facing the Devizes area.

It will cover the implications of the Coalition Government's 'Big Society' proposals (as set out in the Localism Bill now before Parliament) and what this is likely to mean for public and voluntary services in the Devizes area.

We will look at how the Council plans to develop its own local arrangements through the Area Boards, with new ways of involving people in decisions about how services are delivered. We will also look at how the Government is proposing to change the current planning system to give local people more of a say over the future development of the places where they live.

The meeting will conclude with a discussion about the development of local planning policies (known as the Wiltshire Core Strategy) for the Devizes area. In addition to some excellent speakers, there will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions and put forward your own points of view. I think you will agree that this promises to be a very lively and stimulating evening, so do please join us – it is a genuine chance for you to influence things in the Devizes area.

Localism Bill – Proposed Changes to Arrangements Governing the Conduct of Councillors

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you need any further information on this matter please contact:
Ian Gibbons, Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer
01225 713052 E-mail ian.gibbons@wiltshire.gov.uk; or

Nina Wilton, Head of Governance and Deputy Monitoring Officer
01225 713078 E-mail nina.wilton@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Community Resilience – Town and Parish Council Emergency Plans

Intention

The intention is that all parishes have an up to date Community Resilience Plan to replace where necessary the Initial Response Plan that some parishes (the minority) had written some years ago. These plans once written will be kept up to date by a nominated person (nominated by the Town/Parish Council) who will maintain ownership of the plan keeping it fully up to date.

Bradford on Avon Community Area Board who were part of a pilot scheme have fully endorsed the initiative. Subsequently the Emergency Planning Team has emailed all Parish Clerks.

A Government template and guidance notes written for Bradford on Avon are available on request. It is the intention that the remaining 17 Area Boards will have notes tailored to their region to assist the authors of the plans.

Introduction to Community Resilience

In order to ensure that Wiltshire Communities are truly resilient it is vital that they are aware of the risks which affect them. This will help the Town and Parish Councils to decide which threats they are comfortable with, without having to take any preventative action and those where a more proactive approach may be required.

This information will also be made available to each member of the community to ensure that they are able to take necessary measures such as preparing an 'Emergency Box', purchasing sandbags to protect their property or carrying out a business impact analysis for a Business Continuity Plan for example.

Recent studies have shown that the 'just in time' society in which we live has had a major effect on the way in which people view their own safety and their reliance on the local authority and emergency services. Whereas in the past people tended to be very much aware of the precautions they could and should take to look after their family, property and/or business, they are now more reliant on assistance from public services. Whilst this document does not advocate the derogation of the public service responsibility to care for its population, it is intended to highlight areas where members of the public can be more proactive in protecting themselves and their communities.

Community Resilience is not just about the Community Safety agenda, it is much more involved than that. It is about how the community, the individual within that community and businesses can best prepare to meet the challenges they may face if confronted with a major incident. It is also about how the community can continue to operate for as long as possible and how it can adapt to its new circumstances once the incident has passed. This is best outlined by the following definitions[1][1]:

Resilience: The capacity of an individual, community or system to adapt in order to sustain an acceptable function, structure and identity.

Community Resilience: Communities and individuals harnessing local resources and expertise to help themselves in an emergency, in a way that complements the response of the emergency services.

We can't stop disruptive challenges from happening, but we can mitigate their effects on the community by comprehensive preparations on the part of both the public services and members of the public, and by carefully planning the recovery from such events. Recovery from a major incident is covered in a separate document which outlines how the local services intend to approach restoration and improvements to communities affected by a major incident in order to help them adapt to their new, post incident circumstances.

If anyone wishes to discuss this matter further they should contact Nicholas Bate, Emergency Planning Officer on 07747 804604 or email Nicholas.bate@wiltshire.gov.uk.

End of Life: Dying Matters – awareness week 16-20 May 2011

There's one thing we can all guarantee in life and that is one day we will die. We choose how we live and how we have our children, but often don't get around to discussing our future plans. Death remains a taboo subject, something we're all afraid or unwilling to talk about.

NHS Wiltshire, Wiltshire Council and local hospices are joining in with national events planned for 'Dying Matters' week 16-20 May. The aim being to raise awareness of how we can talk about planning for our future care and putting plans in place with our families.

Ask most people how they would like to die and most would say 'at home, or a hospice, and surrounded by the people that I love.' But fewer than half of us achieve that aim.

Planning for your future not only ensures your wishes will be respected but that your family and loved ones are taken care of and supported at a very difficult time.

You can also really support your family by writing a will; planning your funeral and putting into place a power of attorney for someone to look after your affairs should you become incapable.

Look out for Dying Matters events this May in your local area. There is also very good advice at www.dyingmatters.org.uk. A leaflet talking about planning for care at the end of your life is available at:

http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Endoflifecare/Documents/Planning_your_future_care%5B1%5D.pdf or for a hard copy please contact Alison Bell at NHS Wiltshire 01380 736 044.

Where to get more advice?

For useful information on funeral options and writing wills go to:

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Governmentcitizensandrights/Death/index.htm>

For more information on granting power of attorney go to:

<http://www.thecarer.co.uk/LastingPowerOfAttorney.html>

A guide on how to set out your preferred priorities for care can be found here

http://www.endoflifecareforadults.nhs.uk/assets/downloads/ppc_1.pdf

For more information on organ donation go to:

<http://www.uktransplant.org.uk/ukt/default.jsp>

Reducing Child Poverty Strategy Consultation

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

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

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

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/healthandsocialcare/childreynongpeoplefamilies/reducin gchildpovertyconsultation.htm> and consultation closes on 4 April 2011.

