

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Westbury Area Board  
**Place:** The Laverton, Bratton Rd, Westbury BA13 3EN  
**Date:** 15 February 2024  
**Start Time:** 7.00pm  
**Finish Time:** 9.20pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Matthew Dean, Westbury West, Cllr Gordon King (Chairman), Westbury East, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Ethandune, Cllr Carole King, Westbury North

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Graeme Morrison, Strategic Engagement Partnerships Manager  
Karlene Jammeh, Area Board Delivery Officer  
Dominic Argar, Assistant Multimedia Officer  
Ben Fielding, Senior Democratic Services Officer  
Matthew Look, SEND Place Planning Commissioning Lead

### **Town and Parish Councils**

Heywood Parish Council  
Edington Parish Council  
Bratton Parish Council  
Westbury Town Council

### **Partners**

Inspector Louise Oakley, Wiltshire Police  
Perry Payne, Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership Manager

**Total in attendance: 25**

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<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jenny Jones from Dilton Marsh Parish Council.</p>
2.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2023 were presented for consideration and it was;</p> <p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b></p> <p><b>To approve and sign as a true and correct record of the minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2023.</b></p>
3.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of disclosable interests.</p>
4.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>There were no Chairman's Announcements.</p>
5.	<p><u>Information Items</u></p> <p>The Chairman of the Area Board drew attention to the following information items, which were contained in the agenda pack:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire AGE UK update</li> <li>• BSW Together update</li> <li>• Community First update</li> <li>• Healthwatch Wiltshire update</li> <li>• Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Report</li> <li>• Local Nature Recovery Strategy Public Engagement</li> </ul>
6.	<p><u>Partner and Community Updates</u></p> <p>Updates were received from the following partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wiltshire Police</b></li> </ul> <p>The Area Board noted written updates attached to the agenda. In addition, Inspector Louise Oakley provided a verbal update which covered the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overview of the Neighbourhood Policing team was provided, with it noted that the Response and Neighbourhood teams had now been split up.</li> </ul>

- An advertisement for more PCs had recently been placed with new recruits set to join the force over the next couple of weeks.
- The Wiltshire Police Community Commitment was outlined with it noted what the Chief Constable expected from a neighbourhood policing perspective. Further details of this could be found within the agenda pack.
- The following priorities for the Westbury Area were outlined and discussed:
  - Anti-social behaviour in the parks, Leighton, Penleigh and the town centre.
  - Burglaries, with further ops set to be ran over the next couple of weeks.
  - Speeding, with reference made to the Road Safety unit report included within the agenda pack.

After the verbal update, there was time for the following questions and points to be made:

- It was noted that a PC and PCSO had dropped into the Westbury Health and Wellbeing meeting last week and were very welcome.
- Following on from the stabbing in Bristol, it was questioned whether there was a trend on the streets of Westbury for more knife carrying to which assurance was provided that there is no knife crime in Westbury at all.
- Cllr Matt Dean stated that in relation to the Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report, it was a contentious report and was wrongly headed with its priorities. Reference was made to spending money to redevelop the Police Headquarters in Devizes and then further spending on an out-of-town Police station in Salisbury. Cllr Dean stated that it would be preferred that the manpower and capacity for officers to do their job was developed.
- Feedback was provided that Cllr Dean was pleased to see anti-social behaviour and scooters and bikes included within the local priorities. It was suggested that there had potentially been consistency issues due to staffing and that Westbury had suffered because of this. It was outlined that there had been anti-social behaviour around the train station and that publicans did not feel supported with people visiting pubs under the influence of drugs. Assurance was provided by Inspector Oakley that time has been taken to go through the statistics and figure out how to deal with them, such as anti-social behaviour and burglaries. Furthermore, that staff would be recruited and want to work together to serve the community.
- Clarity was provided regarding that a car which had been set fire to in Westbury was a stolen vehicle from Sussex and there was no connection to Westbury and that this was a one-off incident.
- Clarity was provided that if someone shoplifts a shop, it was important not to confront the perpetrator as this could lead to further problems and assault. Those involved should rather call 999 if the incident is taking place or 101 to report an incident hours after it takes place.

