



Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board Review 2009 - 2013

Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board is 4 years old!

The Area Boards are a new way of working in Wiltshire to bring local decision making back into the heart of the community. They are a formal part of Wiltshire Council that work to find solutions for local issues such as road repairs, traffic problems, speeding in villages, litter, and facilities for young people.

Since the Area Board began back in April 2009, your local councillors have been working hard with local partners to make big differences in your community area, and as the first 4 years of the Area Board come to a close, it provides an opportunity to look back over the period and review what your Area Board has achieved for you.

Working for the community



Since 2009, local people have submitted approximately 112 issues to the Area Board for action via the Community Issues System.

Issues submitted have included concerns regarding speeding traffic, pedestrian safety, graffiti and problems with HGV movement.

Approximately 88 of these issues have now been resolved and the remainder are under active consideration.

Focusing on priorities



The Area Board ran an event on 28 March 2012 at Cricklade Town Hall to discuss the Joint Strategic Assessment for the community area and to identify key priorities.

As a result of the event, the Area Board has been focussing efforts on the following issues which came out as the

community's key priorities:

- Heavy goods vehicles – volumes and routes
- Affordable Housing
- Expansion of Swindon – the Board opposed development of 800 houses on the site at Ridgeway Farm
- Bus Services in rural areas
- Traffic on A419

A year of celebration!



Following the Royal Visit in 2011 and the granting of the title Royal Wootton Bassett to mark the role played by the town in the repatriation of service personnel from Afghanistan, in 2012 the Board supported the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations, The Olympics and the Paralympics. Many grants were awarded to support local celebrations, including:

- The Flower Ladies from Christ Church, Broad Town were awarded £250 to support the Flower Festival and Scarecrow Trail in the village.
- The High Bailiff of The Hundred and Borough of Cricklade and the Officers of the Court Leet were awarded a grant of £960 to support the Cricklade Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.
- The Sacred Heart Flower Group was awarded a grant of £400 to support its part in the Royal Wootton Bassett Flower Festival.
- Royal Wootton Bassett Diamond Jubilee Festival Committee was awarded £1,855 towards the cost of the Diamond Jubilee Festival.
- Royal Wootton Bassett Flower Club was awarded £200 to support the Jubilee Flower Displays in the High Street.
- Royal Wootton Bassett Methodist Church was awarded a grant of £200 to support Royal Wootton Bassett Festival of Flowers
- Purton Diamond Jubilee Committee was awarded £1,000 to support the 'The Village Entertains The Village' Diamond Jubilee Festival in the village.



In addition, a tent showcasing all of the great things that happen in the Area was on display in Salisbury Cathedral

Close for the Queen's visit. The tent was the product of joint working with the town and parish councils in the area and displayed many interesting exhibits.

Supporting community groups

Since its formation in 2009, the Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board has awarded over £195,000 to support local community projects in the area, some of the projects supported are listed below:

- Wootton Bassett Bowls Club – New Age Bowls
- Purton and Cricklade Young Farmers Club – Outdoor Trip – Acorn Adventure Brecon Beacons
- Purton Historical Society – Plaque to commemorate an Astronomer Royal buried in Purton
- Lyneham Guide and Scout HQ Association – Relocate and refurbish Lyneham Guide and Scout HQ
- Lyneham Village Pre-School – Expansion of School
- Cricklade Country Market – Local advertising/ display for the local Community Market
- Cricklade Cricket Club – Installation of rabbit proof fencing
- Cricklade Jenner Hall – Repairs to Hall Roof
- Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Extended Services Network – Activities over the holidays
- Project to promote the market towns to visitors.
- Wootton Bassett Friends of Guiding – Refurbishment of Guide Hut
- Bath Spa University – Developing emotional resilience in local schools
- Purton Parish Council - Tables and Trolley for Millennium Hall
- Lyneham Village Hall – Block Paving around Village Hall
- Lyneham & Bradenstoke Parish Council - RAF Memorial Stone, Bench Seat and Landscaping
- Crosslanes project in Purton WC Highway
- Wootton Bassett & District Sea Cadets - Rowing Scheme and qualifications for sea cadets
- Latton Parish Council - Latton Jubilee Garden
- Jubilee Gardens – New Signage
- Hook Village Toddler Group – Hook Village Toddler Group
- Tockenham Parish Council – Create a Parish Plan

Working with people with dementia



The Area Board has been pioneering the [Wiltshire Voices project](#) with a focus on people living with dementia.

The project was launched on 2 March, 2012 with a stakeholder event at the Marsh Farm Hotel – over 60 local groups and individuals attended the event. There followed a series of workshops and activities with people who live with dementia that will culminate with a film produced by BAFTA Award winning film makers True Vision.

An early outcome of the project was the launch of a fortnightly memory cafe in the Royal Wootton Bassett Civic Centre.

Localising services



The Board is well underway with its plans to deliver two new community campus sites at Cricklade and Royal Wootton Bassett. The two campus complexes are being developed with input from local people and will provide the services communities need in fit-for purpose buildings designed to meet the needs of future generations. Shadow Community Campus Boards have been established reporting regularly to the Area Board on progress.

Local Highway Improvements



The Area Board has established a Community Area Transport Group to prioritise local highway improvements. The Board has a delegated budget and each year looks to make improvements in the area. Recently delivered schemes have included:

- Broad Town: white gates to reduce speeding – £2,927
- Lydiard Millicent: white gates to reduce speeding – £1,286
- Cross lanes: speed reduction measures – £15,000
- Lydiard Millicent: C16 Stone Lane project to reduce traffic speeds -£6,000.

Community Asset Transfers

The Area Board agreed to transfer areas of land owned by Wiltshire Council to the following community groups:

- Redhills Playing Field, Broad Town, to Broad Town Parish Council.
- Six individual plots of land at Wootton Bassett, to Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council.
- Land adjacent to Bushton Village Hall, to Clyffe Pypard Parish Council.

A word from the Chairman

The Area Board is intended to represent the public face of Wiltshire Council locally within our community area and over the first 4 years of our new unitary council that is what we have sought to do. This is not though, simply a one-way process, and I believe that the Board, through collective action and supporting the efforts of individual unitary councillors has also ensured that local concerns are effectively represented within Wiltshire Council as a whole.

The Board has worked closely with each of our parish and town councils as well as with many individuals who have engaged with and supported the Area Board through their participation in task groups, individual projects and the many grant applications from local voluntary groups for the benefit of our wider community. While formal public meetings are only one aspect of the Area Board's work, we have rotated these between Royal Wootton Bassett, Cricklade, Lyneham and Purton so as to ensure that the Board is actively seen as representing the concerns and interests of the wider community area.

Thank you to all those many people who have contributed so enthusiastically to the work of the Area Board over the first four years. The Board always was and has increasingly become your Area Board so please do continue to help shape its future development in the years ahead.

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Chairman

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