

Agreeing our priorities

Results of voting



Children and young people

1. Lack of transport to outlying villages and threat to current transport provision **32%**
2. Changes in youth service could result in loss of important skills, relationships and leadership **30%**
3. Schools should be aiming that all children leaving primary school achieve Level 4 SATs (current level only 77%) **18%**
4. Children living in poverty should receive additional support through schools to ensure they have equal opportunities **20%**



Community safety

1. Recruit more volunteers for speedwatch. The A303 has a high impact on rural communities with services responding to RTA's and rerouting of traffic when closed. **18%**
2. Ensure community and partners work together to inform, protect and support elderly and vulnerable people in issues of community safety. **21%**
3. **Improve the number of first aid trained people in Towns and Villages and access to lifesaving equipment such as community defibrillators.** **36%**
4. Find ways to combat alcohol and drugs abuse as well as domestic abuse and other violent behaviour. **25%**



Culture

1. To ensure that there is a voice for the needs of the creative arts sector on the campus board **20%**
2. Better promotion of culture and arts activities to communities **20%**
3. **Development of cultural activities for young and older generations to do together instead of by specific age ranges 45%**
4. Reliance on volunteers to support cultural venues and projects- need to encourage younger people to volunteer **15%**



Economy

1. RESOURCES - Build relationship with Local Enterprise Partnership to stimulate and attract businesses and funding to the area. **15%**
2. **APPRENTICESHIPS - Develop apprenticeship opportunities in the area. 42%**
3. EDUCATION - Focus on education in the area to develop and improve skills required for the local jobs market and attract businesses. **20%**
4. SUPPORT - Continuing support for businesses in the area (eg Business rates, planning issues and communications/networking.) **20%**
5. LOCAL ASSETS - Encourage communities to register community assets that may have commercial potential. **3%**



Environment

1. When infrastructure in an area is delicate (e.g. sewage system) then do not build until it is improved **12%**
2. **Make sure there is a balance between environmentally friendly building, affordability and housing density** **42%**
3. Make sure lorries remain on the prescribed lorry routes of the county **10%**
4. Maximise local employment opportunities rather than long distance commuting **23%**
5. Improve protection of rivers from pollution (silt runoff & sewage) and over abstraction to supply new housing **13%**



Health and wellbeing

1. Reaching out to older people who are isolated to provide community support and access to services **30%**
2. To provide local support and contact for unpaid carers by developing community activities **22%**
3. **Keeping local facilities open to help social networks develop and to combat social isolation** **35%**
4. To increase funding available, through Area Boards, for health and wellbeing projects **13%**



Housing

1. Encourage all developers to only build 1 bed affordable houses in our the villages **8%**
2. Survey those living on their own in large properties to see what would encourage them to down size and how to provide a package of support and incentive to allow them to do this easily **10%**
3. **Work with the council and housing associations to encourage more developments in villages per se to protect rural services that will disappear unless more people live in our villages** **42%**
4. Do an audit of land that could be available for development from the council, farmers etc **3%**
5. Bring vacant properties back into use as a matter of urgency **37%**



Leisure

1. Improve access to information about leisure activities and opportunities across the community area, particularly face to face **15%**
2. **Improve transportation and parking links across the community in order that people can access facilities and opportunities** **57%**
3. Lack of access to Dinton Village Hall, particularly for younger groups, which has led to reduction in activity opportunities **15%**
4. Lack of volunteers for community activities, contingency plans are required when volunteers wish to give up their responsibilities **13%**



Transport

1. Badly damaged roads, pavements, verges, hedges requiring improved co-ordination of services county and HA **21%**
2. Need to establish greater control over the flow of HGV and agricultural traffic on all routes **20%**
3. Increase parking capacity in Tisbury as a matter of priority and also Wilton and Mere **8%**
4. Speeding and lack of footway facilities in a number of villages making conditions hazardous for pedestrians and residents **10%**
5. **Maintain and enhance public and community transport services especially for the elderly **41%****



Our community

1. **More innovative and sustainable forms of community transport to help people access services, activities and jobs** **34%**
2. Provision of more affordable housing to help balance communities **23%**
3. Develop infrastructure to help deliver services out in villages, link to Campus and other services e.g. credit union **11%**
4. Develop further opportunities for people of different backgrounds to come together **18%**
5. Support for communities to develop better ways of sharing information and helping find out what's going on **13%**



Project Ideas

(These mostly relate to the prioritised issue from the voting slides, but there are some other ideas included that relate to other issues raised)



Children and young people

Main priority - Lack of transport to outlying villages and threat to current transport provision

- Better information & signage about buses
- Publicise that the Link service takes all ages
- Help for people to qualify to drive mini-buses
- More mini-buses – capital funding for new mini-bus?
- Time-credits to encourage volunteer drivers
- Skills-bartering as another way of getting more people keen to volunteer
- Make Driving at Work policy more trusting of volunteers e.g. trusting volunteers to have appropriate car insurance rather than having to have it through Council



Community Safety

Main priority - Improve the number of first aid trained people in Towns and Villages and access to lifesaving equipment such as community defibrillators.

