



# Calne Area Board

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## End of Year Report

### May 2021 - March 2023

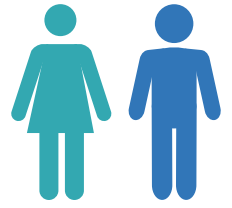
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# Calne Area Board

Calne Community Area is a rural area that includes a number of villages surrounding the market town of Calne, which is an important service centre for the people who live in the community area.

The Area Board is Calne's local cabinet for Wiltshire Council, bringing local decision making into the heart of the community area. The Area Board is made up of 5 unitary councillors. The Councillors are the voting members of the board, and all those who engage in the board's work are equal members, able to influence decisions, shape and deliver on local priorities.

The community area has a rich range of physical and human resources, including vibrant and active community, cultural and sporting hubs, a range of voluntary and community sector support organisations and collaborative town and parish councils.



**Total  
Population  
24,325**

## Area Board Investment

The Area Board invests in local community projects and initiatives that meet local priorities and deliver exceptional outcomes for residents. The Area Board aims to work in partnership to achieve maximum value for its investment. They take a long term view to invest in prevention and early intervention, focusing on tackling inequalities and improving social mobility.

### Total Area Board Investment

£59,553	£33,245	£13,925
<b>Community</b>	<b>Youth</b>	<b>Older and Vulnerable Adults</b>
<b>Total Community Contribution</b>		
<b>£619,549</b>	<b>£49,219</b>	<b>£50,259</b>

The total amount invested in projects through additional community contribution, from fundraising, grants, services in kind or volunteering

# Local Priorities

The Calne Area Board reviewed available local data and evidence and integrated this with local knowledge and community conversation to agree the following local priority themes. The Area Board has undertaken a series of more specific local actions to positively address them, including the key achievements below:

## Young People



The Local Youth Network was reconvened in 2022, supported the completion of Wiltshire Council's Youth Needs Assessment, developed local outreach and safe space youth provision and arranged workshops to provide local groups and individuals with opportunities to understand contextual safeguarding of young people.

## Environment

The Area Board works with key local stakeholders and hosted Calne ECO Fair in 2021 promoting COP26 and living sustainably. Projects providing electric vehicle and bike recharging points in Calne have been supported along with planting forests locally and undertaking biodiversity assessments.



## Older People



The Area Board has continued to support the Older People Voices group and Health & Social Care Forum, organising a themed event 'Calne Big Get Together' linked to positive activities, combatting social isolation and supporting the development of the Celebrating Age project.

## Economic Inequalities

The Area Board has supported Calne Foodbank, promoted the network of Warm Spaces and encourage participation in the FUEL holiday activity programme. In partnership with Calne Health and Social Care Forum and Calne Town Council Calne Warm and Well event was hosted at Calne Library in December 2022. This brought together partners such as Wiltshire Citizen's Advice, Warm & Safe Wiltshire, Calne foodbank and Calne Warm spaces to share cost-of-living advice and information with residents.



# Community-led projects



The Calne Area Board has developed a strong, well established and highly functioning network of local partners, organisations and residents in the town and villages. The Board recognises the talents, expertise and knowledge of the local community and empowers and facilitates community led action to co-deliver local services.

The Calne Reconnecting Group regularly brings together senior residents to socialise and participate in a range of activities. Volunteers support people with additional needs such as dementia, sensory loss, mental health including grief and physical disability. Over 20 local groups and organisations are represented on the Calne Older People's Voices Group and the Calne Health and Social Care Forum. The Older People's Champion supports both groups and helps coordinate and drive forward local action on Falls Prevention, Dementia Awareness and the promotion of local activities and groups.

The Calne Local Youth Network continues to engage, collaborate and information share with over 10 local youth organisations. The Area Board has recently invested further into youth outreach delivered through the Open Blue Bus and has helped to facilitate climate themed workshops for students at Kingsbury Green Academy.

The Calne Environment Working Group has been established to bring together organisations including Friends of Marden Valley, Sustainable Calne and Town and Parish councils to develop a local action plan to address climate change and reverse biodiversity loss. The group has facilitated discussions on Air quality and the draft Air Quality Management Plan and put forward recommendations on funding environmental projects.

