

Pewsey Community Area Plan

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Introduction

What is the Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP)?

PCAP is autonomous and independent; it is inclusive of, and accountable to our wider Community Area. It has a voluntary relationship with the Council and public agencies and helps to form the basis of a strong, resilient and empowered Pewsey Area Community. PCAP aims to create active and sustained participation by all sections of the community that will lead to public funding and services to be more accurately allocated to the wider priority needs. PCAP consults widely on a range of the community issues and holds public engagement events and activities to further involve every member of the community.

The Pewsey Community Area covers the following parishes (26 in total, * indicates parishes have combined):

Alton, Beechingstoke, Burbage, Buttermere, *Charlton and Wilsford, Chirton & Conock, Easton, Grafton, Great Bedwyn, Ham, Little Bedwyn, Manningford, Marden, Milton Lilbourne, North Newnton, Patney, Pewsey, Rushall, Shalbourne, Stanton St Bernard, Upavon, *Wilcot & Huish (with Oare), Woodborough, Wootton Rivers.

What is the Community Plan (CP)?

The CP sets out ideas and priorities for each subject area. Each of these ideas, based on priority, form the basis of consultation with the community to identify what actions the community would like to see happen. Those actions may then be delivered by Wiltshire Council, other services, voluntary organisations or Parish Councils, or indeed a combination of these organisations. PCAP's role is to identify the actions and to assist in realising the projects or changes required.

How is PCAP organised?

PCAP is made up of a group of volunteers, all living and working within the Pewsey Community Area and who meet every quarter. There is an elected (by the group) Chairman and Vice Chairman who are advised by the heads of a number of active sub-groups, who help to progress the local issues. The terms of reference for each group are broadly based upon the following principles:

- To create and update the relevant section within the Community Plan
- To advise the Partnership on the contents of their section of the plan and to keep a watching brief on the targets within its theme and report progress to the Partnership
- To recommend any presentations or speakers they feel are appropriate and necessary for the Partnership agenda



At present the sub groups are organised as follows:

| Section | Sub-Group | Sub-group Representative | Email |
|---------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
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| 2 | Countryside & Environment | Carolyn Whistler | carolynwhistler@btopenworld.com |
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| 4 | Housing & Local Development | Peter Deck | peterdeck75@gmail.com |
| 5 | Transport & Highways | Colin Gale | co_jac@talktalk.net |
| 6 | Crime & Community Safety | Peter Deck | peterdeck75@gmail.com |
| 7 | Culture, Heritage & Leisure | Position vacant | n/a |
| 8 | Economy | Patrick Wilson | patrickw@pwarchitects.co.uk |
| 9 | Health & Social Care | Dee Nix | dee.marrable@tiscali.co.uk |

The Pewsey Community Area Board

Area Boards (AB) take decisions about local resources and allocate funding to the local communities. They give local people power to influence decisions made by its elected councillors. This Community Area Plan will help to enable the Pewsey Area Board to develop its own priorities and decide where to invest its limited resources. Pewsey Area Board will also be able to communicate Partnership concerns to the Unitary Council Cabinet and other public service providers. PCAP is independent of the Pewsey Area Board.

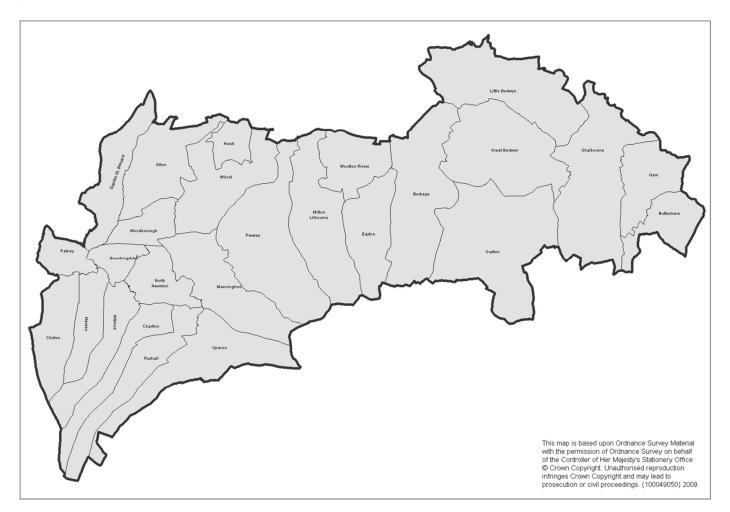
Format of the Community Plan

The plan is in three sections. This current section which is the Introduction, followed by:

- Section A which contains the overview of each Sub-Group and the Guiding Statements and existing activities that support the Guiding Statements (i.e. the more static information).
- Section B is the plan of activities that are currently in progress by PCAP together with the issues which the actions address (this section will be updated more regularly).