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

Library Service Review

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

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

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

The key points for libraries in this area are:

- All mobile library stops will continue to operate
- Devizes library opening hours will be reduced from 51 to 43 hours a week
- Market Lavington which is one Wiltshire's 10 smallest libraries, accounting for 3% of visits overall, will be operated in partnership with volunteers, and supported by the library service
- New self service technology will be introduced to both libraries improve efficiency and help communities extend library opening hours through support from volunteers, who will be trained and supported by Wiltshire library staff.

MINUTES

Meeting: DEVIZES AREA BOARD
Place: Devizes Sports Club, London Road, Devizes SN10 2DL
Date: 24 January 2011
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 9.15 pm

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to:

Alexa Smith (Democratic Services Officer), on 01249 706610, or alexa.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk

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

In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

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

Cllr John Thomson (Deputy Leader)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Alexa Smith

Mandy Bradley, Director of Public Protection

Richard Rogers, Northern Locality Team Leader and Alexa Smith (Democratic Services Officer)

Town and Parish Councillors

Devizes Town Council – P Evans*, S Evans, Simon Fisher, Jim Gudgen, Kelvin Nash, Margaret Taylor and Ray Taylor

Bromham – Jean Collens and Jo Partt*

Erlestoke – Stan Jonik and Anita Whittle

Etchilhampton – Mervyn Woods

Potterne – Tony Molland*

Roundway – Chris Callow* and Rick Rowland

Rowde – Jackie Bawden and Janet Giles

Urchfont – Nicky Mitchell

West Lavington – Kevin Dyer

* Denotes nominated representative

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Detective Chief Inspector Sue Austin and Inspector Andy Noble

Wiltshire Police Authority – Chris Evans, Councillor Chris Humphries

Devizes Community Area Partnership – Beth Hutton, Margaret Nightingale, Douglas Roseaman, Tony Sedgewick and Noel Woolrych

CPRE – Jim Batt

Gazette and Herald – Jill Crooks

Members of public in attendance: 36

Total in attendance: 79

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
1.	<p><u>Welcome and Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman introduced Councillor Liz Bryant, the new Councillor for Bromham, Rowde and Potterne, and Richard Rogers, the new Community Area Manager, to the Devizes Area Board team.</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Councillor John Thomson to the meeting as visiting Cabinet Member and Roger Grainger, a visitor from Devon Council interested in the work of Area Boards. The remaining Councillors and Officers introduced themselves to the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the Chairman's announcements, as in the agenda pack. She highlighted that the waste consultation results were good news for Devizes, because proposed service changes for summer 2011 would mean increased kerbside recycling. Carshare was highlighted as an excellent Wiltshire Council internet based car sharing free service that helps match people travelling for whatever reason with others going the same way: www.carsharewiltshire.com.</p> <p>She added that she had become aware of a petition that was circulating regarding parking in the town centre. While free parking could be reduced in the town centre from an hour to half an hour, it was important to remember that Devizes was the only town in the county with free central Wiltshire Council parking. On street parking provision would also not be affected by proposed changes.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies had been received from Jo Howes (NHS Wiltshire), Lynda Wearn (Cheverell Magna Parish Council), Paula Winchcombe (Devizes Community Area Partnership) and A Wooldridge (Roundway Parish Council).</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 29 November 2010 would be approved and signed as a correct record, subject to an amendment to include mention of the rat run from Etchilhampton across to London Road.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest made.</p>	

5.	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The written update from Wiltshire Police was noted. Inspector Noble was pleased to say that two of the most prolific offenders in the Community Area had been locked up. b. The written update from Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service was circulated at the meeting. c. The written update for January from NHS Wiltshire was noted. d. The written update from Devizes Community Area Partnership was noted. Tony Sedgewick gave a short presentation about cycling in Devizes. Eighty per cent of traffic in Devizes was local traffic, so shifting travel mode from cars to bicycles was important to improving traffic flows. Devizes was a good area for cycling and a number of additional routes to take cyclists away from main traffic were proposed. Main points raised from the floor included concern over shared use of routes by cyclists and pedestrians, the need for good lighting, a safe place to store bicycles and good links between the villages in the Community Area and the town. The Chairman thanked the Partnership for their work on the issue. e. The Area Board were asked to ratify the recommendations for the provision of grit bins at seven sites in the Devizes Community Area. Twenty one grit bins had been requested, but the Area Board was able to supply seven. If a parish had somewhere where they could safely store grit, they could request a supply from Wiltshire Council. <p><u>Decision</u></p> <p>Grit bins would be provided at the following sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cheverell Magna – railway bridge at the Green 2. Devizes – Pans Lane on railway bridge near school 3. Easterton – junction of Haywards Place and Oak Lane 4. Market Lavington – Entrance to Rochelle Court in Northbrook 5. Market Lavington – Fiddington Clay near junction with B3098 6. Potterne – Blounts Court estate junction with bungalows 50-58 7. Urchfont – Crooks Lane at junction with B3098 	
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	<p>Councillor Ody notified the meeting there would be some additional vehicles on the roads in the Caen Hill area, as material was being moved to improve local bridges to meet European standards. This should be completed by the end of March 2011. The management of air quality had also moved forward as the site now had a real time air quality analyser.</p> <p>Councillor Ody drew attention to the prioritised traffic schemes schedule included in the agenda pack. He confirmed that the Traffic Working Party were also considering a number of rats runs in the Community Area, including ones at Roundway, Caen Hill and Etchilhampton.</p> <p>f. There were no updates from Town and Parish Councils.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Wiltshire Police Authority Spending Cuts</u></p> <p>Councillor Chris Humphries then spoke about proposed spending cuts to Wiltshire Police Authority. £15 million of savings were needed over the next four years (the current total budget for policing in Wiltshire was £107 million). Planned savings at present include nearly £4 million savings on general expenditure and £11 million from staff savings. There were no plans to change frontline numbers, there would be 11 Inspector led areas as now and Swindon and the County divisions were to be merged to give one Force wide service delivery.</p> <p>Councillor Humphries asked the meeting to take part in the consultation by completing the questionnaire cards that were available, visiting the Wiltshire Police Authority website to complete the survey there: www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk, or calling 01380 734022 for a hard copy of the plans and questionnaire.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Cabinet Representative - Councillor John Thomson</u></p> <p>Councillor John Thomson provided an overview about his role as Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Adult Care, Community Services and Libraries. He explained this encompassed Area Boards.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council was committed to retaining libraries and the mobile library service. Opening hours would be reassessed in the context of neighbouring local authorities closing libraries. Input from volunteers and partnership working would be needed in small communities to keep their libraries open.</p> <p>Wiltshire was set to face a big increase in the number of older people in the county and had a ten year plan to improve services.</p>	

