

# Highways Matters Trowbridge

18<sup>th</sup> January 2024

# Agenda and Housekeeping

1. Welcome and Introduction – Chair
2. Highway Matters Presentation
3. Update from Office of Police and Crime Commissioner
4. Q&A
5. Close

# Wiltshire context

**Modern transport has transformed our society and economy. It has enabled us to take advantage of a wide range of dispersed opportunities and to keep in contact with family and friends. Advances in road haulage and distribution methods have stimulated economic growth by helping to provide us with unparalleled consumer choices, a 24-hour society and just-in-time deliveries.**

At the same time, however, our reliance on the private car and the lorry has led to busier and more congested roads. This, in turn, has resulted in fewer people keeping healthy through walking and cycling, increased concerns with regard to noise and other community aspects, accessibility issues for people who rely on public transport, and significant environmental impacts such as air pollution and climate change.

So, while transport can be viewed as simply a 'means to an end' (i.e. it just gets us from A to B), in reality it's a key element of a modern society with impacts on the economy, climate change, people's health, social exclusion, street scenes and the countryside.

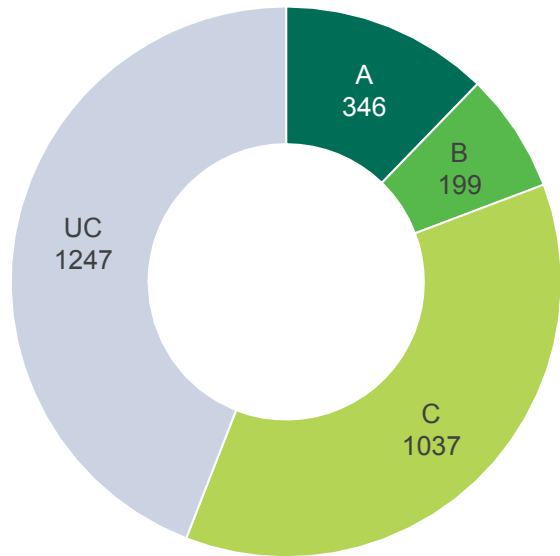
# Wiltshire Context

- The highway network – roads, bridges and related infrastructure – represents the Council's largest and most valuable public asset with a replacement value of over £5 billion.
- Over 2,800 miles of roads, and extensive public rights of way network;
- Extensive public transport network, which we have sustained despite financial challenges and changing travel patterns



# Asset Management - some numbers

Over 2800 miles of road by class



50,000 street lights and 6000 sign lights



65 signal controlled junctions



145 signal controlled pedestrian crossings



293 Belisha beacons



981 highway bridges



85000 road gullies



# Investment in our network

Highways Maintenance Fund - £21m

Additional £3.6m pothole fund

Integrated Transport Funding - £2.1m

Bus Service Improvement Plan - £4.2m

Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure - £4.7m

## Additional Investment by Wiltshire Council - 2022

- £150,000 pa over three years to tackle fly-tipping
- £200,000 per year for next three years for white-lining
- £333,000 per year to help prevent flooding, directed to gully cleaning

## 2023

- £500,000 for signing strategy
- £510,000 for flyposting removal and enforcement, litter picking rural highways, cleaning multi-story car parks and communications

**2023/24/25** - additional £10m for preventative maintenance

**2023/24/25** - additional £5.228m from cancellation of HS2



# Local Transport Plan

- The Local Transport Plan sets the framework for maintaining and improving transport in Wiltshire;
- It needs to align to our Local Plan Review and will help deliver Wiltshire Council's Business Plan priorities for transport across the County;
- We carried out an 'issues and options' consultation during 2023 and are currently drafting core and theme documents.
- Key themes will include:
  - Road Safety;
  - Public Transport;
  - Car Parking Strategy;
  - Freight;
  - Active Travel
  - Decarbonisation.
- Public Consultation will follow in Spring/Summer 2014 with final adoption later in the year.



# Public Transport Review - consultation

- Aim is to help shape future bus policy and priorities for support
- Will help ensure we are providing value for money whilst delivering on Business Plan priorities and objectives of the National Bus Strategy
- Bus market has changed since COVID 19 - lower patronage levels
- Driver shortage and inflationary pressures
- Stakeholder consultation June 2023 - 163 responses
- Wider public consultation until November 10<sup>th</sup>
- Over 1000 responses to date
- Aim for a new policy and network for implementation from April 2024
- <https://wiltshirebusreview.commonplace.is/>