Map of the Pewsey Community Area



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Section A - PCAP Guiding Statements

1. Overall Guiding Statements

The following guiding statements overarch all the guiding statements detailed in each of the Sub-Groups.

| S1.01 | Sustainability | The community must respond flexibly to the many changes it faces. Any actions taken should not spoil what the community has - but protect and improve things for the future. In that context, PCAP's aim is to create a more self-reliant community and this includes supporting the main village of Pewsey as the Service Centre without overlooking the wider Pewsey parishes. We have maintained a local focus within this plan but observe the aims and objectives of the Unitary Council's Strategies. |
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| S1.02 | Community Area Vision | The Pewsey Community Area is a living and working countryside; it will continue to be a beautiful natural environment with a strong community spirit and plenty of local involvement. Access to education, health, social care, housing and policing will be available to everyone in the Community Area and all sections of the community area will be able to participate in decision making. |



2. Countryside & Environment

The majority of the Pewsey Community Area is set within the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (NWD AONB). The Pewsey Community Area is made up of 26 parishes and is very rural, made up entirely of villages rather than any towns.

Pewsey is the largest village in the Community Area and the local service centre. As a heritage village, it is supported by a locally distinctive environment which is essential to the quality of life in the Pewsey Community Area. Local people generally want to support the development of local products in the craft based and agricultural industries and are supportive of the move to promote tourism for the area.

The importance of the Kennet & Avon Canal and access to major national monuments, such as the World Heritage Site at Avebury and Stonehenge, enhance the attractiveness of the area. In addition, the community area is rich in wildlife and is especially strong in the provision of woodland areas and chalk downland.

External groups who are consulted on environmental matters include:

- Pewsey Environmental Action Team (PEAT)
- North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (NWD AONB)



| Ref | Guiding Statements | Details | What is already happening |
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| S2.01 | Farming Community | Support opportunities to raise awareness of the government and local schemes and incentives available to them to enhance areas of land for wildlife and reverse the decline in species and habitats. | State of Nature Report 2013 by the Wildlife Trusts contains information on the declining species. |
| S2.02 | Education & Involvement | Support and identify opportunities across the Pewsey Community Area to inform and educate on wildlife and environmental issues. | 2014-03 PEAT is involved with Pewsey Primary and Pewsey Vale Schools.2014-03 PEAT has a community allotment to help encourage all members of the community to "grow their own". |
| S2.03 | Sustainable Travel | Support initiatives to promote more sustainable transport. | 2014-03 The Sarsen Trail encourages walking and cycling. 2014-03 Path Improvements Grant Scheme is in place for maintenance and improvement of pathways and footpaths. |
| S2.04 | Energy Conservation | Raise awareness and understanding of climate change and support opportunities for promoting energy efficiently and local renewable energy generation. | 2014-03 Kennet Community Energy has funding available and is actively seeking buildings to support solar panels. 2014-03 PEAT encourages people to take advantage of Green Deal assessments and other energy saving schemes. |
| S2.05 | Waste Management | Support measures to improve recycling and waste management in the Pewsey Community Area. | 2014-03 Fortnightly collections of landfill waste, garden waste and recyclable products (glass, tins, etc) is in place across the county. Widely available recycling facilities for items not covered by the fortnightly collections (e.g. fridges, batteries, paint). Recycling of tetrapacks and light plastics is not in place. |
| S2.06 | Preservation of our landscape | Communicate impacts from the AONB plans and work with the AONB where required. | 2014-03 PEAT currently implementing a wildflower verge project in Pewsey. This could be rolled out to parishes across the Community Area. 2014-03 PEAT currently speaking to Wiltshire Council regarding grass verge cutting. More verges to be identified as wildflower verge and only cut twice a year. |



3. Education & Lifelong Learning

The Pewsey Community Area has xx primary schools and one secondary school, Pewsey Vale, which is an arts academy. Secondary school pupils from the Pewsey Community Area may attend St John's School in Marlborough. There are xx private primary schools and xx private secondary schools in the area as well.

College facilities exist at Swindon, Andover and Salisbury.

The local adult community needs the opportunity to learn new skills - traditional and modern - and easy access to training to enable them to take a fuller part in developing community life and to contribute to the economic development of the area.