	<p>Wiltshire Council was investing in keeping people in their homes with support for as long as possible, the next stage would be extra care in home and the final stage if needed would be residential care.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Voluntary Sector/Grow</u></p> <p>Janice Fortune, Chief Executive of Develop, and Karen Scott gave a presentation regarding the funding of the voluntary sector and Grow, a new support service for volunteers and volunteer organisations.</p> <p>Services provided included connecting volunteers with opportunities, funding advice, up to date information affecting local organisations, resources and publications, a programme of training, forums and networking, low cost printing and more.</p> <p>306 organisations had registered at the volunteer centre and more than 1100 volunteering opportunities had been uploaded to the database and promoted to the public. Please contact the volunteer centre on 0845 5216224 if you would be interested in volunteering or see the website: www.growwiltshire.org.uk.</p> <p>The Area Board were invited to lend support to a bid made to the Performance Reward Grant Scheme and recommend the panel approves the Wiltshire volunteers project.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Area Board would lend support to the Wiltshire Volunteers Performance Reward Grant Scheme application.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Wharf Development Brief</u></p> <p>Councillor Carter gave an update about plans to regenerate the Wharf. A number of meetings had taken place and a draft plan had been put together in anticipation of consultation. A full development brief with illustrations would be presented at a future Area Board meeting.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Community Issues Update</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the community issues log that was available to view at the meeting. The log of the community issues submitted was available to view online at: http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/area_board/areaboard_issues_search.php?issue_location_in=Devizes.</p>	

11.	<u>Evaluation and Close.</u> The Chairman thanked those at the meeting and asked for evaluation forms to be completed. The next Area Board meeting would take place on Monday 21 March 2011 at 7.00 pm at Lavington School.	
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Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Devizes Community Area Board

1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Ian Thomas

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Adam Hall

PCSO – Paula Yarranton

PCSO – Lucy Sainsbury

Rural North Team

Beat Manager – vacant

PCSO – Wendy Leat

Rural South Team

Beat Manager – PC Gemma Rutter

PCSO Nina Marsh

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on our Wiltshire Police Website.

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

3. Police Authority Representative: Councillor Christopher Humphries

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

4. Performance and Other Local Issues

I am pleased to report that the overall crime trend continues downward. There are some interesting points within this though and whilst Violence and Damage are going in the right direction, Burglary and Car Crime are a concern. Both of those problem areas are not locally based and form part of wider series operating on a regional scale. Our Priority Crime Team at Melksham have gone as far afield as London in their work around Burglary and a more local offender Daniel Stacey has recently been imprisoned for Driving Offences. He was linked to a spate of rural car thefts right across the plain. More locally, Gemma Rutter has led activity with partners in Market Lavington, a wide range of activity is planned to anticipate our seasonal spike which coincides with warmer weather. Work is ongoing to shape our future delivery of Local Policing. I am confident of an opportunity within that work to fill our vacant Neighbourhood post & make the emergency response capability more effective.

Wiltshire Police

Devizes



Crime Performance – Devizes Community Area

DEVIZES & MARLBOROUGH SECTOR						
DEVIZES	CRIME				DETECTIONS	
	FEB 2010 - JAN 2011 cf previous year				FEB 2010 - JAN 2011 cf previous year	
	2009/10	2010/11	+ / -	% Change	2009/10	2010/11
Violence Against the Person	358	308	-50	-14.0%	53.1%	46.1%
Dwelling Burglary	36	61	25	69.4%	19.4%	6.6%
Criminal Damage	400	260	-140	-35.0%	15.0%	11.9%
Non Dwelling Burglary	108	111	3	2.8%	5.6%	2.7%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	64	90	26	40.6%	14.1%	1.1%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	19	18	-1	-5.3%	52.6%	0.0%
Total Crime	1389	1343	-46	-3.3%	31.6%	24.0%

County Division is compared with 15 most similar divisions in other Forces. Currently we are performing well e.g. ranked 1st (out of 15) for All Crime and 3rd (out of 15) for Violent Crime

1st Quarter 1Jan-31Mar10	2 nd Quarter 1Apr-30Jun10	3rd Quarter 1July-30Sept10	4th Quarter 1Oct-31Dec10	YEARLY ¼ AVE 09-10
292	402	411	399	376

Inspector Andrew Noble
March 2011

Delivering Safe, Satisfied and Confident Communities
Wiltshire Police - 170 years of public service



Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

Report for Devizes Area Board – March 2011

Fires

WFRS attended 10 accidental fires in the Boards area during the months of January and February 2011. These incidents involve 6 chimneys, a rubbish bin, a car, a gas oven because of unattended cooking and a bonfire.

We were also called to attend 1 deliberate fire over the same period involving a commercial vehicle. WFRS continues to liaise with other agencies to reduce deliberate fire setting.

Injuries

No individuals have been injured through any fire related incident that we have attended during January and February 2011.