# Local Issues

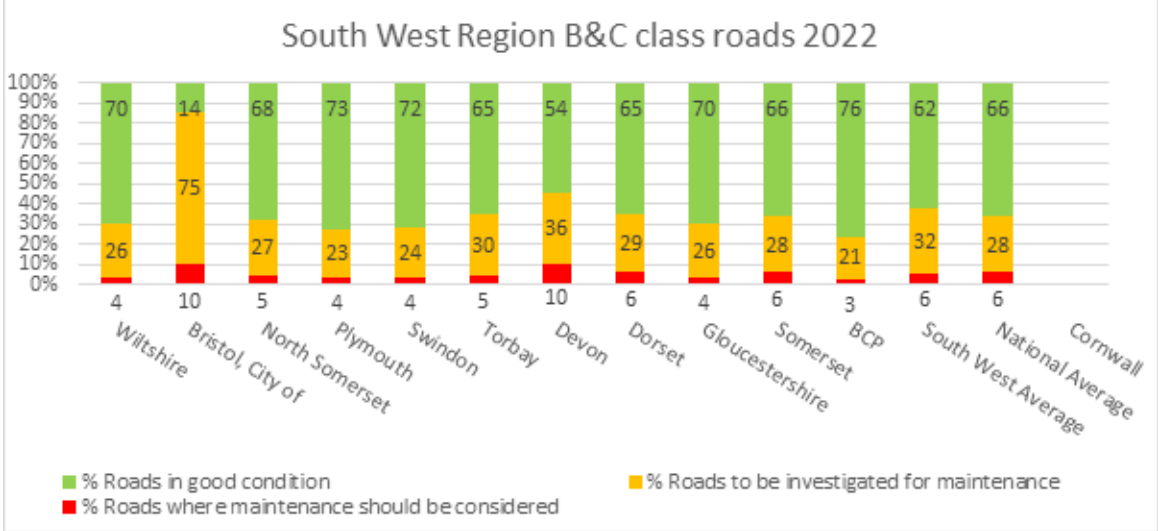
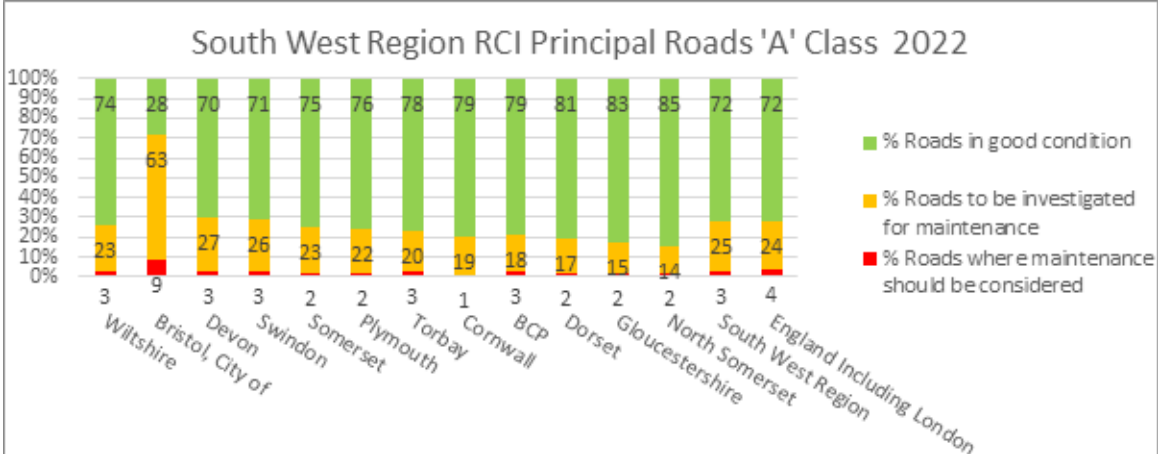
- Highway Maintenance
- Current traffic conditions and Future High Street Fund Schemes
- Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan
- Parish Steward Scheme
- Flooding

# Highways Maintenance

Highways maintenance typically refers to the upkeep and repair of public roads, pavements, and other related infrastructure. This can include tasks such as filling potholes, resurfacing roads, repairing bridges, road signs and markings, traffic signals and street lights.

- 1. Reactive maintenance:** This approach involves responding to issues as they arise, such as repairing potholes or replacing damaged signs. Reactive repairs are primarily driven from our scheduled inspections but also public reports such as via the MyWilts app. When assessing defects, we apply intervention levels as laid out in our Highways Inspection Manual – in other words, we prioritise the response based on specific safety criteria.
- 2. Planned maintenance:** This approach involves scheduling regular maintenance tasks to prevent issues from arising in the first place or getting worse. For example, regular road resurfacing or bridge inspections to identify and address issues before they become more serious.
- 3. Asset management:** This approach involves taking a long-term view of highways maintenance, and involves evaluating the condition of roads and infrastructure and prioritizing maintenance tasks based on factors like condition, safety, cost, and rate of deterioration.

# Highways Maintenance - Benchmarking



## 2022 South West Road condition scanner survey benchmarking

Scanner surveys provide a consistent method for measuring road surface conditions. The data is used to help inform maintenance decisions. The Scanner survey collects surface and geometric data using vehicle mounted lasers and cameras. Forty three parameters are collected and the results reported to the Department for Transport on an annual basis.