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| S3.01 | Support Pre-Schools & Children's Centres | | 2014-03 New building in Pewsey is now finished and in use to extend provision. |
| | | | Outreach sessions continuing in the more rural localities. Improving links with Primary Schools. Primary Induction days with all Schools in the Pewsey Primary School Cluster (all primary schools in the Pewsey Community Area are represented). |
| | | | Parent liaison meetings and parenting support groups are running |
| | | | Primary schools and Childcare Centre has a reading/writing/parenting project in place to provide education to parents. |
| S3.02 | Support Primary | Support initiatives within the Childcare Centre and Pewsey | 2014-03 |
| | Schools | Cluster. Work together to ensure best value and secure the future viability of all schools within the Vale. | Cluster heads are working together on the collaborative development plan to ensure a secure future for the children of the Vale of Pewsey. |
| | | | Collaborative work to promote high aspirational learning communities for children and adults. |
| | | | Sharing experiences for children in the cluster. |
| | | | Sharing information and resources across the schools. |
| | | | Strong and close liaison with Pewsey Vale School and St John's School to aid effective transition. |
| | | | Effective school council network in place. |
| \$3.03 | Secondary Education | Support initiatives at Pewsey Vale School and the youth | 2014-03 |
| | | development resources, such as the Shak and CAYPIG (Community Area Young People's Issues Group). | Year 6 in Pewsey Primary School is involved in the CAYPIG before they start at secondary school so that they are already involved when they move there. |
| S3.04 | Post-16 Education | Provide access to post-16 education in Swindon and Andover and | 2014-03 |
| | | other colleges. | Transport links are poor, particularly for those students outside the centre of Pewsey. Once at Pewsey, rail and bus connections exist. |
| | | | Consultation on public transport currently underway may impact the ability for people from outlying areas to access |



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| | | | the Campus. Could Wheels to Work scheme be used? |
| S3.05 | Improve Adult Access to Education | Provide access to literacy, numeracy and other courses for adults. | 2014-03 When adults are looking to raise their own levels of literacy and numeracy or improve their skill base, they are unable to find local courses. There are courses in Devizes, but they are expensive to get into and the buses don't get people there in time for the start of the course (e.g. buses arrive at 10am, courses start at 9.15am). Andover College is also used. Could minibuses from Primary Schools and other organisations be used to take people to courses? We are not a priority area for funded Family Learning. |
| \$3.06 | Pewsey Community Area Campus | To support the Campus and ensure that access to the Campus exists for families and young people during the day and evening. | 2014-03 Consultation on public transport currently underway may impact the ability for people from outlying areas to access the Campus. Bus route currently in place does not go to the Campus site.1 |



4. Housing & Local Development

Pewsey Parish Council set up a Working Group in 2012 to produce a Pewsey Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). This plan sets out the development required for the Parish of Pewsey until 2026 based on the Wiltshire Council Core Strategy and local community requirements.

Other parishes in the Community Area are able to adopt a similar way forward if desired. As at April 2014, the only other village in the process of doing so is Burbage.

As of April 2014, the Wiltshire Core Strategy has not yet been adopted.



| Ref | Guiding Statements | Details | What is already happening |
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| S4.01 | Neighbourhood Development Plans | To support all parishes who want to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan (for small parishes a Village Design Statement or Parish Plan would suffice). To provide sufficient dwellings in accordance with the Core Strategy. | 2014-04 NDP is being written by Pewsey Parish and a working group was set up by Pewsey PC. Formal application made to Wiltshire Council and approved. Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Scoping Report has been written. Draft SA and Environmental Assessment report written. An initial public consultation has taken place. Burbage Parish Council is progressing their NDP. No other Parishes are creating an NDP currently. |
| S4.02 | Affordable Housing | To ensure the provision of sufficient affordable housing and accommodation for the elderly. To support Wiltshire Council's development policy for 40% affordable housing for 5 houses or more and offer social housing to local people first. | 2014-04 For Pewsey NDP, local need has been identified via survey and solutions proposed in the NDP for period to 2026. |
| S4.03 | Quality of the Built Environment | Ensure quality of built environment is applied to planning applications in line with Village Design Statements, Parish Plans and NDPs. | 2014-04 There are two possible ways a parish can publish planning guidance without writing an NDP - using Village Design Statements or Parish Plans. If adopted, they are used by planners, developers, etc. |
| S4.04 | Infrastructure Funding | Ensure Parishes are aware of opportunities for infrastructure funding to address priorities for their area. | 2014-04 A new Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is now charged on new developments which can be used for local infrastructure projects. 106 Agreements will continue as before and run in parallel to CIL. |



5. Transport & Highways

Good transport facilities are vital for the well-being of a rural community as people need access to all forms of transport for work and leisure purposes. There is a need to create better transport facilities in the area for the most vulnerable in society, even though car ownership in the community area is high. In addition there were serious concerns expressed about the quality of the road surfaces and specific examples where improvements could be made such as the clearing of ditches to avoid flooding.