RTC'S

We have attended 3 Road Traffic Collisions within the Boards area.

Community Safety

Use Spring cleaning to make your home safer!

Entering the month of March heralds the start of Spring cleaning for many, and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service is emphasising the importance of keeping your home tidy and therefore safer from fire.

Group Manager Perry Payne, from the community safety department, said: "If there is a lot of rubbish in or around the property, a fire could spread much more quickly. Equally, hoarding items near doors and windows could make it harder to escape if fire breaks out in your home. We're asking people to think about fire safety when they tackle their Spring cleaning - it could save a life."

Follow this simple advice:

- Never empty cigarettes or other smoking materials into bins in the house. Empty them into a separate metal container with a lid and preferably place outside.
- In the house, make sure your escape route through external doors is not blocked.
- Close all doors before going to bed at night.
- Never burn rubbish on an open fire in the home and always have a fireguard in place.
- Try and keep combustible rubbish away from the property and out-buildings - if it catches fire or is set alight, it could spread.

Group Manager Payne added: "We all have a part to play in helping to create a cleaner and safer environment. Our experience as firefighters tells us that, all too often, fires could have been prevented and we want to stop them starting in the first place."

For a range of advice on fire safety in the home, and information about home fire safety checks, visit www.wiltsfire.gov.uk



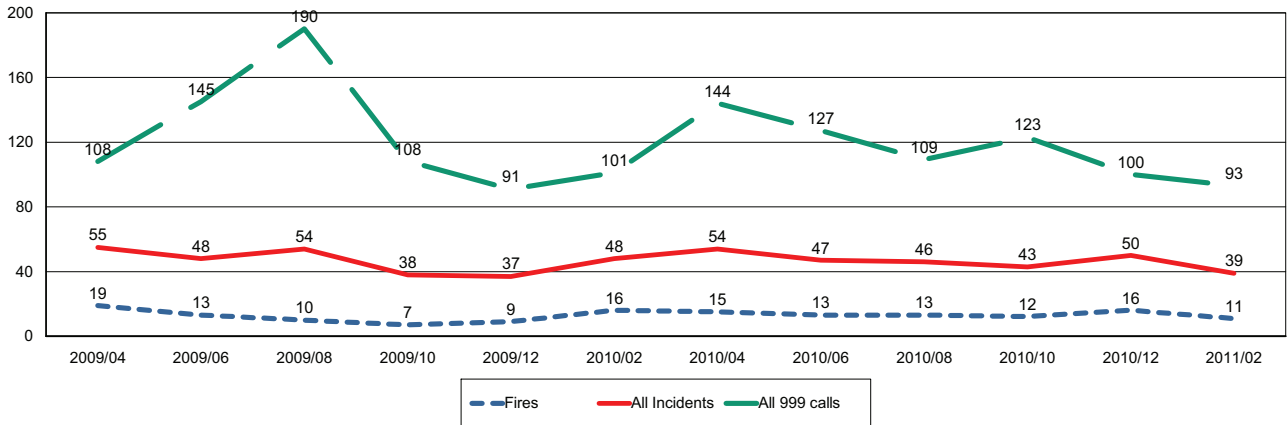
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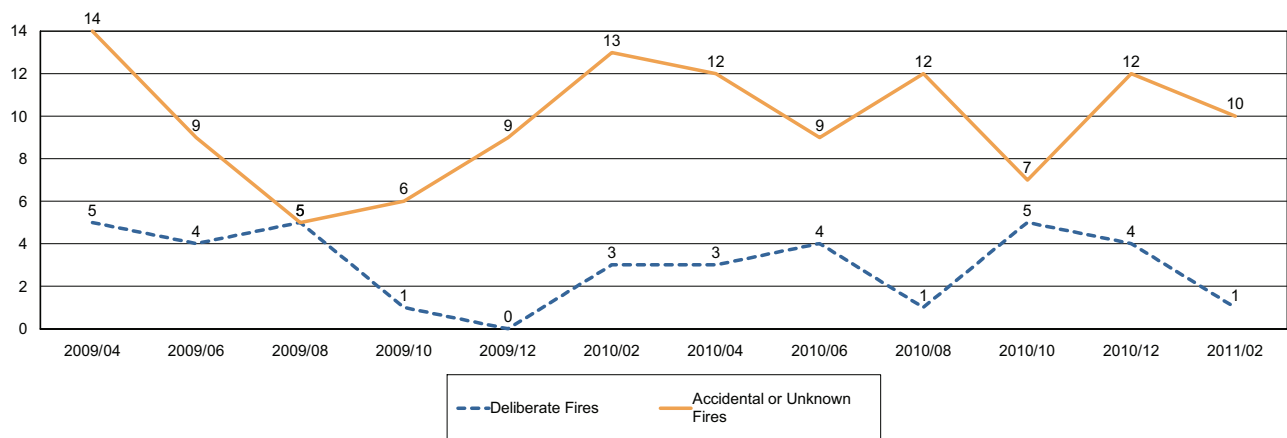
Report for Devizes Area Board

