

Welcome to Southern Wiltshire Area Board

Online meeting – 1 October 2020

Chairman, Cllr Richard Britton

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Minutes of the last meeting
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Chairman's Announcements

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Written reports & online updates

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Matters of Community Wide Interest

- a) Wiltshire Council – Covid-19 update
- b) Community Policing
- c) Area Board Boundary Review

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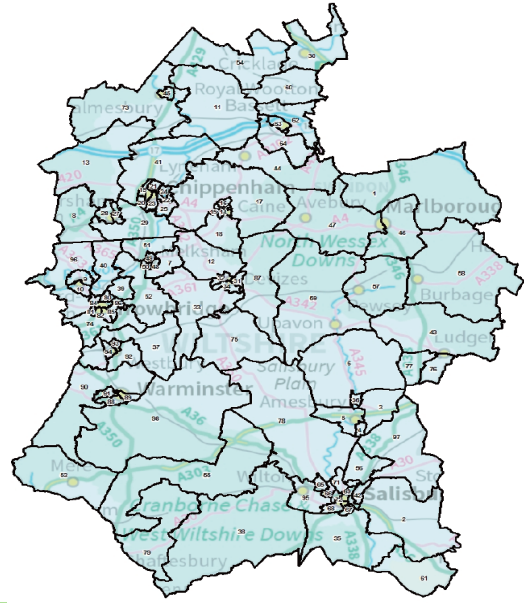
Area Board Boundary Review Draft Recommendation of the Electoral Review Committee South East Wiltshire Area Board

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Background to the Review
 Area Board composition
 Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council

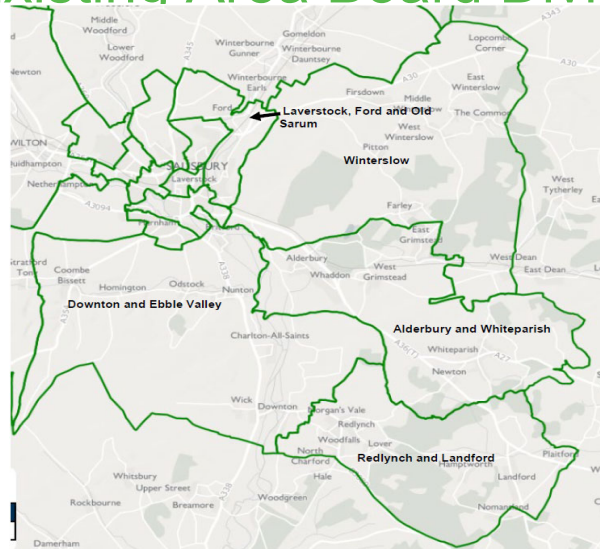
Process of the Review
 Electoral Review Committee
 Consultation



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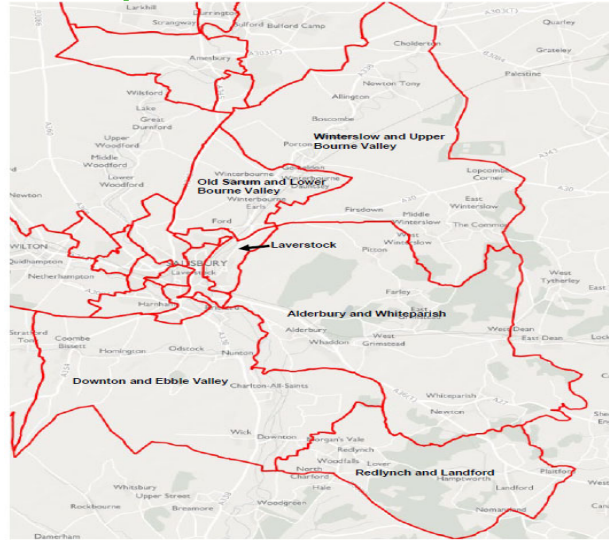
Existing Area Board Divisions



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Proposed Area Board



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A consultation will run from 10
September 2020 – 31 October 2020

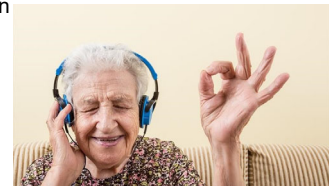
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Now – where were we?!

- Published a new community safety directory
- Planning for the launch of "Make A Friend Be A Friend" in Downton and surrounding villages
- Began work to produce an eco-friendly projects / initiatives / places directory
- Investigated with Inspector Pete Sparrow a SmartWater pilot
- Exploring community project options to assist with anti social behaviour issues in Downton
- Started to map out where and what groups are running for older people
- Set aside a fund to tackle older people's isolation
- Ongoing support for young people, including allocation of funds for positive activities
- Ongoing focus on transport schemes via the Community Area Transport Group



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Reflecting on all that has happened since...building back better

- **Covid 19**
 - Strong neighbourhood support for the vulnerable and more/new people stepping forward to lend a hand during the crisis. How to keep that going for the long term?
 - Greater dependence upon online communication, e.g. for home schooling/working, shopping, accessing GP appointments, parish council meetings, area board meetings, etc. Is this community area's broadband capacity fit for that purpose? How digitally inclusive are we?
 - A period where vehicle use was less, and more sustainable modes of transport prevailed. How can we take forward these benefits?
 - The impact upon our physical and mental wellbeing. Who amongst us need help?
 - The impact upon village and community groups and organisations. Which groups need help and support to re-start?
- **New data published by Wiltshire Council to inform our local priorities**
 - <https://www.wiltshireintelligence.org.uk/community-area/southern-wiltshire/>

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Notable findings for Southern Wiltshire from new data

