



Pewsey Area Board Achievements 2009-2013

Since 2009, local people have submitted 130 issues to the Area Board for action 83% of these have been resolved and the remainder are under active consideration at the time of going to press.

Working with families on low incomes

The Pewsey Area Board has been pioneering the Wiltshire Voices project with a focus on rural families living on low incomes. The project started in the Summer of 2011 with a stakeholder event at the Children's Centre in Pewsey that brought together agencies working with rural families. There followed a series of workshops and activities with a number of families that culminated in a film produced by BAFTA Award winning film makers True Vision. The film was launched at the Bouverie Hall in Pewsey on 1st October and was followed by an action planning



session to help the Area Board prioritise local actions.



Focusing on priorities

In January 2012 the Area Board and the Community Area Partnership ran a Community Conference at the Bouverie Hall to discuss the Joint Strategic Assessment for the area and identify key priorities. Some of the priorities that emerged included more support for people with Dementia, access to GP appointments, improving access to the countryside, affordable local housing, job skills training and a community facilities mapping exercise. The Pewsey Community Area Partnership held a special housing meeting in June 2012.

A Year of Celebration

The Board brought together key people to work on a display for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee event in Salisbury Cathedral Close – these included a local artist and historians as well as representatives of local attractions, businesses, youth service and Heritage Centre. The Queen and Prince Philip visited the Pewsey Area Board's jousting tent at the event. The Area Board also provided funding to 24 parish councils to help them with their Jubilee celebrations.



Supporting Community Groups

The Area Board has given over £160,000 to support local organisations and projects. Projects supported have included:

- Village hall refurbishments and improvements
- First Aid Training
- Sports Club Improvements and Equipment for cricket, football, bowls
- Pre-school and Nursery Equipment
- Village Newsletters
- Scout Group start ups and equipment
- Play equipment

- Footpath Stiles
- Village Gates
- Pewsey Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Superstrings Folk Music for young people
- Improvements to recreation areas
- Celebratory Events – (Royal Wedding, 200th Year Anniversary Alton White Horse, Jubilee)



Working with young people

The Board has supported a number of projects aimed at young people with funding of around £4,500 each year. Projects have included the establishment of a Breakfast Club in Pewsey, a Youth Dance project, Trips for SHAK (youth club) users, trips for Great Bedwyn young people into Marlborough, a creative film project, Scout Club start up funding, skate park trips, a music night, lighting for a junior football pitch, graffiti workshops and much more.

Transport and Highways

The Pewsey Community Area Transport Group (CATG) has delivered a number of local highways projects including:

- A new footpath alongside the main road at Rushall – enabling villagers to walk safely to the school and to the village hall.
- Footpath improvements in Great Bedwyn to increase pedestrian visibility when crossing a busy road
- Wilcot Road, Pewsey – improvements to the road layout to change the priority to make it harder for people to go the wrong way down a one-way system.
- Extensive road safety improvements in Woodborough
- Various signage improvements
- Improvements to light signaling at Wilcot Road, to give children more time to cross the road to the school
- Part night lighting schemes in Huish, Upavon, Pewsey, Chirton, Stanton St. Bernard, Charlton
- 11 Community Speed watch schemes

Working with Partners

The Area Board has strong links with the Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP), and through the liaison role of the Community Area Manager (CAM), the Children's Centre, Youth Development Worker, local Schools, Parish Councils, VCS Support organisations and colleagues within the Council.

Passing on Powers

The Area Board has overseen the transfer of a number of Council owned green spaces to parish councils at East Grafton, Upavon, Pewsey and Alton Barnes. The transfer of Council owned car parks in Pewsey has recently taken place. Upavon Community Group was supported to utilise the unused school facility in the village.

In Summary

Pewsey Area Board has achieved a lot over the last few years with more people getting involved. A large number of community groups and local voluntary organisations have benefitted from the simple grants process, and more and more people are becoming involved in this community through volunteering. The Area Board helped to keep Saturday opening at the Library and assisted with the recruitment of volunteers to extend its opening hours. The Area Board recruited local people to a Shadow Community Operations Board to take forward the CAMPUS project.