# Potholes Why so many?



Summer 2022 Dry & Hot

Road Surface Temperatures in Excess of **55 degrees C**



Autumn 2022 Wet

November – 145% of normal rainfall



Winter Dec Onwards – long periods Sub Zero

Road Surface Temperatures fell below **-9 Degrees C**



# Interim Repair

- Undertaken to keep road safe
- Can provide a durable repair
- Enables more extensive repairs to be programmed efficiently



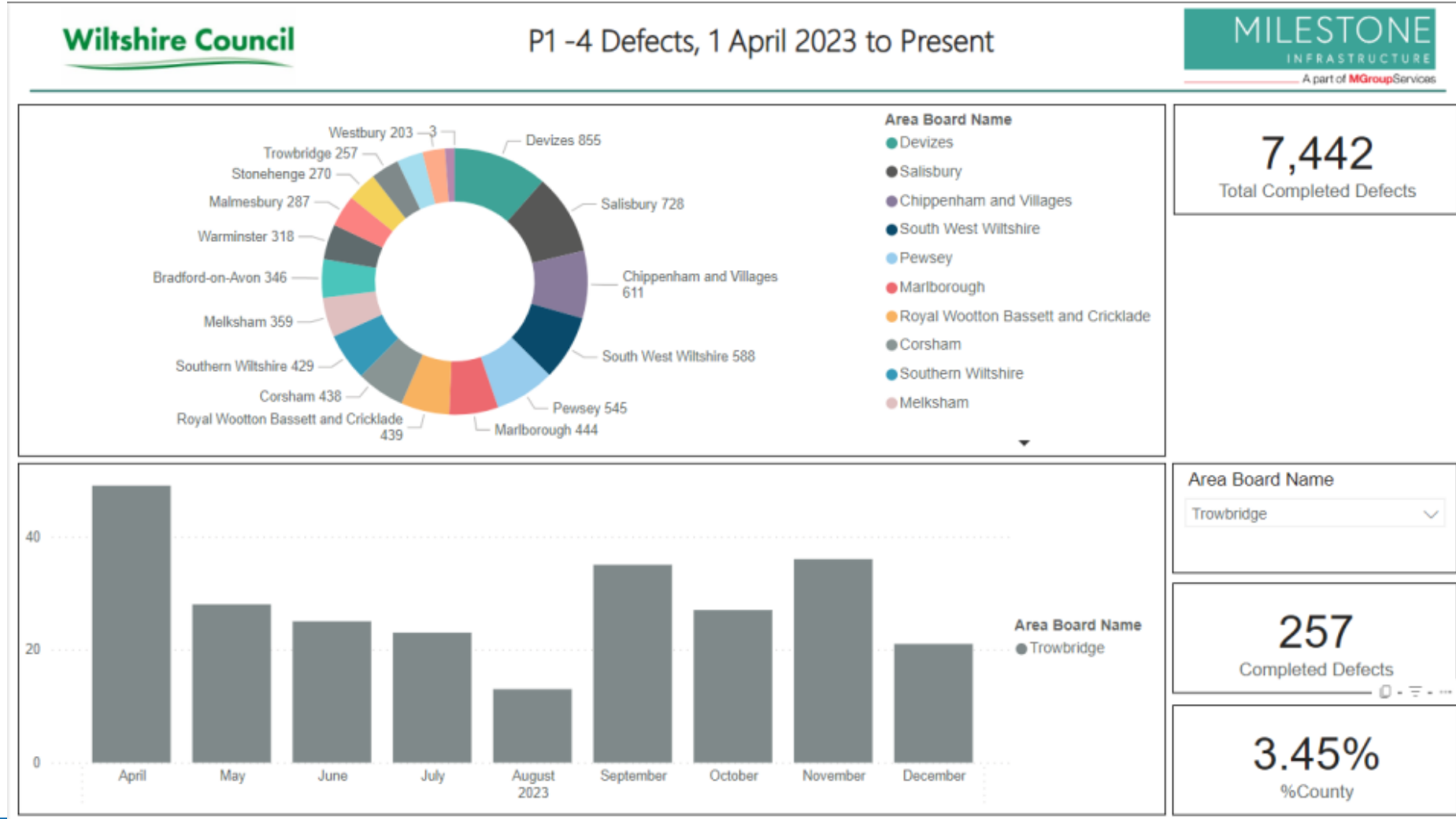
# Permanent Repair

- Failed Area Cut out using a mini planer
- Reinstated using “hot” material hand laid





# Innovation – Defect dashboard



# Flood Prevention

- A & B Roads Gullies Emptied Annually
- Along with around 5500 gullies classed as High Risk
- Remaining Gullies emptied on a 3 year cycle
  
- Grips cut annually



Tractor Mounted Grip  
Cutting Head



Gully Tanker/Vactor

# Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)

- 18 Groups across the County aligned to the Area Boards.
- LHFIGs exist to enable local communities to raise local highway issues, prioritise them, and provide a mechanism for these issues to be addressed.
- The Groups have an annual funding allocation to allow delivery of solutions.
- Representation at the Group is through Parish & Town Councils.
- Lots of detail on the Wiltshire.gov website on the Highways pages.