To maintain the rural nature of the area and avoid excessive intrusion into the countryside by increasing traffic volumes it will be important to find schemes to allow people to move around freely whilst protecting the countryside.

There is a need to reduce the increasing number of deaths on Wiltshire's roads. There is also an increasing problem of Satellite navigation technology and speeding on rural roads.

There are a number of forums and action groups for various elements of transport. The Community Area Transport Group (CATG) is the Wiltshire Council's formalised body with delegated responsibilities and a reporting chain. CATG investigates the local transport issues and makes its recommendations to the Pewsey Area Board.



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| \$5.01 | Public Transport | Maintain current public transport services and extend the services where there is public need | Disabled Bus Services: Devizes PHAB Community Transport Shopper Bus visits Pewsey and carries groups and individuals (plus their carers) with disability or mobility problems. Bus Services: 01/2014 - Wiltshire Council currently undertaking a |
| | | | consultation on public transport in order to reduce costs. Night buses and taxi buses reduction in services is one of the possible outcomes. |
| | | | Parish Link schemes continue to be supported through Community First and the Link Funders Partnership and most parishes have access to a local, volunteer-run scheme. |
| | | | Rail Services: |
| | | | The train operator franchise has been extended. |
| | | | An investigative report has been generated on the proposed electrification of the lines beyond Reading and Newbury. |
| | | | The Bedwyn Train Group and Pewsey Train Watch are lobbying to maintain the services. |
| | | | The Trans-Wilts Community Rail Partnership are actively lobbying and liaising with all transport groups to support the future of community transport in Wiltshire. |
| | | | Pewsey Parish Council is dealing with the issue of parking charges at Pewsey Station which are increasing steeply, thereby causing traffic problems in the village. |
| S5.02 | Community Speedwatch | To have sufficient resources to ensure that Community Speedwatch schemes are effective in the parishes which have implemented the scheme | Additional equipment is now in place. Training sessions are available for parish groups. |
| S5.03 | Safe Pedestrian Access | fe Pedestrian Access Provision of safe pedestrian access in the villages of Pewsey Community Area | Rushall: |
| | | | Safe pedestrian access schemes have been identified to provide footpaths throughout the village. |
| | | | A topography survey, funded by Rushall Parish Council, is |



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| | | | being done by CATG. Wiltshire Highways are producing detailed drawings and costings. |
| | | | A scheme to link the current footpath that stops at Forge House to link access to Rushall Bridge is being progressed. |
| | | | Upavon: |
| | | | The footpath has been split into sections and Wiltshire Highways are progressing drawing schemes. The residents have agreed to donate land strips to enable a footpath. |
| | | | The Pewsey CATG has agreed funding towards sections of the footpath as seed funding for a lottery grant. Upavon Parish Council are auctioning the land designation and progressing the lottery funding. |
| | | | Pewsey: |
| | | | A scheme has been designed to improve access to Pewsey Station. The plan has been accepted but funding is not currently available. Being monitored by PACCS and CATG. |



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| S5.04 | Appropriate Speed Limits | To ensure appropriate speed limits are implemented across the community area | Work is being done, with Wiltshire Highways and CSW teams, to reduce speed on country roads. |
| | | | The Pewsey CATG has been allocated a Speed Indicator Device (SID) that is being used on a rotational basis at measured high speed areas where there is a Community Speedwatch scheme in operation. |
| S5.05 | HGV access | To ensure that the size and weight restrictions on the highways are appropriate for the infrastructure | A342 and A345: 03-2014 - At the Pewsey Area Board - September 2013 actioned "that the CATG consider a formal assessment of the options for improving safety in Rushall". CATG has since actioned Wiltshire Highways to conduct a freight assessment using the Wiltshire Highways Freight Assessment and Priority Mechanism (FAPM) and has provided a report to all the key stakeholders. |
| S5.06 | Quality of roads | To ensure the quality of the roads in the community area is appropriate for the volume and type of traffic | The roads in the area are in a very poor state with large pot holes, junctions with extensive collapsed road surfaces and collapse of verges due to increased size, weight and number of freight vehicles. Improvements have already been made to the A342 between Devizes and Rushall although continued heavy use by HGVs continues to cause problems with the road. These are parish issues and are being managed at a parish level. |
| \$5.07 | Quality of road signage and lighting | Ensure that road signage is appropriate to the restrictions in place and that lighting is appropriate to the traffic and pedestrian requirements | CATG continuously monitors signage and street lighting issues and progresses corrective action where required. A street lighting solution for Pewsey Station has been presented to the CATG and implementation has been agreed. Parishes have been able to request Wiltshire Council that street lights to be turned off outside peak hours |



6. Crime & Community Safety

The Pewsey Community Area runs the Pewsey Area Crime & Community Safety (PACCS) forum, which meets every quarter to:

- review the priorities of the Neighbourhood Policing Teams;
- develop and monitor local actions plans to tackle the key issues identified;
- report to PCAP by means of minutes, on progress;
- consider crime and safety problems within the Community Area, including road safety;
- consider projects and initiatives to help reduce crime and the fear of crime.