Perry Payne, Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership Manager provided

the Area Board with a verbal update:

- An overview of the role of the Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership was provided as well as the Strategic and Delivery Groups involved within it.
- Statistics were provided from July 2020 to January 2024, which demonstrated that a total of 1,228 letters had been issued within the Westbury area.
- The work of the Road Policing Unit was outlined, with it noted that from October to December 2023 they had issued over 2,071 tickets.
- An overview of the partnership events which had taken place was provided.

After the verbal update, there was time for the following questions and points to be made:

- Clarity was sought regarding what the trend was for the number of people killed or seriously injured on Wiltshire roads. Perry Payne stated that the work conducted had led to less people being killed on Wiltshire roads, however it was difficult to quantify the exact number of drivers who had behaved differently following training. Perry Payne exact statistic for the number of people who had been killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) in Wiltshire:

	Killed	Seriously Injured
2018	23	201
2019	20	183
2020	15	89
2021	18	117
2022	16	162
2023 (until 31/08/23)	11	128

- The impact of road traffic collisions was discussed, with it noted that each would cost the local economy £1.9million. It was noted that though this was statistic based, road traffic collisions are about families and people rather than numbers.

- **Town and Parish Council Nominated Representatives**

The Area Board received the following verbal update from Cllr Sheila Kimmins on behalf of Westbury Town Council. The update covered the following matters:

- Discussions are ongoing within the Town Council regarding delegated services, which will hopefully come into force in October this year. A costing and surveyors report has taken place, with consideration of updating the Rotunda and the old BT building in Edwards St.
- Plans for the Soapbox are coming along well and there has been discussion regarding the use of electric buses.
- Three members of Town Council staff are undertaking a project managers course with exams set to take place shortly.
- The Neighbourhood Plan has been completed and will go out to public vote on 14 March 2024.

	<p>The Area Board received the following verbal update from Cllr Jeff Ligo on behalf of Bratton Parish Council. The update covered the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current main issue is the development of the Neighbourhood Plan, with a major consultation event set to take place and the Section 14 process over the coming months.</li> <li>• Wiltshire Council recently granted planning consent for 30 houses in Bratton and the Parish Council is going to work with developers to get the best deal they can and welcome the new residents to the village.</li> </ul> <p>• <b>Westbury Area Network</b></p> <p>The Area Board received the following verbal update from Ian Cooper on behalf of Westbury Area Network. The update covered the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formed of 6 Trustees, the Westbury Area Network registered as a charity in June 2021 and had been fortunate to have received grant awards from a number of bodies including the Area Board.</li> <li>• The services operated by the Westbury Area Network was outlined including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Foodbank</li> <li>○ Community Fridge (On behalf of Westbury Town Council)</li> <li>○ Abraham’s Kitchen (On behalf of Westbury Town Council)</li> <li>○ Warm Parcels</li> </ul> </li> <li>• An overview of the number of food parcels was provided, with a month-by-month breakdown starting within the lockdown period. It was noted that the work of volunteers had been significant, and the number of food parcels distributed had risen since 2020 by a 73% demand.</li> <li>• The role of the Community Fridge was discussed, with it noted that this was located at the Community Project, Eden Vale Road and that anyone was welcome with surplus food offered from organisations to reduce food waste. The fridge has approximately 400 users per month.</li> <li>• The impact of warm parcels was discussed, with it noted that many residents are having to choose between heating and eating. It was outlined that the Area Board had awarded a £500 grant for warm parcels in January 2023, and as of February 2024, 14/20 of these parcels had been distributed.</li> </ul> <p>After the update, the Chairman thanked the Westbury Area Network for their work.</p>
7.	<p><u>Area Board Priorities Update</u></p> <p>The Area Board received updates from Lead Councillors in relation to the following local Area Board Priorities:</p> <p><b>Combatting Social Isolation and Loneliness (Cllr Gordon King)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last week Cllr King had met with the Integrated Care Board (ICB) to discuss developing a Neighbourhood Collaborative, including what goes into a Collaborative, how it works, grows and can be relevant to a community.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work will soon take place with the ICB to develop a Neighbourhood Collaborative in Westbury and groups will be contacted to explore what they can do as part of this to ensure that the local community is taken care of.</li> </ul> <p><b>Wellbeing for Young People and Positive Activities (Cllr Carole King)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Local Youth Network (LYN) met on Monday 12 February, consisting of voluntary organisations within the Westbury area.</li> <li>• Wiltshire Youth Council are set to have a conference at County Hall on 7 March from 10am-4pm with lunch provided and all invited.</li> <li>• The Public Affairs Office have recently produced new research from Centre Point about the barriers faced by young people in social housing, with an urge for local authorities to prioritise young people on the social housing waiting list.</li> <li>• There is set to be a new consultation of the JSNA, which is a short survey involving ten areas of concern. For those interested, this should be completed by 5 March 2024.</li> </ul> <p><b>Local Environmental Action (Cllr Matt Dean)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Dean noted that he had picked up a well established workstream of pollination work from Cllr Wickham and that Westbury Town Council would be involved in extra sites this year across the town.</li> <li>• There was a focus to arrange a major environmental event in the town in 2024, with several commercial sponsors concerning environmentally friendly cars, insulation and glazing, heat pumps and recycling.</li> <li>• There was a desire to involve young people, through the inclusion of environmentally food tents and music, with the event to be hosted in one of the Council parks with discussions ongoing.</li> <li>• The event would hopefully take place in June with work taking place to secure sponsorship.</li> </ul> <p><b>Child Poverty (Cllr Suzanne Wickham)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In reference to the Pollinator Programme, Cllr Wickham noted that more wildflower seeds had been ordered for sites in Edington, Bratton, Westbury, Heywood and Dilton with the objective remaining the same.</li> <li>• Work is being conducted regarding the provision of vouchers for existing members of the public who go to the Westbury Area Network for them to be able to buy additional produce. This would be linked with other services to encourage a return to independence.</li> <li>• Work is being investigated regarding the potential of having cookery lessons for parents and children with it known that some schools are currently offering this provision with the potential for other schools to linked with Abraham’s Kitchen.</li> </ul>
8.	<p><u>Special School Developments</u></p> <p>The Area Board received a presentation from Matthew Look, from the SEND &amp; Inclusion team (Wiltshire Council). The update covered the following matters:</p>

