

Report to	Southern Wiltshire Area Board
Date of meeting	26 January 2017
Title of report	The Parish Debate

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Parish Councils exist to promote the interests and well-being of residents – so does the Area Board.

We would like to use the Area Board meetings as an opportunity to spark discussion around issues affecting parish councils and ways that councils can work together.

This month we will focus on collaboration.

1. We would like to hear about good examples of collaboration already happening in Southern Wiltshire between parishes?
 - Do you visit other PCs?
 - Sharing best practice – could we arrange a forum to share best practice?
2. Are there areas of work that we could collaborate more around? Eg. Resources for community events, Health & Wellbeing, could you benefit from a full-time peripatetic maintenance man? A youth worker? Paid litter-pickers? A footpath warden? A Health and Wellbeing coordinator? Community drivers? Training events? Sharing volunteers?
3. Sharing news...could PCs use the Area Board newsletters to share ideas, good news, events and experiences?
4. Do you think the Parish Debate slot is worthwhile and should be continued?

If you are unable to attend the Area Board meeting on 26 January but would like to contribute in this debate, please get in touch with Tom Bray (tom.bray@wiltshire.gov.uk) or your Wiltshire Councillor.