The PACCS meeting is open to all parishes in the Pewsey Community Area and other representatives include the Neighbourhood Policing Team, Wiltshire and local Fire & Rescue, Youth Development Service, Licensing, Neighbourhood Watch and EPIC (Employment Prospects Improvement Club). Other interested parties will be invited if there is a relevant agenda item, e.g. Canal & River Trust.

The Pewsey Community Area is policed by two local Neighbourhood Policing Teams, both based in Pewsey (Pewsey West and Pewsey East).



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| S6.01 | Provision of efficient | Maintain or improve public confidence in our Police service. | 2014-03 |
| | policing | Support the Police in crime reduction initiatives as required. | Reporting takes place at PACCS every quarter and any issues are identified, discussed and prioritised. |
| S6.02 | Level of service | Maintain current manpower of Neighbourhood Police Teams. | 2014-03 |
| | | Maintain the current retained Fire Service in Pewsey. | The Pewsey Neighbourhood Police team is comprised of two teams (East and West). Each team has one Police Constable (Beat Manager), two PCSO's and a team of Special Constables. |
| | | | The retained Fire Service in Pewsey operates in a hub with Tidworth and Ludgershall. |
| | | | Difficulties in recruiting retained fire fighters exist and are being tackled through the PACCS forum. |
| | | | Fire & Rescue Service is very involved in community events, such as Pewsey Carnival, to gain support in the community. |
| S6.03 | Anti-social behaviour | Identify and reduce any anti-social behaviour, including groups of young people 'hanging about', underage drinking, criminal damage, graffiti, vandalism, litter, speeding through villages and issues on the canal. | 2014-03 |
| | | | Many parishes are actively involved in Speedwatch. |
| | | | There are Canalwatch and Horsewatch schemes in place. |
| | | | Police visit Pewsey Vale School and the Shak in an advisory role regarding drugs and alcohol. |
| | | | The Campus will provide additional facilities, such as skateboarding, when delivered. |
| | | | The Shak on Friday evenings has been a particular success with young people, however the Public Transport Consultation to reduce the night time buses may impact the ability for youngsters to attend as they may not be able to get home. PACCS and PCAP are strongly opposed to the proposed reduction in public transport service on Friday nights. |
| S6.04 | Crime & Community Safety Forum | Ensure a forum exists for discussion of Crime and Community Safety issues and resolutions. | PACCS exists, meets quarterly and reports to PCAP via the minutes of the meetings. |



7. Culture, Heritage & Leisure

A thriving cultural environment brings the community together.

Pewsey village is home to the Shak, the local youth and Sports Centre, which is hugely popular for providing activities for teenagers.

The annual Pewsey Carnival in September is a spectacular event involving over 500 local people in its creation and 25,000 spectators. It is the glue which cements the Pewsey village community together and projects a "can do" image for the village reflecting the considerable voluntary commitment and strong community spirit. This provides the village and the surrounding vale with a strong feeling of identity.



| Ref | Guiding Statements | Details | What is already happening |
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| S7.01 | Accessibility | Cultural and art events should be accessible to everyone in the Community Area, both in terms of cost but also in terms of venue and variety (i.e. covering all aspects of culture). | There are many events held across the Community Area such as PVADS (Pewsey Vale Amateur Dramatics Society) and other voluntary groups. The Shak in Pewsey provides a venue for cultural events to take place. The annual Pewsey Carnival is well supported and attended and provides an opportunity over a period of two weeks in September. |
| S7.02 | Affordability & Resources | Appropriate resources (venues, equipment such as stage, lighting, sound systems, etc.) should be available to groups who want to stage an event or exhibition and costs should be kept to a minimum. | Village halls throughout the Community Area are already used as venues for art exhibitions and other events. Costs are kept low through the voluntary nature of village halls. |
| \$7.03 | Awareness | Groups and activities supporting Culture, Heritage & Leisure should be provided with a means to communicate with the general public and raise awareness in the community area. | Pewsey Community Matters website (http://pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/) is available to all individuals to post events. Events can also be posted on parish websites (generally for free) and other websites such as VisitWiltshire. Various Facebook pages also exist that can be used by groups. |



8. Economy

The service centre for the Pewsey Community Area is Pewsey village.