- An overview of the increasing demand for SEN was outlined, with it noted that the number of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) had risen by 15% in Wiltshire from January 2023 to January 2024.
- It was noted that the High Needs Place Plan projects demand for 100 additional special school places per annum for the period 2023 – 2027 and that 90% of the new demand is for places with a primary need of Autism, Communication Needs, or Social, Emotional & Mental Health (SEMH). There is demand for primary and secondary specialist SEMH provision in West Wiltshire.
- An overview of the Westbury School Age Population was explained, with it noted that Westbury was a medium sized community area.
- The current provision in Westbury and the surrounding areas was outlined, with Westbury having a 20 place Resource Base at Westbury Infants and a 15 place Resource Base at Westbury Juniors (both Complex Needs).
- An explanation of what SEMH was provided for context as well as the current SEMH market within in Wiltshire.
- A successful bid had been made to the DfE to create a new Special Free School for SEMH in Westbury, which would deliver a new special school for 130 pupils, age 4-19, with a SEMH primary designation and would have a valued investment of £15-25million.
- The location of the future SEMH Free School was outlined as being at Gas House Farm, Bitham Park, Westbury with a timescale for completion provided and a completion date of autumn 2026 anticipated.

After the verbal update, there was time for the following questions and points to be made:

- Wiltshire Council was congratulated for the programme, with it noted that SEND is a growing situation in the education area and that this early intervention would allow for children to be educated within the county. The officer, agreed that there was a big financial incentive to get this right as well as for the experience of children and that the Council were trying to maximise provisions for children through improving the mainstream offer as well as the graduated offer of resource bases and special schools.
- Clarity was provided that Wiltshire Council doesn't have any residential places for children and that there is a desire for children to remain in the community as much as possible.
- It was questioned what provision was available for young people leaving school and for them to live independently in the community under limited supervision, such as Fairfield College. The officer noted that whilst he was not involved directly, colleagues in other teams were working on provisions moving into adult services and looking to strengthen opportunities within the post 16 offer.
- It was clarified that the building of the Special Free School in Westbury