## Trowbridge LHFIG

- Current budget £65,751 Commitments £76,638
- 25 live projects

# Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)

## LHFIGs can fund the following:

**Pedestrian improvements:** including dropped kerbs, new footways, substantive improvements to existing footways, pedestrian crossings (including assessments).

**Cycle improvements:** new cycle paths, cycle parking / storage.

**Bus infrastructure:** new and replacement Shelters (subject to agreement on future maintenance liability), bus border kerbs, bus stop road markings.

**Traffic signing:** new and replacement signs (including signposts), street name plates, village gateways.

**New road markings:** new and replacement of existing markings.

**Speed limits:** assessment and implementation.

**Waiting restrictions:** assessments and implementation.

**Footpath improvements:** styles, gates, surface improvements to rights of ways (council maintainable only).

**Drainage:** minor improvements, new gullies.

**Street lighting:** new installations.

**Traffic management measures:** including Sockets and posts for SID (Speed Indication Device) equipment.

# Parish Steward Scheme

- Our team of Parish Stewards are specially trained to complete small-scale discretionary local highways priority works to town and parishes.
- There are 18 Parish Stewards, one for each community area, who work with representatives in their parishes to ensure all work requests are clear and are logged for review before they start the work. We also have a support gang that works with the Parish Stewards on larger-scale projects, based on demand.
- Tasks include proactive and reactive works. For example, verge siding out, vegetation clearance, pothole repair, drain and gully clearance.



# Verge and litter clearance – extra funds

- Grounds maintenance and street cleansing in the Trowbridge is the responsibility of the Town Council.
- The surrounding area is the responsibility of Wiltshire Council and this has received an extra investment of £0.3m this year.
- Enforcement resources are being increased to tackle the issues of fly posting, fly tipping and rural littering.
- Loan cleaning equipment is provided by the council's street cleaning contractor, idverde, to town and parish councils to support community events.
- Idverde are also available to support community groups with street scene improvement works.
- **'We're Targeting Fly-Tippers'** and **'Don't Mess with Wiltshire'**

# Thank you for listening.

**There will time for questions from the floor;**

**All questions received, in advance and this evening,  
will be responded to;**

**Answers will be made available on our website.**

# Q&A

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# Road Safety update – Trowbridge Area Board

Thursday 18 January 2024



# • #FATAL5 education



In the UK, more than

## 200 people die

every year, in a drink-drive related crash

It's simple, if you're going to drive, don't drink and if you've had a drink, never drive. Any amount of alcohol impairs your driving.



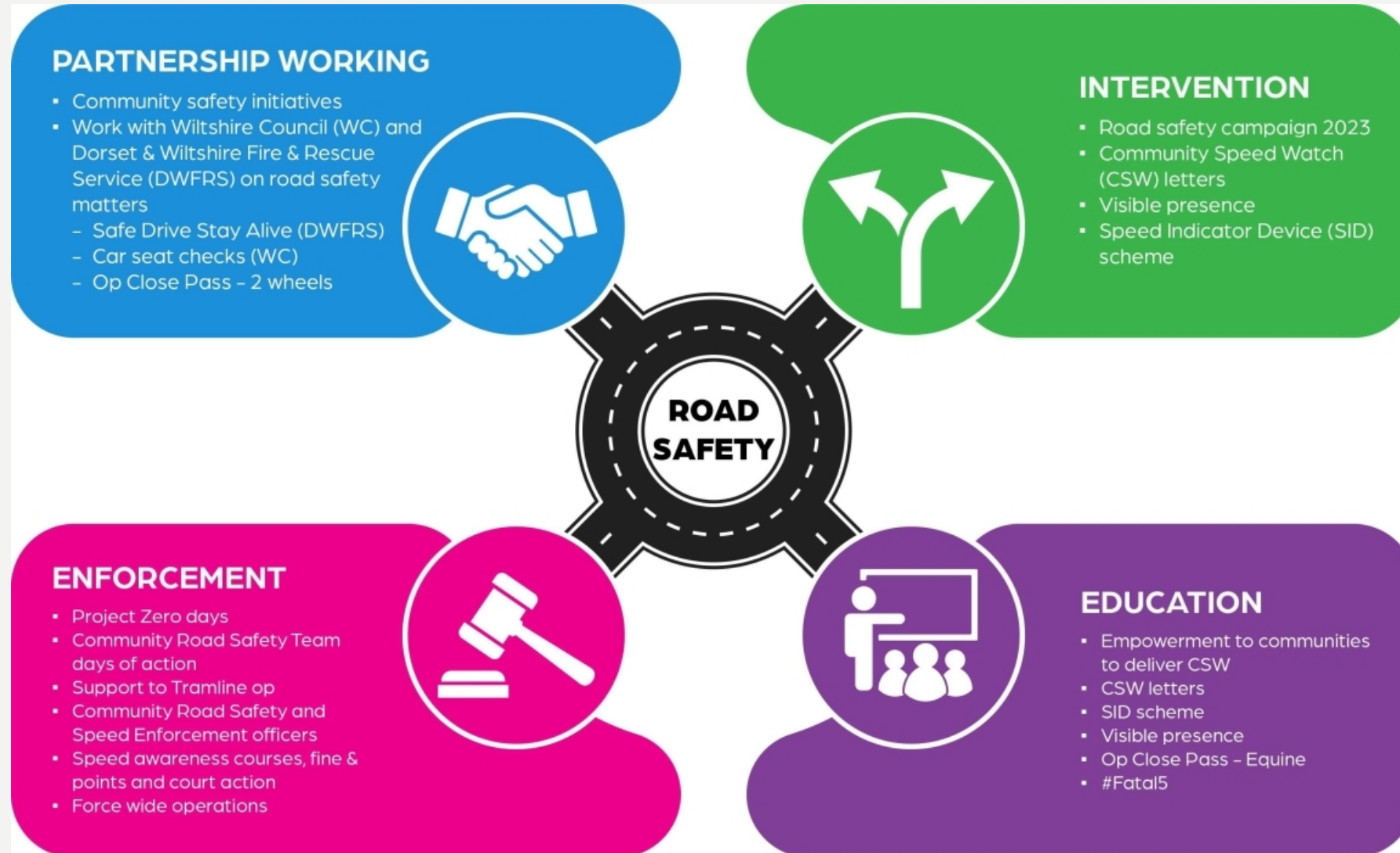
**CrimeStoppers.**  
Speak up. Stay safe.