The Community Area is very rural and therefore relies heavily on farming and related industries as well as tourism.

Because of its rural nature, the area has a limited public transport service. Road and rail links are relatively good, with two mainline stations in the area (Pewsey and Great Bedwyn).

Markets operate in Pewsey and Burbage. Pewsey has an outdoor and indoor (craft) market every Tuesday at Bouverie Hall and a Farmers' Market on the second Thursday every month from 9am to 1pm. Burbage market takes place on the second Saturday of every month from February to December from 10am to 3pm.



| Ref | Guiding Statements | Details | What is already happening |
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| S8.01 | Digital Economy | Ensure that broadband speeds are maximised across the Pewsey Community Area | Broadband speeds are slow in the area. As Pewsey Community Area is so rural, it is likely that some parts of it will be the last to be upgraded. BT is unable to confirm priorities due to competition issues. Claire Perry (MP) is aware of the problems. |
| | | | Government grants into alternative methods of connecting people to broadband (e.g. 4G) are available and may help (Alternative Broadband Technologies Fund - Department for Culture, Media & Sport). |
| S8.02 | Employment | Support initiatives aimed at reducing unemployment, including job clubs, training and apprenticeships. | 2013 EPIC was set up by Sara Hughes MBE to assist young people in getting a job. www.epicpewsey.org.uk |
| \$8.03 | Tourism | Support initiatives and identify opportunities for promoting Pewsey Community Area as a tourist destination. | 2013 PCAP joined VisitWiltshire as a Partner so that Pewsey Vale now has a page on their website. |
| S8.04 | Vibrant Retail Economy | Identify opportunities to increase footfall, improve retail experiences and get people to stay longer in Pewsey and the surrounding villages, both locals and tourists. | |



9. Health & Social Care

The Health and Care Forum is in place and explores issues of health and care concerns of local people within the community area with the partner agencies who provide health and social care services locally. A series of Public Health Forum meetings took place during 2013 to identify issues. Many of these are at a Wiltshire or South West England level, rather than at a local Pewsey Community Area level. It is therefore proposed that the feedback capture will continue with the results being fed back at a higher level (exact communications route is yet to be confirmed). Any residual local issues will be progressed via the PCAP Action Plan.

There is no hospital facility in the Community Area - the nearest is in Marlborough, 7 miles away with A&E and minor injuries available at Swindon and Salisbury. There are four GP's practices in the community area (Pewsey, Burbage, Upavon and Great Bedwyn), and three dental practices (Vale, Pewsey and Burbage).

Pewsey was home to a hospital for people with learning disabilities which closed and those who now live in the community as a result of the closure require increasing amounts of care as they get older. In addition, difficulties occur for special needs groups when travelling to and from hospital.

Increased demand for housing specifically catering for older people will become more important as the population aged 65 and above increases, as is predicted. An aging population is likely to result in increased demand for health services and social care.

Army rebasing, whilst focused around Tidworth and Larkhill will lead to increased demands on local services especially health care, since many families are likely to opt to live in the surrounding areas rather than in Army provided accommodation.



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| S9.01 | Public Health | Support initiatives to improve the availability of NHS health checks. | |
| \$9.02 | Social Services | Support initiatives to reduce delays in Social Service's response to referrals. | |
| \$9.03 | Mental Health | Support initiatives to improve access to acute and on-going mental health services. | |
| S9.04 | Access to Care | Support initiatives to improve public transport access to GP's, | 04-2014 |
| | | hospitals and other service providers and to ensure that journey times to receive repetitive care are not excessive. | Active Link Schemes in place - Pewsey & District; Upavon, Rushall & Charlton; The Bedwyns. |
| S9.05 | Emergency Response | Monitor response times for emergencies and assist in identifying | 04-2014 |
| | | opportunities for improvements. | Are these stats provided currently? |
| \$9.06 | Provision of Services | Ensure that sufficient provision is made for required facilities for | 04-2014 |
| | for the Elderly | the elderly's health and housing needs in the Pewsey Community Area. | Pewsey Neighbourhood Development Plan is currently underway. Pewsey NDP only covers Pewsey, the surrounding areas are not the subject of scrutiny at present. |
| S9.07 | GP Services | Assist in identifying issues with GP Services, including out of | 04-2014 |
| | | hours service, ease of contact and appointment lead times. Identify opportunities for improvement (access and services offered) and work with the surgeries to improve the service. | Bedwyn practice regularly surveys patients and is very pro- active. |



