

Report to	Malmesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	15 January 2014
Title of Report	Malmesbury Community Issues Update

Purpose of Report

To provide an update about Community Issues and invite members of the Area Board to:

1. Note the progress in dealing with issues.
2. Close 6 issues.
3. Refer 3 new issues to the Community Area Transport Group (CATG)

1. Background

- 1.1. One of the key roles of the area board is to help local people find solutions to things that are complex or non-routine which affect the community as a whole; not simply a few individuals.
- 1.2. The majority of routine problems can be dealt with by the council faster through direct contact and to help local people do this, the section of the area board web page has been updated to allow logging of simple issues direct with a person who can help them e.g. [Lost and stray dogs](#) and [Common road and highway problems \(CLARENCE\)](#). Where a problem does not fit into any of these categories or if the matter is causing widespread concern in the community, it should be reported to the Malmesbury area board via the [online community issue form](#).
- 1.3. At the time of writing (6 December 2013), a total of 161 community issues have been received, of which 141 have been closed and 20 are currently in progress.
- 1.4. If the area board approve the recommendations to close issues there will be 14 issues to progress by the area board, although some remain active but the responsibility of the Malmesbury Community Area Transport Group (CATG).

Background documents used in the preparation of this report	<p>Malmesbury community issues online at:</p> <p>http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/area_board/areaboard_issues_search.php?issue_location_in=Malmesbury</p> <p>http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards.htm</p>
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2. Main Considerations & Officer Recommendations

2.1. Progress of Issues

2.1.1. The progress of issues is outlined in Appendix 1. More detailed information is readily available to councillors and members of the public via [the area board website](#)

2.2. Closure of Issues

2.2.1. The area board are invited to close 6 issues. The reasons are outlined below with further information **emboldened** in Appendix 1.

- **Issue 2419 - Severe and prolonged flooding in Back Lane, Alderton.** Major drainage works have been undertaken during 2013 and a new system installed from Back Lane to the watercourse at the bottom of the hill. The work has been tested in autumn downpours and Luckington & Alderton parish council asked for their thanks to be conveyed to the highways team that undertook the work.
- **Issue 3035 – Number of HGV and their speed using School Hill, Brinkworth.** Police have monitored the speed of HGVs and have reported no vehicles exceeding 25mph. Weight limits have been considered by the CATG but feel they would just move traffic to other roads in the locality. Weight limits also can prove difficult to enforce.
- **Issue 3155 – Installation of bollards in Burnivale, Malmesbury.** Whilst the installation of bollards outside garages in Burnivale might inconvenience local drivers, the property owner is entitled to do this.
- **Issues 2599 and 2798 - Perceived speeding and HGV on Callow Hill, Brinkworth.** Community Speedwatch is now in operation on Callow Hill which will help to monitor speed of traffic. The same issues relating to HGV/weight limits on School Hill apply to Callow Hill.
- **Issue 3173 – Safety concerns about fence at old Railway Close, Malmesbury.** Highways officers and councillors are content with the planning decision. If residents are concerned about cars parking opposite this property they could submit a request to the town council to consider double yellow lines.

2.3. Referral to CATG

2.3.1. Issues already being considered by Malmesbury Community Area Transport Group (CATG) are shown in italics, whilst new issues being recommended to be dealt with by the CATG are shown **emboldened and in italics** in Appendix 1 and are as follows:

- **Issue 3134 – Consideration of a pedestrian crossing in Corston to improve pedestrian safety**

- **Issue 3151** – Consider a range of options to address speeding through Foxley village and the Malmesbury town end of Foxley Road (C68).
- **Issue 3164** - Concerns about crossing the A429 at Blicks Hill, Malmesbury

3. Environmental & Community Implications

- 3.1. Addressing community issues contribute to the improvement of community wellbeing in the area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual issue.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. There are no specific financial implications related to this report.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

- 6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 7.1 The opportunity to raise Community Issues enables individuals, voluntary and community groups, town and parish councils an equal opportunity to identify and seek assistance to address problematic issues.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Update of Malmesbury Area Board Community Issues 15 January 2014.
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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