Health & Wellbeing

- High hospital admissions
- High prevalence of dementia
- Low %age of people 'at risk' having flu jab
- 85yrs+ population is high, but very few care homes
- Only 6% of the population is a library member
- Low numbers attending Council leisure centres

Environment**

- Low number of LED street lights
- Very high fly tipping rate**
- 50% of housing has good energy efficiency rating

Housing

- £370,000 average house price
- Household under-occupancy in 65yrs+
- Lowest number of planned new builds in 2006-2026 strategy
- higher than average number of households affected by the benefits cap

Transport & Highways

- High resurfacing spend in 2019/20 but low number of potholes filled**

Children & Young People

- High levels of obesity in 10-11yr olds
- Only 27% of schools in our area are engaged in the Healthy Schools Programme

Deprivation

- Low levels in the main, with some exceptions
- 9% living in fuel poverty

Community Safety**

- Low levels of crime

** denotes high priority ranked in Oct 2019 survey

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Reviewing local priorities

From before...

- A focus on community safety
- Tackling litter and fly-tipping
- Footpath and rights of way maintenance and activities
- Dementia Friendly Communities
- Facilitating positive activities for young people
- Protecting the environment and promoting eco-friendly living

From the new data....

- Helping more people access affordable housing and retirement housing
- Helping those living in fuel poverty
- Encouraging more schools to sign up to the Healthy Schools Programme
- Tackling obesity in 10-11yr olds
- Looking at our more disadvantaged neighbourhoods

Building back better: post-covid-19

- Support for village groups to get back up and running
- Furthering opportunities for dialogue and local action with existing and new volunteers around community priorities
- Vulnerable residents health and wellbeing (a focus on underlying health conditions: heart disease, obesity, diabetes, copd...)
- Ensuring broadband capacity is fit for purpose; and facilitating digital inclusion initiatives
- Encourage more sustainable modes of transport

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Next steps....

- Begin to shortlist priorities from slide 4 (based on discussions at this meeting, and a subsequent online survey) by the end of October
- Organise a series of virtual mini events i.e. 'working with our parish councils'; health and wellbeing, young people, housing, environment, between November 2020 and March 2021 to facilitate detailed discussion around these priorities
- Prepare findings and proposals from these events for the new Area Board in May 2021, offering a clear rationale for which priorities should be taken forward, how and by who.

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Funding Youth Activities 2020/21

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Area Board Funding

- Firsdown PC – Play area zip wire - £4000
- Hampworth Croquet Club – Keeping the club going - £5000
- Winterslow PC – Barrys Field, Officials Facility - £2500
- Phoenix Start – Air Purification System - £850

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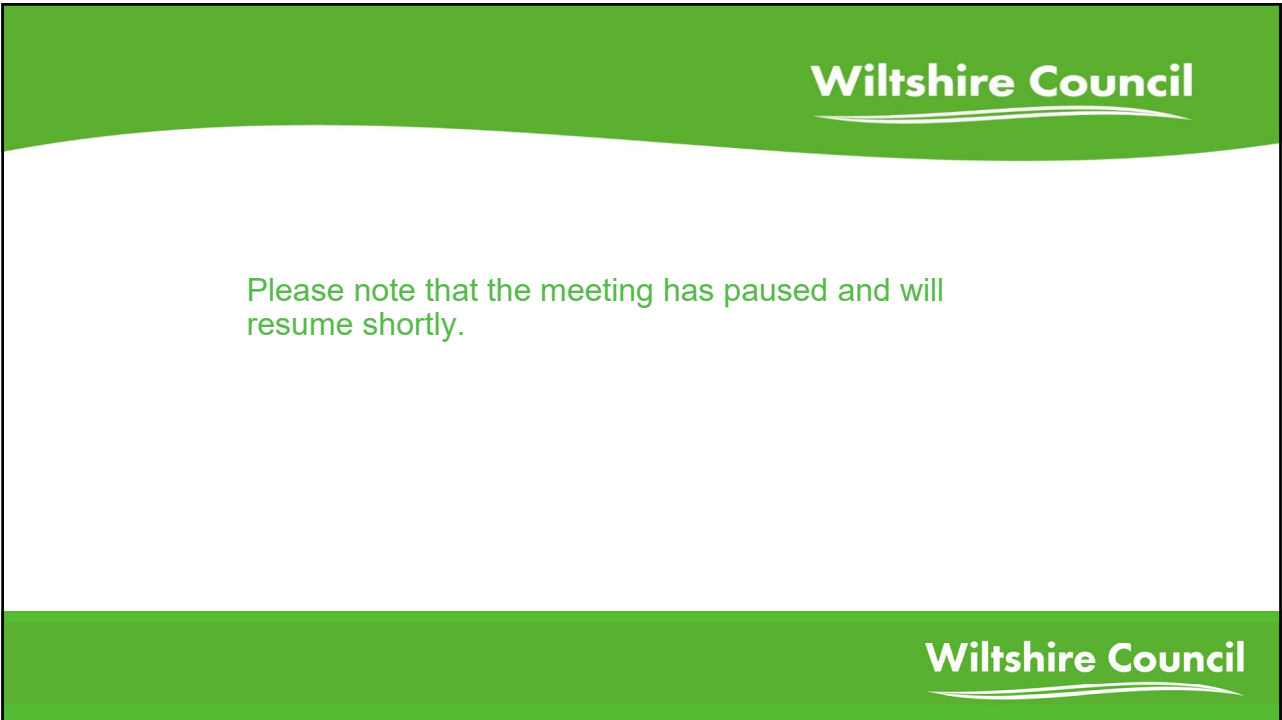
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