



# Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board Review 2013/14

What have we achieved over the past 12 months?

## Focusing on local priorities



On Saturday 15 March 2014, the community came together to discuss local priorities at the 'What Matters to You?' event at The Wiltshire Golf and Country Club.

The Area Board will be working closely with the local community and key partners to take forward the key issues that were identified.

## Supporting community groups



Over the past 12 months, the Area Board has invested more than £74,000 in the local community through the Community Area Grants Scheme.

Successful projects include, amongst many others, changing room facilities at Cricklade Rugby Club, a new junior youth club in Lyneham, a new tennis practice wall in Royal Wootton Bassett and construction of disabled toilet facilities at the Swindon & Cricklade Railway where the picture (left) shows dedicated volunteers hard at work.

## Caring about dementia



In December 2013, the official launch of the Wiltshire Voices film 'Living with Dementia' took place at Marsh Farm Hotel in Royal Wootton Bassett. The Area Board took a lead role in the development of this film, and is now working closely with a community-led steering group to raise awareness of the issues associated with living with dementia in the local community.

## Local highway improvements



The Community Area Transport Group has continued to prioritise local highway improvements. Approved schemes this year have included:

- A new pedestrian crossing on Purton High Street
- A new footway through a section of Lydiard Green
- A traffic calming scheme through Hook
- Dropped kerbs and paving near Purton Village Hall

## Other local projects and community news

The community blogsite 'Our Community Matters' was launched in 2013 and now provides a valuable community portal for news, information and events.

Plans for new community campuses in both Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade are ongoing, with regular updates available through the Area Board.

The new project 'WithIT' has been successfully launched by the community – an informal, drop-in style session to help the older generation to get to grips with using iPads and other modern tablet-form devices.

Plans for the MOD's new Defence College of Technical Training in Lyneham have taken speed, with contractors now on site. Regular updates are provided via the Area Board and Our Community Matters.

The Dog Fouling Task Group continues to work towards bringing about plans to create greater awareness of the risks and issues associated with dog-related antisocial behaviour in our communities.

## A word from the Chairman

Post elections in 2013, we had a number of new Town, Parish and Unitary councillors and it is great to see them playing an active part in the Area Board. The wider community has been busy putting together Community Plans and working on various Neighbourhood Planning groups. More people than ever are having a say in what happens locally.

We would not be where we are today without the unstinting support of our Community Area Manager, Penny Bell, for which we thank her.

**Councillor Allison Bucknell, Area Board Chairman 2014/15**

Further information:

Our Community Matters - <http://rwbc.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/>

Community Grants - <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areboards/areboardscommunitygrantscheme.htm>

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