

# Chairman's Annual Report

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## Pewsey Area Board

May 2012

It is now almost three years since the launch of the Pewsey Area Board. In addition to the matters addressed at meetings, we have dealt with many other issues over the last year. Between April 2011 and March 2012 we have received 31 issues online, and have dealt with 17 of them. Many of the issues that are put to us are about speeding in villages. The intervention that is available to us is the Community Speed Watch Initiative. When the criteria is met for Community Speed Watch we will then close this as an area board issue. Many of the issues which are currently still on the system will stay on there until funding is available. For example there are some areas that would like footpaths, or traffic calming schemes. Whilst the area board has been delegated funding through its Community Area Transport Group (CATG) for highways schemes, it is a very small amount. Recently we were able to provide funding for a footpath in Rushall, this was possible because the Community Area Transport Group were able to carry forward its first year's worth of funding. We have also supported improvements to a crossing point in Great Bedwyn. Some speeding issues are difficult to deal with, particularly if they don't meet the criteria for community speed watch. In these cases we would encourage people to engage with their Parish Council to see if any local initiatives can be undertaken such as awareness raising and Parish Councils might also be able to invest in 'village gates' and other schemes which emphasise to drivers that they are entering the

village. The Parish Council can also engage with the local Neighbourhood Policing Team and ask them if they can undertake some periodic enforcement.

Our Community Area Manager, Caroline Brailey, has been busy over the last 6-8 months or so working on the Pewsey Voices project. This is part of a Wiltshire wide project which is about finding out from real people living in our communities what life is like for them and this will be captured on film. There are different target groups, from the boating community, people with memory loss, older people, gypsy and travellers, military wives – and in this area the focus is on rural families on low incomes. Caroline has talked to a number of families and at the time of writing filming is due to take place very soon.

This year we have also been involved in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. All 24 parish councils have been awarded up to £250 towards their Jubilee celebrations and the area board hosted a 'jousting' tent at Cathedral Close Salisbury on 1 May to showcase what this community area is all about.

In the last financial year we have given out £45,688 in grant funding. A map showing the grants we have given since the last annual report is over the page.

If there is an issue you wish to raise with the board you can do this online at

[www.wiltshire.gov/pewseyareaboard](http://www.wiltshire.gov/pewseyareaboard)

Jerry Kunkler, Chairman  
Pewsey Area Board – 14 May 2012

**PEWSEY AREA BOARD – GRANT DISTRIBUTION FROM MAY 2011 TO MARCH 2012**