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

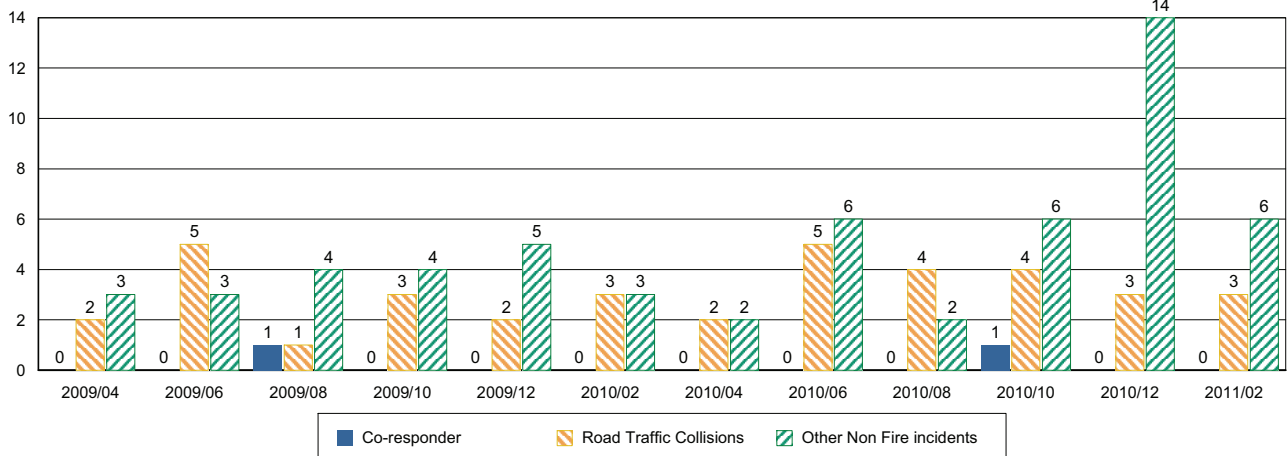
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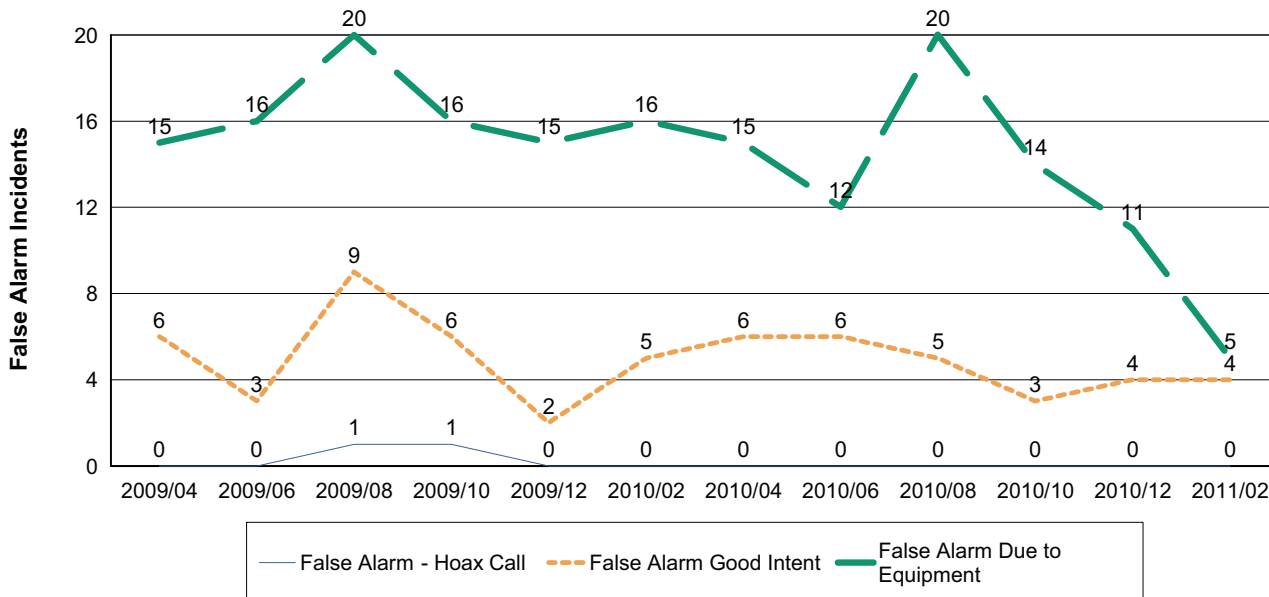
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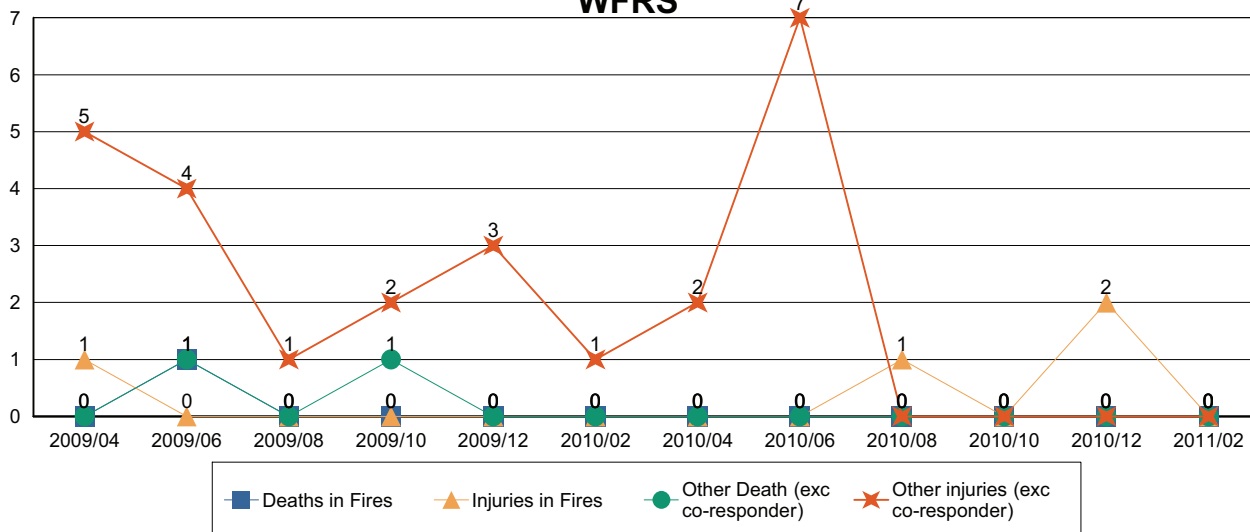
Non-Fire incidents attended by WFRS



