

# Pewsey Area Board



## End of Year Report

April 2023 - March 2024

### Area Board Investment

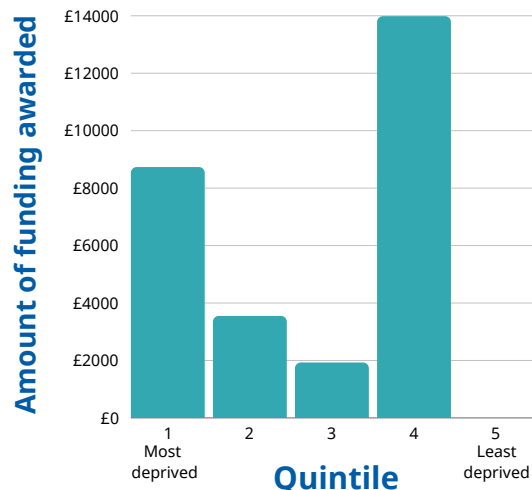
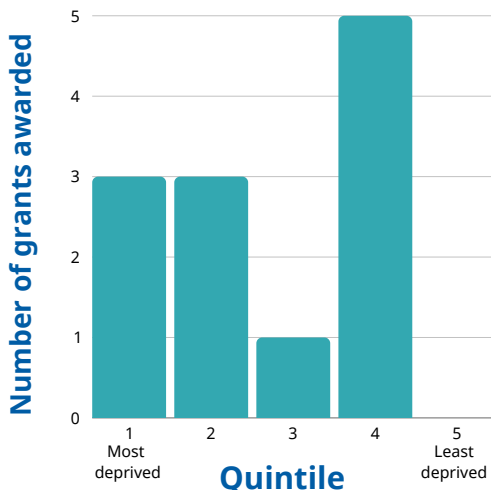
The Area Board invests in local community projects and initiatives that meet local priorities and deliver exceptional outcomes for residents. The Area Board aims to work in partnership to achieve maximum value for its investment.

#### Total Area Board Investment



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

### Investment by deprivation quintile



# Local Priorities

The Pewsey 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:

## Improve opportunities for young people



The Pewsey youth café has been successfully running weekly in the Pewsey Vale Leisure Centre for 8 months. New sessions of outdoor activities are proving very popular. We continue to support the Open Blue Bus in Burbage and Upavon and have now extended this to include Grafton and the Bedwys with sessions being organised at Oxenwood during the summer.

## Addressing environmental issues

We continue to support the fantastic work of Great Green Bedwyn and Pewsey Green. Especially the work they are both doing to include the farming community. We have funded a community thermal camera which is hosted by Pewsey Green and PCAP to meet a community need identified through their community survey. We have run a community survey to build on the ones run by the groups above.



## Valuing and supporting our vulnerable and older people



We have worked closely with PCAP to provide both a hardship fund and vouchers for families to buy food and other essentials. We have been exploring issues that the community and data say is important to the area such as supporting low-income families, as well as isolation and loneliness. We have established good relationships with Pewsey surgery and continue to support local initiatives including funding work in care homes, the memory cafe and the provision of defibrillators.

## To improve public transport and encourage walking and cycling

We have actively supported the introduction of the Wiltshire Connect on demand bus services into the Pewsey Vale. This has proved to be a success with patronage being very healthy with the on-demand services outperforming the remaining timetables ones. We have continued to support both walking and cycling including providing funding for a new bike repair station in Pewsey and for footpath groups. We held a successful special highways event in Autumn 23 and have supported actions to address public concerns.



# Engagements

The Pewsey 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

4



Attendances

189

Area Board  
working groups

5



Attendances

37

Engagements/  
events/ activities

11



Attendances

95

# Local Highways and Footpath Infrastructure group

The LHFIFG is a sub group of the Pewsey 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.

LHFIFG meetings

4



Attendances

58



£26,219  
investment

LHFIFG

projects  
completed

11

