

Amesbury Area Community Event – Thurs 19 January 2012

Notes from Round Table Discussions

Community Safety

<p>Our reactions to the information provided:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alcohol Abuse – could be related to cheap and easy access, not just about young but all ages. This could also be linked with previous family history. 2. Domestic Abuse – linked to alcohol abuse. This has a significant effect on the children 3. Drug Abuse – is the highest level in Wiltshire but also have high detection rates. 4. Anti Social Behaviour – Neighbourhood Watch Schemes no longer seem to be effective. 5. Police Intervention – More intervention needed by the Police/Cllrs and public, particularly in Durrington.
<p>Our priorities for action:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alcohol Abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Action – Better leisure facilities, targeted referrals and education. 2. Drug abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Action – Better detection, and education. Set up a schools working groups. Problem more prominent than was first though. 3. Domestic Abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Action – This shows up in schools with the children national and local initiatives already, but better counselling for wives (military). 4. Anti Social Behaviour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Action – Rejuvenate Neighbourhood Watch. Police/ Council/ Public Liaison. Residents groups. The media. More youth activities. Problem solving.
<p>What can we do to address these priorities:</p>	<p>Offers of Help</p> <p>Hannah Arnold nigehan@aol.com Ted & Elaine Abel 01980 624554</p>

Sport Culture and Leisure

<p>Our reactions to the information provided:</p>	<p>Disappointingly there was little information in the JSA reference our subject. Below is a précis of the discussion as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Affordability of current leisure facilities ❖ Disabled facilities (explanation that there are disabled facilities) ❖ Young people to get involved more in sport ❖ Parents young people off their backsides ❖ Team sports to be encouraged ❖ Fully utilising existing facilities ❖ Outreach facilities for youngsters ❖ Involving young people in their projects (skatepark) ❖ Street workers (youth workers) ❖ Volunteers, motivation, young blood ❖ Local newspapers for Community Area - production by schools etc ❖ Better communication ❖ Maximising Stonehenge for culture ❖ Organised set walks and bike rides within the Community Area ❖ Campus requirement yes or no ?
<p>Our priorities for action:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ All communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action - To explain what is on offer. When and how, and to communicate to our young people via street workers. ❖ Motivation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action - Motivate young and parents to use our existing facilities to the full ❖ Volunteering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action - To encourage young people and adults that volunteering is good and rewarding ❖ Affordable sport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action - To fund some free team sports ❖ Walking and biking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action - To design and start and conclude from central points across the area with adequate parking
<p>What can we do to address these priorities:</p>	<p>Offers of Help Dan Birchmore, Amesbury Sport and Community Centre Graham Wright, Wiltshire Councillor Robin Townsend, Wiltshire Council Fay Bradley, Sport, Development of culture</p>

	Christine Thompson, Resident, helping with youth self esteem
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Community Facilities Health & Wellbeing

<p>Our reactions to the information provided:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Out of hours medical cover, none available in Amesbury, so transport a problem. ❖ Misuse of Ambulance Service because of no emergency medical cover ❖ Alcohol abuse. New licensing laws not helpful ❖ Poor state of the pavements cause accidents ❖ Obesity. Due to cost of transport to attend exercise sessions in some cases ❖ No facilities for mental health sufferers ❖ More policing in areas such as parks, to deter vandalism, drug abuse (spent needles issue) and alcohol abuse
<p>Our priorities for action:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Out of hours medical cover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action - should be more locally based ❖ Poor state of the pavements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action - repairs and widening by Joann' s the hairdresser in the high street Amesbury. This would reduce accidents. ❖ More community based facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action - Low cost out of doors facilities ○ Need free swimming for over 60' s and children ○ More walking groups to be arranged from the Co-op ○ More activities for young people would possible lead to less drinking ○ Start supporting low esteem of some families ○ Neighbourhood coordinator ○ Health focus group to identify needs ○ Provide activities for people with mental health problems
<p>What can we do to address these priorities:</p>	<p>Offers of Help</p> <p>None</p>

Transport

<p>Our reactions to the information provided:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Traffic on the 303 ❖ Closure of the road at Stonehenge not worthwhile ❖ Links between Amesbury and Stonehenge ❖ Concern about local and Tesco bus routes ❖ Better use of the Hopper ❖ Could parishes take over running of small transport schemes ❖ Can Community Speedwatch help issues ❖ A cycle route is needed from Bulford village to Amesbury ❖ Traffic problems in Earls Court Road /Parsonage Way at peak times 8.30 -3pm ❖ Parking outside of the school ❖ Visibility of school children and local lighting
<p>Our priorities for action:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Traffic on the 303 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action - look at alternative routes ○ Action - work with the highways to resolve ○ Action - urge local economy not to divert off the Countess roundabout to go though villages ○ Action - pursue a lorry watch check on weight restrictions ○ Action - pursue local action group to take this up ○ Action - clarify ownership and responsibility of roads ○ Action - think about voluntary minibus service ○ Action - make better use of the Hopper service ○ Action - possible scope for the Parish Councils to take over the running of the roads via the Area Boards and CATG and small transport scheme ○ Action - initiate Community Speedwatch Scheme ○ Action - cycle route from Bulford village to Amesbury ○ Action - increase speed surveillance ○ Action - better publicity from neighbourhood policing ○ Action - resolve traffic problems at peak