**0800 555 111**

100% anonymous. Always.

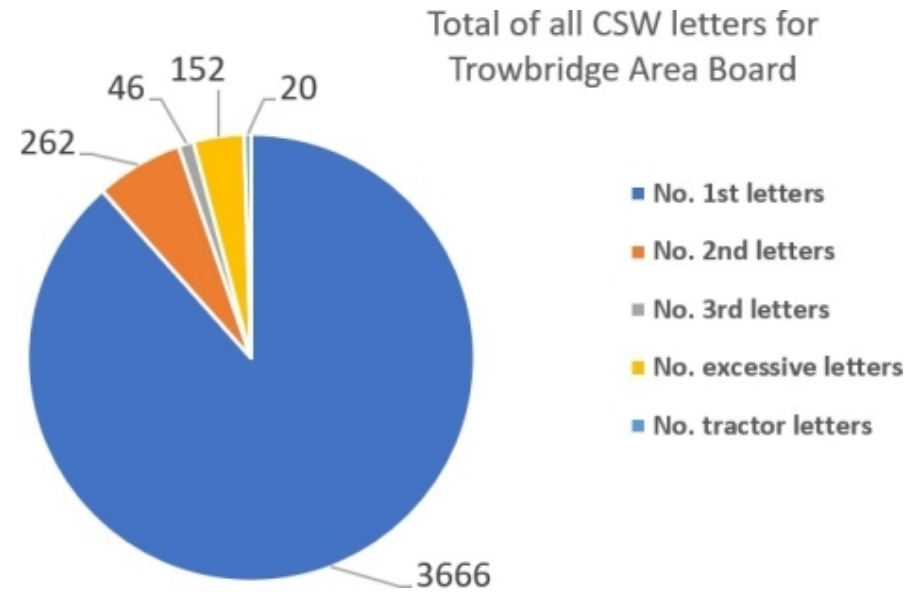
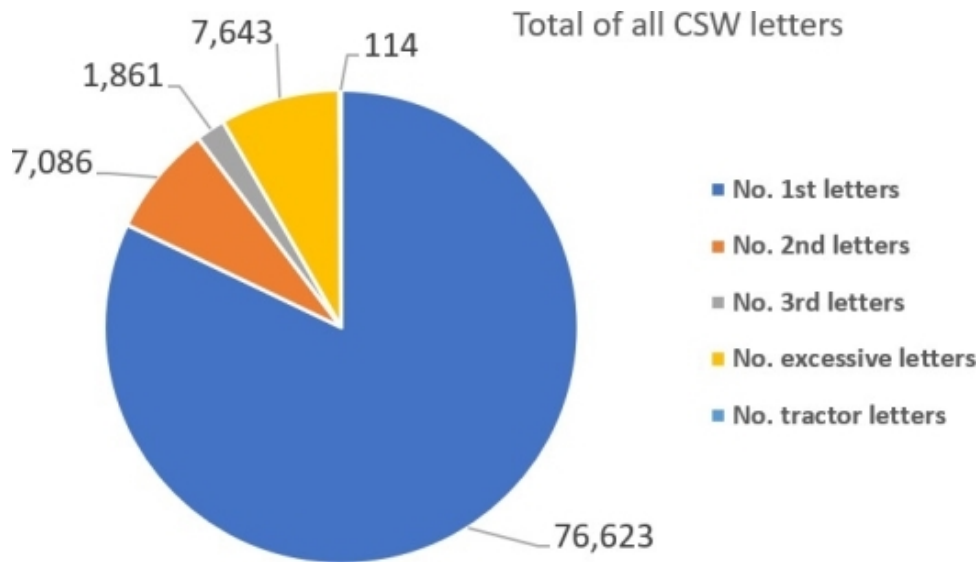