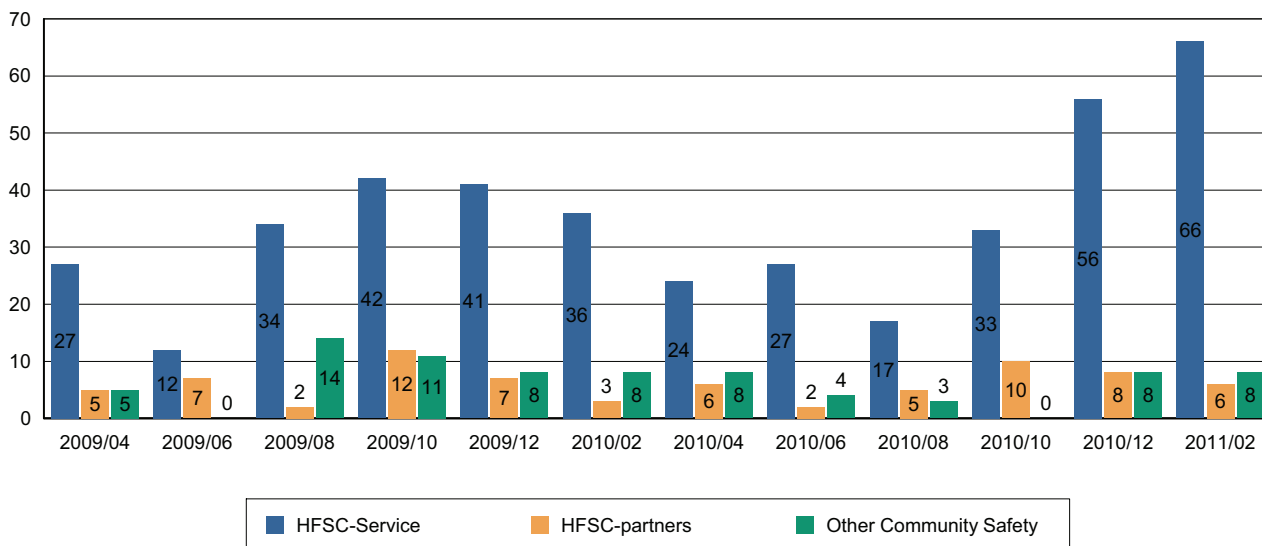
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Death & Injuries in incidents attended by WFRS



Home Fire Safety Checks and other domestic safety



Comments and Interventions overleaf

NHS Update – March 2011

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

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

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

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

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

New NHS Stop-Smoking drop-in clinic for Westbury

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

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

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

Chippenham Hospital CQC Inspection

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

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

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

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

Director of Public Health thanks health colleagues as flu numbers drop

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

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

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

Next NHS Wiltshire Board Meeting

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

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

Prioritised Devizes Area Traffic Schemes Schedule

As of 7th March 2011 following consideration by Traffic Working Group of Devizes Area Board.

Table 1. Prioritised schemes

Priority	Location	Settlement	Request	Comments / Status
1	Long Street	Devizes	Zebra Crossing	<p>Approved as Priority at Area Board meeting of 24 May 2010 – pedestrian safety of significant concern. Also approved by Devizes Town Council.</p> <p>7.3.11 This is due to be completed very shortly</p>
2	Consciencs Lane	Roundway/Rowde	Traffic Scheme	<p>Parishes suggested a preferred scheme for consideration, but speed restrictions and No Entry scheme would be unenforceable.</p> <p>10.1.11 Parish Council considered new gateway signs and will confirm their position in writing.</p>
3	Estcourt Street	Devizes	Plan to ease congestion	<p>Tackling congestion in Devizes town centre was one of the principal requests after traffic themed meeting of Area Board in November 2009. Request condition review from Roses Roundabout to Canal bridge on London Road.</p> <p>10.1.11 Topographical survey completed. Plans to Traffic</p>

				<p>Working Group in March for discussion.</p> <p>7.3.11 Outline suggested plans were discussed and it was agreed that further work on them was required. Will be brought back to May meeting</p>
4	A360 Potterne Road/Devizes Road	Potterne	Provision of Footway crossing between Broadleas estate and Potterne	<p>Not seeking a formal crossing, rather the extension of the footway on one side or the other to increase the overlap to allow crossing at a point with better visibility.</p> <p>10.1.11 Technical appraisal and risk assessment of crossing points to be carried out before Traffic Working Group in March.</p> <p>7.3.11 Possible solution discussed. Engineer to visit site to consider if feasible</p>
5	A342 Rowde	Rowde	Zebra Crossing in the vicinity of Marsh Lane and Springfield road junctions, to allow pedestrians to access bus stops and village shop.	<p>Insufficient funds for planning in current financial year – consider during 2011/12.</p> <p>10.1.11 Agreed to be a priority for 2011/12</p>
6	A360 Littleton Panell	Littleton Panell	Lowering of road under Chocolate Poodle bridge to allow high vehicles to pass	10.1.11 Cost and disruption of bridge closure considered excessive. New signage scheme

				to divert HGVs to be examined and costed. 7.3.11 New signage scheme now exists but still awaiting costing
7	A360 Potterne	Potterne High Street	Traffic scheme for Potterne High Street	10.1.11 Meeting held on site with highways officer to consider traffic calming and traffic priority scheme
8	Downlands Road	Devizes	One way system	Passed to DCAP for local consultation. 10.1.11 DCAP rep. to report to Traffic Working Group in March. 7.3.11 Postponed to May
9	Dunkirk Hill	Devizes	Junction with Bath Road – Problems of traffic build up and of air pollution	7.3.11 Agreed to be a priority for 2011/12 commencing with preliminary engineering review and rough costing
10	Spitalcroft	Devizes	Problems caused by new development	7.3.11 Agreed to be a priority for 2011/12. Requested informal engineers assessment for May meeting of traffic group but diagnosis is hindered as long as contractors are on site