	<p>times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action - better visibility of school children ○ Action - better lighting
What can we do to address these priorities:	<p>Offers of Help</p> <p>None</p>

Housing Economic Development Tourism & Planning

Our reactions to the information provided:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Different ways of providing affordable housing ○ Need housing with reasonable rates bought for old age. Housing is expensive to buy and expensive to rent ○ Small developments seem to be a problem; this does not increase the local population when community centres are built in these areas. Local population need these facilities. There are huge areas of the countryside being carved up for building ○ Quicker and cheaper ways of getting housing portacabins/pods etc. ❖ Tourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Better promotion, Amesbury and wider area ❖ Business and Economic Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Business rates for shop owners ○ Expensive parking charges car parks are not
Our priorities for action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action - affordable housing for local ○ Action - allocating housing to local people ○ Action - regulations needed to protect tenants and keep the rents low ○ Action - tenant associations need to be re-established /re-energised ○ Action - no housing no opportunities ❖ Tourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action - promote the local area and the site linking in with tourism ○ Action - encourage walking to the site from

Amesbury

- Action - explore what the empty co-op building in the centre of Amesbury can be used for
- Action - support the museums using a new leaflet being produced
- Action - investigate putting up signage on the Countess Roundabout for Stonehenge, and gear attractions to link in with Stonehenge.
- Action - fully market the 4 events each year
- Action - promote 2012, what's happening and where

- Action - can Solstice Park contribute to promotion
- Action - make the most of the Olympic Torch Route
- Action - encourage locals to participate with practical skills that can be used to promote tourism
- Action - promote the architecture in the area
- Action - liaise more closely with National Trust World Heritage who Stonehenge
- Action - continue exploration of tunnel
- Action - Boscombe Down promotes itself
- Action - Solstice Park should be included in the economic development plan
- Action - involve the chamber of Commerce to implement a parking charge cap
- Action - improve the entrance to Amesbury at the roundabout

❖ **Business & Economic Development**

- Action - lower rates for people starting up businesses
- Action - rates based on profit
- Action - lower parking charges to encourage shoppers and tourism
- Action - Chamber of Commerce should be promoting local tourism enriching the whole area
- Action - encourage more tourism
- Action - give area boards more decision making to support these incentives
- Action - support the area boards to make the changes necessary
- Action - link into area board funding for

	<p>projects to support changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action – need compulsory purchase to purchase and develop the site ○ Action – Forge Gallery could work with the Youth Council ○ Action – bring separated areas together, create a wider community feeling ○ Action – reinstate the coach parking back in the town to help with tourism ○ Action – provide bus route out to Stonehenge ○ Action – provide better attraction signage
What can we do to address these priorities:	<p>Offers of Help</p> <p>None</p>

Children & Young People

Our reactions to the information provided:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Improving schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 6th Form Provision ❖ Vocational Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Facilities to occupy the young people ❖ Directional Aspirations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Lack of motivation and aspiration ❖ Employment Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Support needed ❖ Play Places <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Provision of play spaces for youth ❖ Drug Abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Greater awareness ❖ Parenting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Greater support for parenting skills
Our priorities for action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Improving Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action – 6th form provision ❖ Vocational Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Action – greater provision of facilities to occupy the young people, out of school time for various ages ❖ Directional Aspirations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Action – provide support for lack of motivation and aspiration. Not helped by unemployment and benefits ❖ Employment Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Action – Need local job clubs, local employment ❖ Play Places/Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Action – audit of play places. Provide more, with particular provision for 9 years and over. Map of locations. A youth coordinator ❖ Drug Abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Greater awareness ❖ Focus Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Action – support for children of families involved in drugs/ alcohol/domestic abuse. The largest gap in this area is the 5-11 year old ❖ Parenting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Greater support for parenting skills ◦ Parenting influences attainment aspirations.
<p>What can we do to address these priorities:</p>	<p>Offers of Help John Wigdlesworth Email: johnwigdlesworth94@yahoo.com Hannah Arnold, Downslea, Tanners Lane, Shrewton Avil Appleyby Flemming Email applebyfleming44hotmail.com Mike Bedford Email mike&splitz.org</p>