	<p>would not impact on Westbury Infant and Junior School places and that it would mean a stronger selection of local high needs provision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The potential impact of Covid on SEN was mentioned, to which the officer noted that though Covid did cause a blip in the numbers, growth and demand with SEN had been happening for a while, with other factors at play such as social media pressures.</li> <li>• The officer provided detail about how when considering the growth of SEN he considered birth rates and housing developments and that these were not major factors within the growth of SEN with there now being a cultural change with EHCPs and how support is offered.</li> <li>• It was clarified that the DFE would design, manage and build the Special Free School.</li> </ul>
9.	<p><u>Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p>The Chairman introduced the minutes and recommendations from the LHFIG meeting held on 18 January 2024.</p> <p>After which, it was;</p> <p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b></p> <p><b>The minutes of the Local Highways and Footway Improvement Group meeting held on 18 January 2024 were agreed as a correct record as well as approving the spending recommendations within.</b></p>
10.	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Chairman informed the Area Board of the opening balances for grant funding. The Area Board considered the following applications for funding:</p> <p><b><u>Area Board Initiatives:</u></b></p> <p>Westbury Area Board – £1,000 towards Westbury Public Living Room.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b></p> <p><b>Westbury Area Board was awarded an amended amount of £500 towards Westbury Public Living Room.</b></p> <p><b>Moved – Cllr Gordon King</b>  <b>Seconded – Cllr Carole King</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24.</b></p> <p>Westbury Area Board – £500 towards Dementia Friendly Westbury.</p>



**Decision**

**Westbury Area Board agreed to defer making a decision on awarding the application until the next financial year.**

**Community Area Grants:**

West Wilts Ramblers Work Party - £678.80 towards Work Party Equipment.

**Decision**

**Westbury Area Board agreed to defer making a decision on awarding the application from the West Wilts Ramblers Work Party until the next financial year.**

**Moved – Cllr Gordon King**

**Seconded – Cllr Suzanne Wickham**

**It was then proposed that this grant be awarded in between via SEPM delegated powers for the full amount of £678.80.**

**Moved – Cllr Suzanne Wickham**

**Seconded – Cllr Matt Dean**

Bratton Recreation Ground Management Committee - £5,000 towards Bratton Recreation Ground New Storerooms.

**Decision**

**Westbury Area Board agreed to defer making a decision on awarding the application from the Bratton Recreation Ground Management Committee until the next financial year.**

**Moved – Cllr Gordon King**

**Seconded – Cllr Suzanne Wickham**

Westbury Shed - £3,448 towards Westbury Workshop facility repair and upgrade.

**Decision**

**Westbury Shed was awarded £2,418 towards Westbury Workshop facility repair and upgrade and the Area Board agreed to defer making a decision on the awarding of a further £1,030 pounds until the next financial year.**

**Moved – Cllr Gordon King**  
**Seconded – Cllr Matt Dean**

**Reason** – *The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24.*

Westbury Youth FC - £4,4450 towards Westbury Youth FC equipment and facilities improvement.

**Decision**

**Westbury Youth FC was awarded £2150 towards Westbury Youth FC equipment and facilities improvement and the Area Board agreed to defer making a decision on the awarding of a further £2,300 pounds until the next financial year.**

**Moved – Cllr Gordon King**  
**Seconded – Cllr Suzanne Wickham**

**Reason** – *The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24.*

Blue Circle Bowls Club - £2,000 towards Blue Circle Bowls Club new external seating area.

**Decision**

**Blue Circle Bowls Club was awarded £2,000 towards Blue Circle Bowls Club new external seating area from the Health and Wellbeing Fund.**

**Moved – Cllr Gordon King**  
**Seconded – Cllr Carole King**

**Reason** – *The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24.*

White Horse Short Mat Bowls Club – £550 towards New Short Mat Bowls carpet for White Horse Short Mat Bowls club.

