

South West Wiltshire Area Board Community Planning Event - Next Steps

ACTION LOG

Area prioritised by Area Board	Issue identified	Action identified	Latest update (4 October 2012)
1 - Economy, jobs and skills	Assisting existing small / medium sized businesses and encouraging new businesses	Support required for managing role (business mentor)	New Wiltshire Business Support Service is now available through Wiltshire Council partnership with Wessex Chambers. More information available at http://www.wessexchambers.org.uk/business-support/introduction.php .
		Favourable business rates for new businesses	Tisbury campus site will benefit from successful European funding bid for business incubation units.
		Supporting the needs of local businesses	CLlr Richard Beattie taking lead - looking at how Area Board can most effectively support local businesses in South West Wiltshire. Tisbury Business Association made grant application for consideration on 17.10.12. All Chambers of Commerce encouraged to consider appropriate community projects.
	Cost of heating oil	Bulk buying schemes	Bulk buying scheme now in place through Community First; more information available at http://www.communityfirst.org.uk/index.php/cf-bulk-oil-buying
	Broadband / mobile phone reception	Increase in downloading speeds, filling in 'not spots.'	Wiltshire Online project, currently contract is out to tender. Bids due to be received in September 2012. Area Board update due Nov - Feb. Chosen bidder will make proposal that will include various solutions - seeking up to 95% superfast broadband coverage across the county, everybody to have access to 2mbps broadband. More information available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wiltshireonline/

Promoting tourism / training opportunities	More awareness of events happening across the community areas	Community blogsite launched in September 2012. This aims to offer various opportunities to share what is happening in the community areas, with local people taking ownership of the site. Weekly mailshot to Community Area Network currently carried out to highlight blogsite content. Wilton Cycle race 2013 highlighted as an example which the Area Board will look to promote for local businesses.
Youth unemployment	Transportation required - cost of car insurance and fuel means car ownership not viable	Currently exploring the possibility of providing educational training at Tisbury Community Campus.
	Young people need to be able to access local, relevant training opportunities	Currently exploring the possibility of providing educational training at Tisbury Community Campus. Wiltshire apprenticeship campaign launch in Salisbury on Tuesday 9th October 2012 http://bit.ly/Orhjrj
	Volunteering a way into work	Volunteering item brought to Area Board in June 2012 to raise awareness. Further promotion / links with local groups is an essential part of the new community blogsite.
Water supply / demand	Represent interests of South West Wiltshire community areas to ensure future water supply is secured	Wessex Water grid project in progress, aiming to improve supply and deal with water quality issues. Planned reduction of some abstraction licenses. Area Board will continue to monitor and Councillors represent the interests of the area.
Sustainable living	Promote toilet hippos / water butts and other forms of sustainable living	To be raised at a future Area Board meeting? Opportunities to promote issues through the new community blogsite.

2- Health and the Environment	Highest rate of asthma per ... in Wilton out of all 20 Community Areas	Establish reasons and suggest possible actions	WilCAP currently working on a report
	Wildlife	Create wildlife corridors and link all wildlife areas rather than isolated pockets, encourage biodiversity	Burcombe PC received grant for community orchard and wildlife area in August 2012. The Area Board would encourage funding applications from other parishes that meet this aim.
	Health issues relating to aging population		WC considering a strategy which aims to prevent older people from falling and breaking bones; consultation closed on 13 September 2012.
3 - Housing	Affordable housing	Get empty homes back in use	Info sent out to Community Area Network re. Empty Homes Officer on 18.6.12. This will be monitored into the future and promoted through new community blogsite.
		Change social housing criteria	Area Board due to be consulted in October 2012 meeting on review of Wiltshire's Housing Allocations System
		Local houses for local people	
		Key worker housing	