Section B - PCAP Action Plan

(Version 8 - 24th April 2014)

| Ref | Sub-Group | Date Added | Issue | Issue Priorit y (1 high to 3 low) | Evidence | Suppo rted by State ments | Ideas (Not necessarily implemented) | ldea Priority (1 high to 3 low) | Responsib le | Actions Implemented & Progress | Status |
|------|-------------------------------------|------------|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|----------------------------------|
| 2.01 | Countryside & Environment | 04/04/2014 | Opportunities for assisting in increasing biodiversity are not acted upon. | 2 | Limited number of wildflower projects | S2.02 | Assist PEAT in rolling out the wildflower verge project across the parishes in the community area. Advertise wildlife and environmental projects more widely through the Pewsey community Matters website and the Pewsey community Area Facebook page. | 2 | Carolyn Whistler | 2014-04-17 - Wildflower planting at Pewsey Library. | In Progress |
| 3.01 | Education & Lifelong Learning | 01/04/2014 | Access to adult and post-16 education is too far away with poor public transport | 2 | | \$3.03 \$3.04 | Deliver literacy and numeracy levels 1 and 2 courses more locally through local primary and secondary schools Investigate distance learning options | 2 | Nicola Gilbert Nicola Gilbert | | Not started Not started |
| 4.02 | Housing & Local Development | 01/04/2014 | Parishes wanting initial advice on writing an NDP may ask for assistance. | 2 | | S4.01 | If help required, apply to the PCAC Housing Sub-Group Chairman. | 2 | Peter Deck | | Not started |



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| 5.01 | Transport & Highways | 01/01/2014 | Wiltshire Council currently undertaking a consultation on public transport in order to reduce costs. Night buses and taxi buses reduction in services is one of the possible outcomes. Removal of night buses on a Friday evening may impact attendance at the SHAK. | 2 | Issues raised at PACCS meeting on 22nd January 2014. | \$3.04 \$3.05 \$5.01 \$6.03 \$9.04 | 22/01/2014 - SHAK to provide information on usage of the night bus, particularly on a Friday evening. PACCS to distribute this data to Parish Councils and other interested parties to respond to the consultation and try to preserve the night bus service. 01/04/2014 - Access to adult education and post-16 college courses is difficult and not sustainable due to the lack of joined up public transport. This needs to be included in any response to the public transport consultation. 01/04/2014 Could minibuses from Primary Schools and other organisations be used for transport solutions? Could a service similar to 'Link' be implemented? Could 'Wheels to Work' be used for college training and extended to more people? 11/04/2014 - Community Bus Service to address some of the 'getting there at the right time' issues? | 1 | Colin Gale | 22/01/2014 - At PACCS, Karen Brown to determine number of young people affected by bus cuts to assist in determination of responses to the consultation. 01/03/2014 - PCAP will submit a response on behalf of the Community Area, in addition to individual responses from Parish Councils. PCAP is encouraging involvement from parishes. PACCS will also submit a response. 14/03/2014 - Meeting with Wiltshire Council is planned for 7th May 2014 for Parish Councils to attend at Woodborough (as also impacts Devizes). | In Progress |



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| 5.02 | Transport & Highways | 01/01/2014 | Pewsey and Bedwyn services are threatened by the electrification of the railway going only as far as Newbury | 2 | | S5.01 | | | Colin Gale | 03/2014 - PCAP lobbying Claire Perry for support. 03/2014 - Colin Gale progressing through the Trans- Wiltshire Transport Group (meeting 22nd March 2014) | In Progress |
| 5.03 | Transport & Highways | 15/03/2014 | Quality of work on road resurfacing and potholes by the contractor (BBLS) is poor. | 2 | February 2014 Consolidat ed Parish Council Issues report | S5.06 | | | Colin Gale | 2014/03 - PCAP will monitor through the Parish Council Issues Report 2014/03 - Fed back to Wiltshire Council via Kristian Price | In Progress |
| 5.04 | Transport & Highways | 15/03/2014 | Communication and service management of road surface issues is poor and causes great frustration and embarrassment at a Parish Council level | 2 | February 2014 Consolidat ed Parish Council Issues report | S5.06 | | | Colin Gale | 2014/03 - PCAP will monitor through the Parish Council Issues Report 08/03/2014 - Susie Brew has spoken to Caroline Brailey about this issue. Caroline has been talking to Kristian about this and we will await to see whether this improves. | In Progress |