# • Community Road Safety Team; what we do



# • CSW Trowbridge area - Data since July 2020 to 5 January 2024

Team	No. 1st letters	No. 2nd letters	No. 3rd letters	No. excessive letters	No. tractor letters	Total letters	No. of watches	Average speeders %
Hilperton	163	19	0	7	1	190	44	9.9%
North Bradley	1607	83	11	72	18	1791	106	2.2%
Southwick	348	18	2	10	0	378	124	0.9%
Steeple Ashton	685	104	26	45	1	861	89	4.7%
Trowbridge - Cockhill	758	32	3	16	0	809	41	2.8%
West Ashton	105	6	4	2	0	117	53	2.2%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3666</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4146</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>3.1%</b>



# • Traffic surveys – Trowbridge since October 2020 to September 2023

**Wiltshire Council**

Title	Result	Survey start date	Speed limit	85th percentile	CPT	Area Board
Forest Road Melksham	No further action	21/11/2021	30	22	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Hilperton - Whaddon lane	No further action	11/09/2021	30	28	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Melksham - A365 Bath Road,	Speed education	10/12/2020	30	35.8	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Melksham - Badre Park	No further action	01/12/2021	30	26	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Semington, C395, High Street	Speed education	25/04/2022	30	35.28	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Shaw - Bath Road,	No further action	10/12/2020	40	38.4	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Spa Road Melksham	No further action	12/10/2021	30	29.6	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Steeple Ashton - C19 Ashton Common 042-024	Speed education	15/05/2023	30	36.7	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Steeple Ashton - Common Hill	Speed education	08/05/2022	30	37.89	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Steeple Langford - Duck Street	No further action	29/11/2021	30	25.8	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Trowbridge - College Road,	No further action	10/12/2020	20	22.5	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Trowbridge - Drynham Road	Speed education	18/11/2020	20	26.9	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Trowbridge - Dursley Road,	No further action	02/11/2020	20	22.6	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Trowbridge - Silver Street Lane,	No further action	10/12/2020	30	32.5	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Trowbridge - Union Street	No further action	14/11/2021	30	27.7	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
West Ashton - Bratton Road	No further action	12/10/2021	30	31.9	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
West Ashton - Bratton Road,	No further action	02/11/2020	30	30.5	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Wingfield - B3109 Bradford Road	No further action	20/03/2023	40	43.1	Trowbridge	Trowbridge

# Community Road Safety Officers

CRSO's

Your officer is Charlotte Sartin

# • CRSO's

## Recent activity

### Community Road Safety Day of Action

- **26 September - Swindon**
  - 5 Community Road Safety Officers & Staff
  - 11 Neighbourhood Officers
  - 6 RPU
  - 40+ different locations targeted
  - 2 CSW team supported
  - 150+ offences caught
- **17 October - Chippenham, RWB & Devizes**
  - 4 Community Road Safety Officers & Staff
  - 12 Neighbourhood Officers
  - 5 RPU
  - 40+ different locations targeted
  - 3 CSW team supported
  - 98 offences caught



### Child Car Seat Checks with:

## Wiltshire Council



### CHILD SEAT SAFETY

• THE CAR SEAT EXPERTS •

Accredited in car seat training

### RESULTS:



Tier 1
   
 National Roads Partnership Calendar 2022-2023

**6 September**
  
**Vulnerable Road Users**
  
 12th Sep - 25th Sep Comms
   
 19th Sep - 25th Sep Enforcement
   
 Project Edward
   
 19th - 23rd Sep
   
 #ProjectEDWARD



## Chat Café visit

Upcoming activity

Tier 1
   
 National Roads Partnership Calendar 2022-2023

**9 December**
  
**Fatal Four**
  
 National Alcohol and Drugs Operation
   
 1st Dec - 1st Jan Comms
   
 1st Dec - 1st Jan Enforcement



# • Wider work recently

All offences below made national news.

Our Roads Policing Unit (RPU) in the last quarter, covering July to September, issued over **1800 tickets** to motorists, for numerous road related offences.



**Wilts Specialist Ops**  
@WiltsSpecOps

#RPU 'caught' this freshly stolen bus from Bristol on the M4 'hiding' in the services. Some help from the public and a swift foot patrol by RPU arrested the driver sus TWOC, drug drive plus other driving offences. You wait and wait for a bus and then....a stolen one arrives!