- WFRS have funds from innovation fund for a program called First aid for young Drivers
- Community campaigns/ Community associations
- These groups could also be adapted to develop speedwatch groups where speed is the perceived issue.
- Develop a scheme that flags up first aid trained residents (a sticker in their window of the house or business a bit like Safe Places project). Also Key Ring Housing project
- Mission possible for First Aid and Good Neighbour Scheme.
- Local safety group – Offer first aid in Primary Schools
- More support and promotion of Safe Drive Stay Alive.
- Promote and support development of Parish Emergency Plans and Flood Action Plans



Culture

Main priority - Development of cultural activities for young and older generations to do together instead of by specific age ranges

- Community arts programme of workshops and master classes that are about learning skills together.
- Creative skills week bringing in professionals around visual and performing arts and also looking at traditional old/rural crafts and skills that are dying off.
- Young people should be encouraged to volunteer and organise where possible.
- Week of workshops and activities could culminate in an event where outcomes are shared and celebrated in a Family Festival?



Economy

Main priority - APPRENTICESHIPS - Develop apprenticeship opportunities in the area.

- Knowledge of what is going on.
- Local mentors.
- Work experience opportunities.
- Selling the area for business investment.
- Skills task force for the community area.
- Engage with LEP to help stimulate manufacturing and create job opportunities.



Environment

Main priority - Make sure there is a balance between environmentally friendly building, affordability and housing density

- WWT Community energy company – community invest and reap the profits
- Bee keeping
- Repair cafe / Repair academy (again WWT)
- Land share project
- More village design statement – include sustainability – would be good to meet level 5 and 6!



Health and Well-being

Main priority - Keeping local facilities open to help social networks develop and to combat social isolation

- Support for 'memory groups' for older people and ensure people with limited transport can attend.
- Carers' support group had closed down in Mere and there is a need for more volunteers / difficulty with DBS checks.
- Intergenerational activity and encouraging younger people to get involved - examples mentioned were quizzes, clearing footpaths and a tea dance organised and other activities that could be organised by youth leaders.
- Community shops run by volunteers.
- Porton Down reportedly has a bus which is used to bring staff to and from work and during the day is available for community use.



Housing

Main priority - Work with the council and housing associations to encourage more developments in villages per se to protect rural services that will disappear unless more people live in our villages

- Wiltshire Council planning staff meet local villages and give some positive advice on what is possible with developments.
- Local planning officers need to assist local organisations and voluntary groups to come forward with ideas, help identify land.
- Template for village design statements with practical training sessions.
- Needs to be a simple printed/web version of the different terms used – e.g. affordable housing, joint ownership, self build, social housing, buy back etc.
- Practical ideas and guide to self build .
- Toolkit that tells people how they can downsize to encourage elderly residents or maturing families who have out grown their own home
- Area Board meeting to ask all local housing associations how they are going to help local people - their plans and ideas.
- Find out from the council where the empty properties are - what is the nature of them and ways in which empty properties can be quickly brought back into use.
- Undertake a survey of elderly residents to see what their plans are for the future - spotting potential areas for local sheltered or warden controlled housing to free up properties.



Leisure

Main priority - Improve transportation and parking links across the community in order that people can access facilities and opportunities

- Identify activities and opportunities and deliver bus timetables to need.
- Run buses during the evenings and weekend, esp. for young people – link to Campus.
- Re-open Dinton and Wilton Train Stations.
- Bus Walk routes to address parking issues.
- Work with land owners/parish council's to identify parking areas.
- Access to car parks that are not in use during the evening and weekends e.g. business car parks.
- Keep free bus passes.
- Reduced/free bus fares for U17's.



Transport

Main priority - Maintain and enhance public and community transport services especially for the elderly

- Develop a non online friendly mode of communication based on the new online "Connect to Wiltshire" website.
- Develop more link schemes
- Explore merits of various community transport schemes, especially the flexi bus scheme and ones which help elderly and isolated connect with main bus routes.
- Park 'n' stride schemes for school children.
- New late night bus service so that all can get to things in Warminster and Salisbury.
- Car share and lift share.
- Improve communication of bus timetables and all bus schemes via parish and other community newsletters etc.



Our Community

Main priority - More innovative and sustainable forms of community transport to help people access services, activities and jobs

- Plug gaps between public transport – Paid link drivers? Time credits?
- Extend car share scheme.
- Develop zip car schemes to more who can't afford to run a car. How does it work in Frome?
- Use Community First bus or other school buses to take older people out on trips.
- Extend Tisbus idea. Let people use bus passes or Tisbus buy Tizcars!
- Increase rates of befriending to help people get out more, involve young people.