DEVIZES COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP

Update for Devizes Area Board March 2011

DCAP has been creating two questionnaires, one for school pupils and one for every household in the Community Area, both of which form part of the consultation on the new Community Area Plan. The questionnaires will be distributed during the second half of March, with the closing date for the return of completed questionnaires being 30th April 2011. There will also be a facility to complete questionnaires online. Focus groups will be formed to build on the feedback received from questionnaires. Support and advice from Andrew Jack (Wiltshire Council), and Stephanie Davis (Extended Schools Co-ordinator) has been gratefully received.

There have been meetings of the Parish Council Forum and the Transport thematic group, as well as DCAP's full quarterly meeting.

The Parish Council Forum will continue beyond its present pilot phase. A constitution will be formalised and a Chairman appointed in May. At the recent meeting there was a useful and creative discussion with David Dawson of Wiltshire Heritage Museum and John Gaca of Devizes Development Partnership as they presented the latest options for the future of tourist information resources in the area.

The Parish Councils are also looking forward to learning more about the Localism Bill in the coming weeks.

DCAP was pleased with the positive feedback after Tony Sedgwick's presentation of the Transport group's Cycling Strategy at the January Area Board meeting and looks forward to a joint Area Board / DCAP working group to take this project forward. It is also requesting £5,700 from the Area Board to be used in the first phase of this project.

Thanks has been expressed to Mitch Roberts for his committed work with DCAP as Chairman of the Economic thematic group. We wish him well for the future as his contract as Town Centre Manager comes to an end.

Cllr Rick Rowland has been welcomed as the Chairman of the Housing & Built Environment group.

DCAP is pleased to be working alongside British Waterways and other partners as proposals for enhancing the visitor experience at the Caen Hill flight of locks are developed.

DCAP is currently completing funding request forms for the next financial year and will submit a request at the May Area Board meeting.

The next DCAP meeting takes place on Monday 6th June at 5.30pm at Browfort.

This report – March 9th 2011

Devizes Area Board – Issues Summary Report

Background information

- The Area Board Issues system was introduced in September 2009
- The purpose was to create a transparent method for the local community to record issues of concern and ensure that they are addressed
- Once an issue is input into the system, the Community Area Manager will work with the Devizes Unitary Members to involve which ever services or partners are best placed to address it.
- Issues are closed within the system if
 - i. Action has been taken that successfully addressed the concern
 - ii. Another group, organisation, process or individual has accepted responsibility for addressing the issue
 - iii. No further action can be taken or no further action could justifiably be taken
- Since the system was introduced there have been 88 issues submitted. Out of these:
 - 68 Closed Requests
 - 20 Requests in progress
- The display at the back of the room shows the location of the live issues
- If you wish to view the issues on-line or raise an issue then go to
<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/devizesareaboard.htm>
- If you wish to discuss an individual issue, then please contact the Community Area Manager

Breakdown of issues still in progress

ID	Date raised	Category	Ward Cllr	Summary of Issue	How or by whom are the issues being addressed?
HGV ISSUES					
1164	23 rd Aug 10	Highways	Cllr Mayes	Noisy Local HGV's and speeding on Windsor Drive	These are all being addressed by the Traffic Working group
1423	31 st Dec 10	Highways	Cllr Gamble	The HGV problem in Great Cheverell. HGVs have long been diverted through Great	

Richard Rogers, (Community Area Manager, Devizes), March 21st 2011

				Cheverell from the A3	
308	25 th Sep 10	Transport	Cllr Gamble	Heavy traffic going through villages - lorries going through Cheverells and Market Lavington t	
ENVIRONMENTAL/PLACE ISSUES					
415	16 th Oct 10	Environment	Cllr Ody Cllr Carter	Chewing gum residue within the main shopping area of Devizes, specifically The Brittox and Little Brittox	Looking to use 'Community Payback.Scheme' where required
311	25 th Sep 09	Highways	Cllr Ody Cllr Burton Cllr Carter	Inadequate signposting of public and visitor facilities	Report being undertaken by DCAP and Town Centre Manager regarding their audit of signs.
574	15 th Nov 09	Leisure	Cllr Bryant	Lack of access to information on local walks and bridleways in and around Rowde village	Community Area Manager assisting Parish Council
OTHER HIGHWAYS ISSUES					
258	17 th Sep 09	Highways	Cllr Mayes	The housing estate Heritage Park, Devizes has not been adopted because the developer has not completed	Cllr Mayes is fully engaged with ensuring these issues are resolved
259	17 th Sep 09	Highways	Cllr Mayes	The Nursted Housing estate, off Windsor Drive, has not been completed to a high enough standard	
877	31 st Mar 10	Highways	Cllr Mayes	Parking along Roundway Park, close to the London Road entrance which is causing an obstruction	Looking to address this via the traffic regulation orders.
1460	26 th Jan 11	Highways	Cllr Gamble	Concern around safety issues at the Black dog crossroads	Being considered by the Traffic Group and site visit being undertaken
1458	24 th Jan 11	Highways	Cllr Carter	Road safety concerns linked to the new development at Spittlecroft / Meadow Drive	Now a priority for the Traffic Working group
YOUTH ISSUES					
289	23 rd Sep 09	Youth	Cllr Burton Cllr Carter Cllr Ody	Skateboarding in inappropriate places	Area Board working with CaYPIG, Town Council and others to look for a permanent skate park and BMX site. Temporary skate park to be launched in April.
312	25 th Sep 09	Leisure	Cllr Burton Cllr Ody Cllr Carter	The Town Council firmly believes that there is a need for a skate park / BMX facility	
SPEEDING ISSUES					
292	23 rd Sep	Highways	Cllr Grundy	Speed Limit and junction	

