

**One thing you would like the Area Board to help you with**

<b>You Said</b>	<b>We Did</b>
<p><b>CRICKLADE TOWN COUNCIL</b> - Youth Provision. Whilst in Cricklade we do have opportunities for young people such as the Baden Powell Groups, Junior Football, Cricket and Rugby, the Fire Cadets and the Band Academy, there is no doubt that these are not attractive to all young people especially the more vulnerable. We appreciate that Wiltshire Council is under budgetary pressures but we think it most unfortunate that the massive reduction in funding has left such a big gap in the provision for young people. Some of the changes seem inexplicable and have clearly not been thought through. There has been an increase in anti-social behaviour in the town and this may be a consequence. The frustrating aspect is that the Area Board has been provided with a significant budget line and is unable to spend it in an effective manner. Having said the above, we know that you are aware of our feelings on this matter and we look forward to working with you to produce better outcomes for our young people.</p>	<p><i>The Area Board commissioned local organisation Connecting Youth to undertake street-based issue work in Cricklade. Connecting Youth have undertaken a survey* with the young people they worked with in Cricklade in order to better understand local needs, issues and aspirations. This will be discussed at the 18<sup>th</sup> January area board meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Close partnership working is taking place between Wiltshire Police and the Wiltshire Council public health and early help teams to share intel and work with the young people causing disruption and their families. Connecting Youth have been put in touch with relevant contacts.</i></p> <p><i>The Area Board is exploring alternative options for youth provision with an outside provider, given there is not a Local Youth Facilitator in position in the community area. Procurement options are being looked in to.</i></p> <p><i>The youth grants process continues to support local groups and projects for the majority of young people. A CCTV application will be considered at the 18<sup>th</sup> January area board meeting to improve security at the leisure centre. Sports development continues to grow in the community area, e.g. with a cricket camp in Cricklade in 2017.</i></p> <p><i>* Survey results from Connecting Youth have been presented to councillors.</i></p>
<p><b>LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL</b> - Assistance in solving</p>	<p><i>£5,000 was ring-fenced from the Area Board budget towards</i></p>

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<p>parking issues caused by the local school, or occasionally when there is a major event at the Church or Parish Hall.</p>	<p><i>improvements to the car park at the parish hall at the Area Board meeting on 22 July 2015. This was since rolled over to financial year 2016/17 as the project was not progressing as quickly as scheduled. An update from the parish council has explained that the overall cost of the project is much larger than anticipated and contribution from the school has not been forthcoming. With regret roll over of funding again cannot be guaranteed by the Area Board.</i></p>
<p><b>LYNEHAM AND BRADENSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL</b> - Tackle constructively the problem of communication between community areas concerning matters which cross community area boundaries.</p>	<p><i>The Area Board Chairs and Community Engagement Managers work closely together across community area boundaries to share information, expertise and best practice. There are regular meetings of the Chairs of all the Area Boards and also CEM team meetings. There are many cross community area projects already taking place and these will continue to be supported in the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade community area, such as the White Horse initiative to improve signage for the white horses across the county.</i></p>
<p><b>PURTON PARISH COUNCIL</b> - Purton Parish Council wish to move forward with areas highlighted within our Parish Plan and bring items to fruition especially concentrating on the highways safety of pedestrians and road users alike.</p>	<p><i>Purton parish footpath maintenance team have been awarded £1,000 towards equipment to help with their volunteering. The CATG process is in place in order to prioritise and address local highway improvements.</i></p>
<p><b>RWB TOWN COUNCIL</b> - Not sure whether the Area board could help as it seems to me that it is an ineffective body that really serves no useful purpose.</p>	<p><i>We are disappointed to hear this view. If there is anything specific which you wish to pick up, please contact your Community Engagement Manager, Alexa Smith on <a href="mailto:alexa.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk">alexa.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk</a> or 01249 706610.</i></p>
<p><b>TOCKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL</b> - Availability of grant money is always good for a small parish like ours.</p>	<p><i>Thank you for this feedback.</i></p>