11:32 AM · Sep 27, 2023 · 196.5K Views

View post engagements

122 167 1,288 11

**Wilts Specialist Ops**  
@WiltsSpecOps

#RPU managed to get 5 Mclarens stopped on the A303 after the pack were driving in excess of 100mph and close proximity driving to themselves and the public. This isn't a race track so take your 'driving experience' and sign the traffic offence report (push hard it's 3 copies)



2:04 PM · Sep 25, 2023 · 922.8K Views

View post engagements

243 269 2,381 41

**Wilts Specialist Ops**  
@WiltsSpecOps

#RPU caught the driver of this BMW travelling at 103mph along the M4 today. Driver also had no insurance and gave a positive roadside breath test blowing 54. Driver arrested and failed to provide in custody. Driver will be charged and disqualified #Fatal5 #Arrested #RoadSafety



7:40 PM · Sep 30, 2023 · 34.5K Views

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# Community Speed Enforcement Officers

CSEO's



# • CSEO – Dashboard overall – 1 January 2023 to date

## CSEO Activity Dashboard

Outcomes are dependent on previous convictions and history

7,297.00

No. Speed awareness co...

979.00

No. Fine & Points

88.00

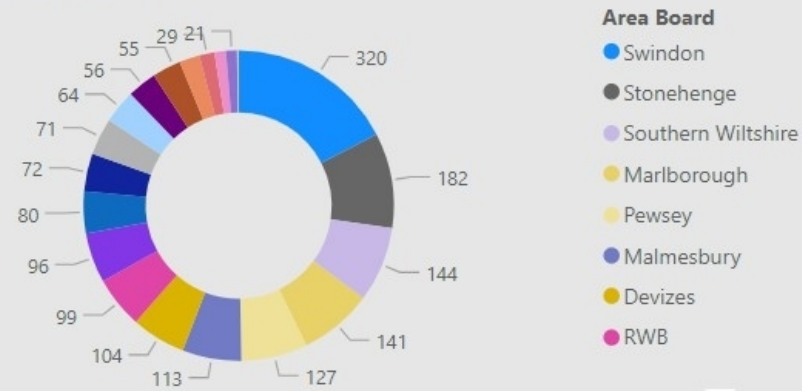
No. Court

685

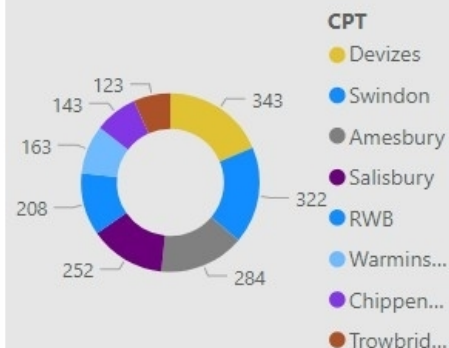
No. of Locations

Location	Year	Month	Speed awareness course	Fine & Points	Court	CPT	Area Board
Swindon - Thamesdown Drive	2023	December	251.00	54.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Shaw and Whitley - A365 Folly Lane	2023	November	115.00	11.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	August	102.00	31.00	4.00	Salisbury	South West Wi
Harnham - Lime Kiln Way	2023	November	97.00	11.00	0.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	November	84.00	33.00	8.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Cricklade - Spital Lane	2023	April	80.00	10.00	0.00	RWB	RWB
Tilshead - Candown Road	2023	August	78.00	10.00	1.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	November	72.00	10.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	July	71.00	9.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Harnham - Lime Kiln Way	2023	October	71.00	7.00	0.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	August	69.00	9.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Ogbourne St Andrew	2023	December	69.00	9.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	June	64.00	8.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	September	64.00	5.00	1.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Sutton Benger - B4069 Downton Road -	2023	November	62.00	13.00	0.00	Chippenham	Chippenham
	2023	September	61.00	2.00	1.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
<b>Total</b>			<b>7,297.00</b>	<b>979.00</b>	<b>88.00</b>		

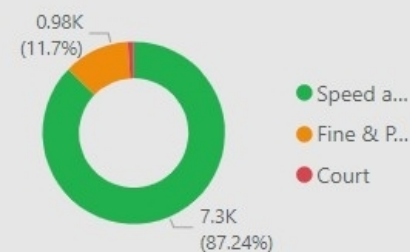
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### Activity by CPT