# Engagements

The Calne Area Board works alongside other organisations to make things happen in the local community. These groups include the town and parish councils, voluntary and community groups, youth organisations, sports clubs and local charities.

The Area Board wouldn't be able to achieve what they do without these partners working on the ground with them. The Area Board hosts regular business meetings, engagement activities, events, surveys and working groups to stimulate and support local community action.

**Area Board  
Business meetings**

**9**



**Attendances**

**208**

**Area Board  
working groups**

**17**



**Attendances**

**205**

**Engagements/  
events/ activities**

**30**



**Attendances**

**1197**

**Area Board  
surveys**

**3**



**Responses**

**212**

# Local Highways and Footpath Infrastructure group

The Local Highways and Footpath Infrastructure group (LHFIG) is a sub group of the Calne Area Board, which deals specifically with highway issues. They aim to find solutions for local transport issues, such as road repairs, traffic problems, road layouts and parking.

The amount allocated is dependent on the geographical size and population for the community area and the funding allocation is for capital expenditure and can be used to provide new and improved highway infrastructure.

## LHFIG Projects 2022/23

- Lower Compton – 40 mph limit & No parking zone
- Curzon Street Narrowing – footway improvements & bollards
- A4 Calne Curzon Street – Pedestrian Refuge
- Calne Silver St to Station Rd – Pedestrian and cycle route via Fynamore Gardens
- Compton Bassett Church Corner – warning signs and road markings
- Calne Anchor Road area – assessment for 20 mph speed restriction
- C15 Compton Bassett – Speed limit assessment
- Curzon St Narrowing Phase 2 – additional bollards
- A3102 Goatacre – Speed limit assessment
- Derry Hill Shared Use Path – Topographical Survey to assist design work
- A4 Quemerford Lane – edge markings
- A4 Forest Gate to Black Dog – speed limit assessment
- Calne Proclamation Steps – installation of bollard
- C50 South of Blacklands Cross – equestrian warning signs



LHFIG meetings

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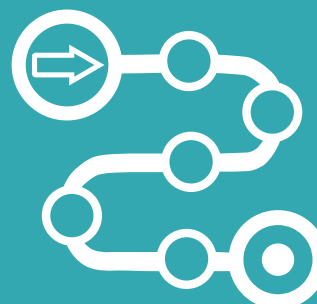


Attendances

73

LHFIG projects completed

14



# Agreeing and delivering priorities for 2023/24

By agreeing and delivering to local priorities, the Area Board is able to proactively address issues by focusing its resources and working in partnership with local organisations, volunteers and residents. To effectively select local priorities it is important that there is a regular review of the evidence available and the views of the residents are sought. To aid Councillors to agree their priorities, the list below provides some of new sources of data and evidence:

- **JSNA Wiltshire Intelligence**: The 2022 Wiltshire JSNA presents data on the current and future health and wellbeing needs of people in Wiltshire
- **Census 2021 results**: results from the 2021 census are being released in a phased manner, which started in June 2022
- **VCSE research - Wessex Community Action**: state of the Wiltshire voluntary and community sector 2022
- **Annual report - Wiltshire Citizens Advice**: Wiltshire Citizens Advice annual report 2022

As well as being evidence led, priorities should be selected where the Area Board believes it can realistically make a positive impact upon them. To aid the delivery of the chosen priorities, the Engagement and Partnerships team will support the Area Board councillors through the development of the Area Board local action plan.

Based on the work undertaken in 2022/23 and the new evidence available, some of the key priorities that the Board may wish to consider are as follows:

- **Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities**
- **Addressing climate change and reversing biodiversity loss**
- **Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing and reducing social isolation**
- **Supporting under-represented groups**
- **Addressing economic inequalities**
- **Improving transport and access**

It is recommended that for each priority selected, an area board councillor takes responsibility for overseeing its delivery and reporting back to the Area Board on progress. The Engagement and Partnerships team will support the Area Board councillors in undertaking this work.