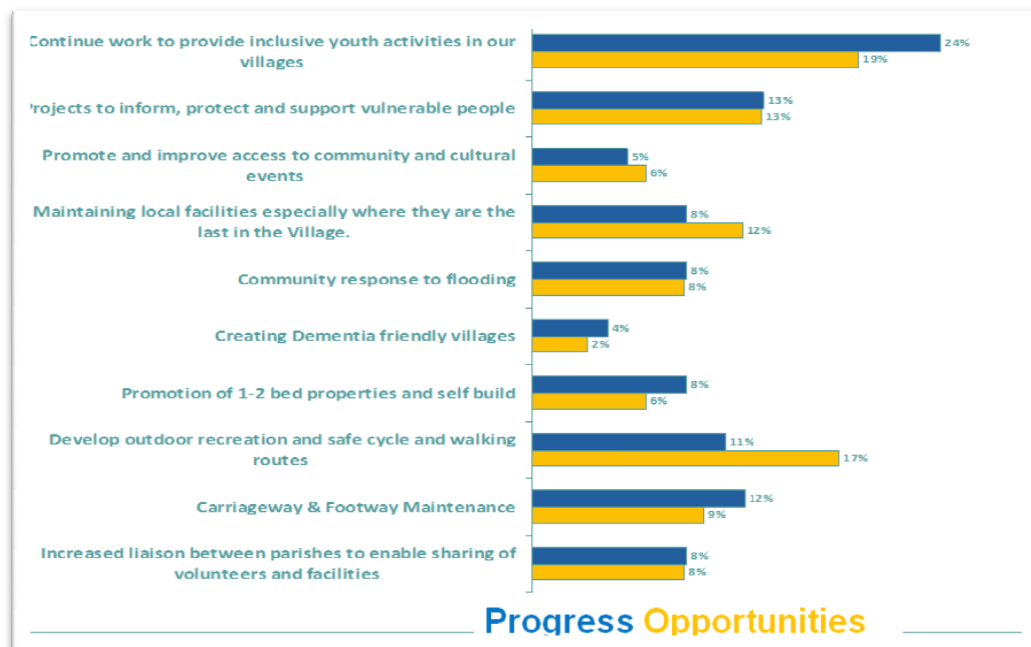


Item 12 - Southern Wiltshire Area Board themes for 2014/15 – Empowering communities

Since 2011 the Area Board has successfully focused on themes as a way of getting things done. We have covered Local Employment, Volunteering, Footpaths, Community Safety and Youth Development

What you said on 27 March 2014...



Not taking forward...

Carriageway & Footway Maintenance

The Area Board will have a presentation about how the service is now set up and what's going on in our area.



Maintaining local facilities

Localism Act's community right to bid has given communities the chance to list assets of community value. The Area Board will deal with matters as they arise.



Community response to flooding

If your parish is in a known flood area your parish council will have been encouraged to develop a flood plan and recruit flood wardens.



Promoting 1-2 bed housing

This action is for the Neighbourhood Planning process as parishes will determine their housing need locally.



Proposed themes 2014:

1. Continue to progress **Youth Development** theme from 2013/14. Looking at ways we can get Young People involved in the work on other themes and involved in the work of the Area Board.
2. Build on the success of our **Footpath** theme and develop ideas of how it can be enlarged to include **safe cycling routes**.
3. Develop a new theme around **Supporting Vulnerable People**. This is something that runs throughout the JSA.

.....
Enabling projects – these projects will help I deliver our priorities and work smarter as a community ...

1. Developing inter-parish liaison to enable sharing of volunteers and resources. Area Board to develop parish clerk/chairman liaison workshop. This was also suggested as a Bright Idea and represents a 'quick win'.
2. To generate interest in the Community Reporter scheme to cover local community and cultural events

Bright Ideas



There were lots of great ideas! We went for just one to start us off:

Local employers to link up with schools – local job fayre, work experience. We felt this would be a valuable 'refresher' of our previous 'Local Jobs for Local people' theme. Detailed ideas to be discussed.

All the bright ideas will be helpful for communities to develop ideas for local projects. We will work with people to get ideas off the ground.