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| 6.01 | Crime & Community Safety | 01/04/2014 | Issues of anti-social behaviour exist on the K&A Canal. | 1 | February 2014 Consolidat ed Parish Council Issues report 2014 JSA | S6.03 | 2014-02 Felt that 'bad neighbours' on the canal are attracted there because it is low cost living. Councils or the CRT (Canal & River Trust) should be able to apply an equivalent council tax as services are used. CRT to enforce the powers they currently have - e.g. licences. | | Peter Deck | 2014/03 - Canal ASB on the agenda for PACCS on 30th April. CRT, Canal residents and Parish councils with issues are all attending in addition to the usual representatives. | In Progress |
| 6.02 | Crime & Community Safety | 01/04/2014 | Criminals such as vandals, thieves and hare coursers use byways as a means to escape. Farms and land close to byways are targetted. | 2 | 2014 JSA | S6.01 | 2014-02 Make it easier to reduce vehicular access to appropriate byways to 3 and 4 wheeled vehicles | 2 | Peter Deck | | Not Started |
| 7.01 | Culture, Heritage & Leisure | 17/03/2014 | Resources in the Pewsey Community Area cannot compete with facilities available at places such as St John's in Marlborough | 2 | No stage or on-line box office is available for Bouverie Hall or events held at village halls | 6.02 | Could stage be provided at Bouverie Hall? Is this something for Pewsey Parish Council? Could an on-line box office facility be set up for all (particularly fund raising) events? Perhaps such a facility exists already? | 2 | ТВС | | Not started |
| 7.02 | Culture, Heritage & Leisure | 17/03/2014 | The Arts community should get more involved in helping people starting out on an artistic career, through coaching and mentoring. | 3 | None | | Survey required to identify need | 2 | ТВС | | Not Started |



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| 7.03 | Culture, Heritage & Leisure | 17/03/2014 | There is no overall understanding of the groups, activities and events across the Community Area which means that we are unable to identify any gaps. In addition, more could be made of existing assets, such as art walks and other events. | 3 | Unable to identify gaps as this knowledge is not available | S6.01 | Parish level questionnaire? | 2 | ТВС | | Not Started |
| 8.01 | Economy | 11/04/2014 | Encourage more Pewsey Community Area tourist related organisations to register with VisitWiltshire, which is the area's main tourism marketer | 2 | Low number of Pewsey Commuity Area tourism businesses registered and linke to the Pewsey Val e page | \$8.03 | 2014-04 Run a networking event with VW in May 2014 in Pewsey. | 1 | Patrick Wilson | 2014-04 VW has been approached (Andrew Gotteslow). Interested in doing this - perhaps at Pewsey Heritage Centre? | In Progress |
| 8.02 | Economy | 11/04/2014 | Markets in Pewsey are not well attended by traders or customers and adversely affect the prosperity of the village | 2 | AMT Town Benchmark ing report 2014 | S8.04 | | | Patrick Wilson | | Not Started |
| 9.01 | Health & Social Care | 11/04/2014 | Issues raised that relate to services at a Wiltshire and South West England level need to be fed back in at the right level. | 2 | Issues raised at Healthcare Forums during 2013 | \$9.01 \$9.02 \$9.03 \$9.05 | 2014-04 Could this be a WfCAP level? | 2 | Dee Nix | 2014-04 Dee to investigate further. | In Progress |

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| 9.02 | Health & Social Care | 11/04/2014 | Men are particularly poor at taking up NHS preventative health checks. | 2 | 2014 JSA | \$9.01 | 2014-04 - Liaise with Public Health contacts in Wiltshire for support and ideas - Advertise through parish councils, pubs, sports clubs, sports centre, schools, The Messenger, local - Facebook noticeboards - Out of hours access to this care would improve take up. - Ad-hoc health checks for example at fetes, fairs, livestock farmers' markets. - Health Fair at Bouverie Hall and village halls | 2 1 2 2 2 | Dee Nix | | Not Started |
| 9.03 | Health & Social Care | 11/04/2014 | Need for more local provision of cancer services such as radiotherapy and chemotherapy. | 2 | 2014 JSA | S9.04 | | | Dee Nix | | Not Started |



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| 9.04 | Health & Social Care | 11/04/2014 | Unacceptable response times on phone and unacceptable lead times for appointments at local doctors' surgeries On-line booking too complicated to use Hours too restrictive, more evening and weekend hours for appointments are needed. Confidence in 111 service is low and response times are too long | 1 | Issues raised at Healthcare Forums during 2013 | S9.07 | 2014-04 - Hold GP surgeries to account for poor performance. Praise for good performance. Liaison with local GP surgeries to discuss current provision, surgeries response to government initiative to extend opening hours. - Liaison with Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England and Health Watch to ensure Practices are meeting the contractual obligations and what remedial actions are being taken if they are not. - Make on line booking easy to use - Increase access to evening and weekend appointments - Better information (and with locum staff) on which pharmacies are open and when. | 2 2 2 3 | Dee Nix | | Not Started |