	09		(Cllr Ody – Traffic group)	safety issues on the A342 between Lydeaway and Chirton.	These are being overseen by the traffic working group and many being addressed through the ‘Speedwatch Scheme’
313	25 th Sep 09	Highways	Cllr Burton (Cllr Ody – Traffic group)	Volume of traffic using Church Walk Devizes as a cut through route to avoid the main road.	
675	11 th Jan 10	Highways	Cllr Gamble	The Parish Council (Market Lavington) is very concerned about the speed at which some vehicles travel through the village	
737	10 th Feb 10	Highways	Cllr Gamble	Road safety, speeding and inadequate road signage on Spin Hill in Market Lavington.	
1221	15 th Sep 10	Highways	Cllr Bryant	Whistley Road - Width and speed restriction	

AREA BOARD AND PROCESS ISSUES

786	25 th Feb 10	Communities	Cllr Mayes	Parish Councils sidelined by Wiltshire Council	CAM and Cllr Mayes offering to meet all Parish Council. chairs and listen to any concerns or suggestions. These are to be collated and considered by the Area Board.to see if anything can be done.
1481	14 th Feb 11	Communities	Cllr Gamble	Wish to see the polling station returned to Erlestoke now the Church has been refurbished	This request has Unitary member support and will be considered in the polling station review about the end of 2011

Report to	Devizes Area Board
Date of Meeting	21 March 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

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

1. Devizes and District Twinning Association - Funding for the provision of a marquee and toilets during the triannual conference celebration on the Green. This part of the weekend is to celebrate the different musical talents and they are seeking £500. **Recommended for consideration for approval on condition that the 'Devizes and District Twinning Association does not return for a similar grant in the future.'**
2. Bishop Cannings Cricket Club - Funding towards the purchase of 2 No. Sight screens and 1 No. Mobile practice net as well as to re-surface the worn artificial playing surface on the pitch. They are seeking £3,415. **Recommended for consideration for approval.**
3. Marston Parish Council – Funding towards the refurbishment of the village bus shelter. They are seeking £2,067, **Recommended for consideration for approval**

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting (providing there is money available).
- 1.5. Devizes Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £58,117 as well as £3,476 carried over to use for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. Grants have been approved so far this year to the value of £47,716. Devizes Community Area Partnership have submitted a claim for £7,856, which leaves a balance of £6,021
- 1.6. Should the Board approve all of the applications before it at this meeting, a balance of £49 will remain. This can be carried over to 2011/12
- 1.7. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.8. The 2011/12 funding criteria and application forms will soon be available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or paper versions obtainable from the Community Area Manager. If you are considering an application, please discuss it first with the Community Area Manager

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2010/11• Devizes Community Area Plan
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2. Main Considerations

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

2.2. There are six rounds of funding during 20010/11. This is the last round with any remaining funds being carried over to 2011/12;

3. Environmental & Community Implications

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

4. Financial Implications

4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Devizes Area Board.

4.2. Should the applications in this agenda be awarded, Devizes Area Board will have a balance of £49

5. Legal Implications

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

6. HR Implications

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

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

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

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

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1 (Grant Register ref no)	Devizes and District Twinning Association	Funding for marquee and toilets during the weekend celebration on May 22nd	£500

4. Officer recommendation is that this application be considered for approval. However, as this is a tri-annual event and the grant could be considered as running costs, the Area Board could consider adding the condition that the *‘Devizes and District Twinning Association does not return for a similar grant in the future.’*

8.1.1.

8.1.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (Encourage community involvement and supporting the voluntary sector).

8.1.4. The cost of the project is £500 and therefore does not require any match funding.

8.1.5. This part of the weekend is to celebrate the different musical talent. It is open to the public without charge and will be held on the Green.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2. (Grant Register ref no)	Bishops Cannings Cricket Club	The purchase of 2 Sight screens and 1 Mobile practice net as well as to re-surface the worn artificial playing surface on the pitch.	£3,415

8.2.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be considered for approval.

8.2.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.2.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan as the club has an ambition to focus upon the development of youth cricket.

8.2.4. The applicants are providing 50% match funding from their own reserves or fundraising. However no funding is coming from any other source such as from the Parish Council.

8.2.5. The club does not hold excessively high reserves (£4,635 as of Jan 1st 2010)

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3. (Grant Register ref no)	Marston Parish Council	The refurbishment of the village bus stop.	£2,067

8.3.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be considered for approval.

8.3.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.3.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan as it is addressing rural transport.

8.3.4. The Parish Council are providing 50% match funding.

8.3.5. As the total cost is less than £5,000, only one quote is required

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

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DEVIZES AREA BOARD

Please note: all items are provisional and subject to change

Date	Cabinet Member Attending	Location	Area Board Agenda Items (including officer contact details)	Other events (provisional)
23 May 2011	Stuart Wheeler – Leisure, sport and culture	Devizes Sports Club	Community Items: Partner items: Corporate items: Community Area Grants will be considered.	
18 July 2011	Toby Sturgis – Waste, property and environment	Lavington School	Community Items: Partner items: Corporate items: Community Area Grants will be considered.	
3 October 2011	Fleur De Rhe-Philippe – Finance, performance and risk	Devizes Sports Club	Community Items: Partner items: Corporate items: Community Area Grants will be considered.	

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