

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Wiltshire and Swindon State of the Environment report 2013
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Further details available:	Full report available online or in hard copy and more detailed data on the Wiltshire Intelligence Network.

Summary of announcement:

The State of the Environment report 2013 for Wiltshire and Swindon was published in September 2013 by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, on behalf of Link2Nature, the Local Nature Partnership for Wiltshire and Swindon (www.link2nature.org.uk). The project is funded by Natural England, Public Health Wiltshire and Wiltshire Council.

This new report provides a strategic assessment of Wiltshire's environment. It forms the basis of the Wiltshire JSA and Community Area JSA environment sections.

The report gives an overview of the state of our natural habitats and wildlife, and the services that these provide (such as clean air, water, food and green space). It highlights the drivers of environmental change, including population growth, development, farming, consumption of natural resources and climate change.

More detailed data is available in the environment section of the Wiltshire Intelligence Network. This website gives easy access to up-to-date environmental information and online links to a wide range of sources.

Further resources on the state of the environment in each Community Area will be available on the Wiltshire Intelligence Network in late 2012 and early 2013, in time for the publication of the Community Area JSAs 2013-14. Maps are already available showing environmental designations (such as protected wildlife sites) and agri-environment schemes in each Community Area.

Any questions, comments or requests for further information can be addressed to Jenny Hawley (contact details above).