**One way in which we can work together to improve our Area Board**

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<p><b>CRICKLADE TOWN COUNCIL</b>                      We note that the Area Board ‘page’ on the WC website gives the following job specification:  <i>The area boards are a way of working to bring local decision making back into the heart of the community. They are a formal part of Wiltshire Council that try to find solutions for local issues such as road repairs, traffic problems and speeding in villages, litter, facilities for young people and affordable housing.</i>  <i>By working in partnership with local communities, the council can achieve so much more than it ever could on its own. We hope this will lead to better services, better communities and a better quality of life for everyone in Wiltshire.</i>                      Cricklade Town Council endeavours to provide a helpful input to the AB to better guide what we think it should be prioritising. We would be happy to work more closely, regarding budget setting for example, if it would help to better produce the above listed outcomes for the community. The most obvious aspect in need of reform is CATG (Community Area Transport Group) which now seems to be funded in such a way that it appears deliberately designed to produce maximum frustration and minimum achievement.</p>	<p><i>Support from town and parish councils, members of the public and partner organisations is highly valued by the Area Board and continues to help spread limited investment and resources further. Over a hundred people signed up to contribute to setting local priorities and identifying projects to take forwards locally at the Our Community Matters conference held on 23 November 2016. We as an Area Board look forwards to further partnership working to help deliver the identified projects.</i></p> <p><i>With regards to CATG, the biggest issue is the time taken for issues to be responded to. A review of all issues on the CATG system is taking place and also work is being undertaken to look at how the process could be improved.</i></p>
<p><b>LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL</b> - “Networking” – the time before the formal meeting is invaluable, speaking with Councillors from neighbouring parishes and colleagues from Wiltshire Council about issues that wouldn’t otherwise necessarily get raised due to time restraints; or being able to consider issues from a different perspective.</p>	<p><i>Thank you for the positive feedback on the new Area Board meeting format, with increased networking time. The comment regarding debates has been noted. This community area has one of the shortest formal meetings now in the county, however we will continue to look at new and innovative formats through which meaningful discussion and decisions can take place. The first meeting after the elections for example is planned to be a training session for town and parish</i></p>

<p>Debates – Either between Wilts Cllrs who could put forward a case for their patch or more generally, between Unitary &amp; Parish Councillors giving their perspective on an issue. It may then be possible to understand the problems that Wiltshire Council are facing with a reducing budget, and also give an insight into what the parishes feel most strongly about.</p> <p>Quicker Formal Meeting – Although interesting to listen about the grant applications, there is not much (if any) “two way” dialogue. Is it possible to consider the grant applications at some other time? I understand that this must be agreed in public, but surely it is for the Unitary Councillors to decide who gets a grant and how much? Perhaps, say once a year, all local groups &amp; organisations could “advertise themselves”. A little while ago Malmesbury Area Board had a lovely event in the Leisure Centre where local groups set up displays (there were even some chickens!).</p>	<p><i>councils after this was suggested to the Board.</i></p>
<p><b>LYNEHAM AND BRADENSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL</b> - Wiltshire Council’s website variously defines the Area Board as the half dozen elected representatives of the mixed urban and rural electoral divisions which make up the amorphous community area, or a group including those people plus “one member of the council’s top decision making committee, the cabinet”, or even anyone who “lives, works or goes to school in Wiltshire”. An area board matching any of these definitions can only be improved by working together by delivering clarity and leadership, neither of which has been evident in our Area Board.</p>	<p><i>The structure of the Area Boards has changed to reflect best use of resources and a cabinet member is no longer required at Area Board meetings. Amending the definition on the website has been raised with the web team so thank you for highlighting this issue. A revised and enhanced local Our Community Matters site will be launched in early 2017. Increased clarity and focus has been provided by the 23 November Our Community Matters conference which will structure further Area Board work for the next two years.</i></p>
<p><b>PURTON PARISH COUNCIL</b> - Ensure information is given to Parish Councils in enough time to accommodate liaison with committees and full Council.</p>	<p><i>Information is passed to town and parish councils as soon as it is made available to the Area Board. It is recognised this does not always fit with the meeting schedule of the towns and parishes and so best efforts are made to communicate with clerks and Chairs at as early a stage as possible.</i></p>

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<p><b>RWB TOWN COUNCIL</b> - I believe a total analysis of what it does and why it does it. Maybe start from scratch and revamp the whole thing.</p>	<p><i>This comment has been noted. There has been much positive feedback on the Area Board process and you may wish to watch the video on the following link, which outlines recent achievements of the Area Board working in partnership with the community: <a href="#">Online video</a></i></p>
<p><b>TOCKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL</b> – Two way communication, the sharing of information and news about our communities.</p>	<p><i>Please see comment linked to Purton Parish Council and look out for the revamped Our Community Matters local website, which will make information sharing easier to do and clearer. You can sign up to the weekly Friday newsletter <a href="#">here</a></i></p> <p><i>You might also like to follow the Area Board Facebook page and Twitter account for near daily updates: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/rwbcareaboard/">https://www.facebook.com/rwbcareaboard/</a> @RWBandCCEM.</i></p>

Thank you to all of the towns and parishes who kindly took part in the feedback survey.