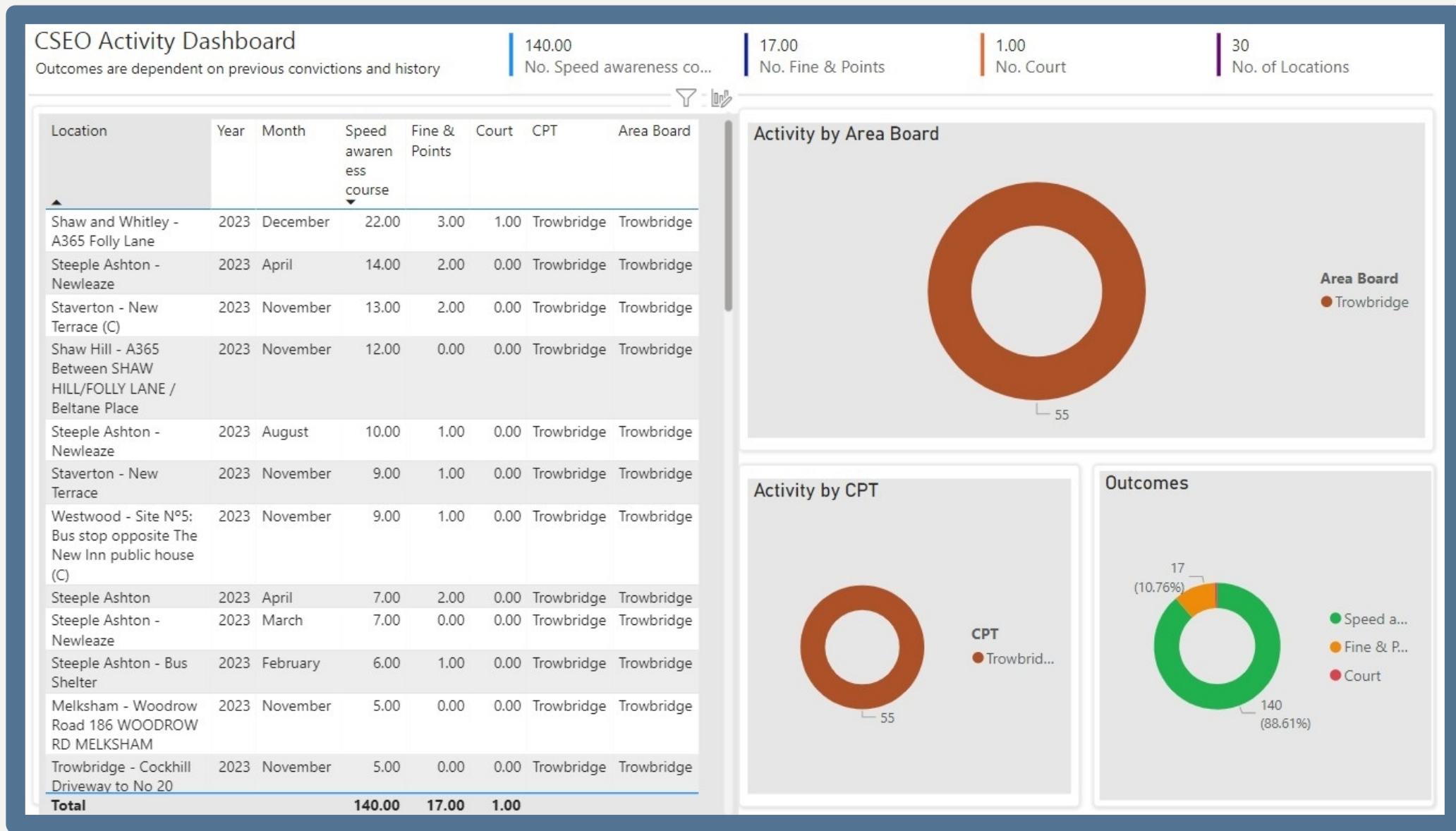


### Outcomes





# • CSEO – Trowbridge Area Board - 1 January 2023 to date



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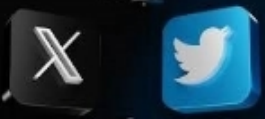
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# Urgent Area Board Business

# Minutes for Approval

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2023.

# Declarations of Interest

Councillors are requested to declare any personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

# Grants for Local Groups

Applications for Community Area Grants



**Wiltshire Council**

# Area Board Initiatives

- Cllr Antonio Piazza - £750.00 towards Defibrillator in Honour of Max George



# Community Area Grants

- Friends of Southwick Country Park - £479.00 towards Additional equipment for the Friends of Southwick Country Park Local Nature Reserve.
- YMCA Brunel Group on behalf of YMCA Green Shoots Nursery - £2130.00 towards YMCA Green Shoots Nursery Development of Sensory Garden.
- The Pump Trowbridge CIC - £1800.24 towards The Pump Trowbridge equipment development.
- Busy Bees Playgroup - £5000.00 towards Playground canopy installation and outdoor activity enhancements including sensory water flow area.

# Older & Vulnerable Grants

- We Hear You - £3616.65 towards We Hear You cancer counselling in Trowbridge.
- Arts Together - £2500.00 towards Arts Together Projects for Isolated and Vulnerable Older People in Trowbridge.

# Young People Grants

- Trowbridge Future - £5000.00 towards Mill Street Youth Provision.
- The Equivalent Project CIC - £1805.56 towards Self harm support programme.
- Trowbridge Town Hall Trust -£5000.00 towards Giving Youth A Voice.
- The Pump Trowbridge CIC - £1200.00 towards The Future Sound of Trowbridge.

# Local Highways and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)



# Urgent Items



# Next meeting

14 March 2024



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