**Decision**

**White Horse Short Mat Bowls Club was awarded £550 towards New Short Mat Bowls carpet for White Horse Short Mat Bowls club from the Health and Wellbeing Fund.**

**Moved – Cllr Gordon King**  
**Seconded – Cllr Matt Dean**

**Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24.**

Westbury Leigh community project - £3,000 towards Westbury Leigh community project improvements.

**Decision**

**Westbury Leigh community project was awarded £2839 towards Westbury Leigh community project improvements and the Area Board agreed to defer making a decision on the awarding of a further £161 pounds until the next financial year.**

**Moved – Cllr Gordon King  
Seconded – Cllr Carole King**

**Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24.**

**Youth Grants:**

Leigh Park Community Centre - £5,000 towards Skills for personal development and employment 2023.

**Decision**

**Westbury Area Board agreed to defer awarding the application until the next financial year.**

Westbury Parochial Church Council All Saints Church - £1,820 towards Youth Cafe Westbury.

**Decision**

**Westbury Parochial Church Council All Saints Church was awarded £1,820 towards Youth Cafe Westbury.**

**Moved – Cllr Gordon King  
Seconded – Cllr Suzanne Wickham**

**Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24.**

Westbury Town Council – £500 towards Soapbox Derby Workshops Wind turbines

**Decision**

	<p><b>Westbury Town Council was awarded £500 towards Soapbox Derby Workshops Wind turbines.</b></p> <p><b>Moved – Cllr Carole King</b>  <b>Seconded – Cllr Gordon King</b></p> <p><b><i><u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24.</i></b></p>
11.	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
12.	<p><u>Close and Future Dates</u></p> <p>The date of the next meeting was 19 June 2024.</p>

# Welcome and Introductions

Westbury Area Board – 15 February 2024



# Our Councillors



**Cllr Carole King – Westbury North**

**Cllr Matt Dean – Westbury West**



**Cllr Gordon King – Westbury East**

**Cllr Suzanne Wickham - Ethandune**



# Apologies for Absence

# Minutes for Approval

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To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2024.



# Declarations of Interest

Councillors are requested to declare any personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

# Chairman's Announcements

# Information Items

- Wiltshire AGE UK
- BSW Together (Integrated Care System)
- Community First
- Healthwatch Wiltshire
- Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Report
- Local Nature Recovery Strategy Public Engagement

# Partner Updates

WILTSHIRE POLICE

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# Community Report

Warminster Westbury Mere and Tisbury Neighbourhood  
Policing Team

February 2024



# Neighbourhood policing team

**Inspector:** Insp Louise Oakley

**Neighbourhood Sergeant:** Sgt Vicky Howick

**Neighbourhood Officers:**

PC John Pagan

Page 22 PC – Vacant post- gone out to advert closing date 9<sup>th</sup> Feb

**PCSOs:**

Roland Revers - Westbury Town

Alice Moore – Westbury Rural

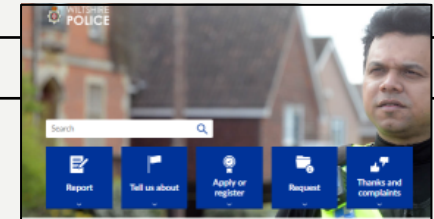
# Community Commitment

## WHAT? (What is the situation?)

- The **Community Commitment** is a contract between our NPTs and their communities, laying out clearly what service can be expected regarding their engagement at a local level, and how it will be delivered
- This document has been developed by Corporate Comms and Engagement and Local Policing. Consultation has taken place with C/Insp, IAG Chairs, Public Service Board & Public Contact, Engagement and Neighbourhood Policing Board (PCENP)
- Within the Community Commitment, NPTs will commit to activity under 5 key themes:
  - ✓ **Engaging regularly with communities by holding face to face events**
  - ✓ **Engage regularly through online channels**
  - ✓ **Publish information about their local team, local priorities and update on activity**
  - ✓ **Consult and engage with communities on key decisions**
  - ✓ **Increase and broaden their engagement across need to reach communities**
- **Prior to public launch**, the Community Commitments were cascaded in to NPTs through local engagement with Inspectors and Chief Inspectors to ensure understanding of expectations for delivery.
- **The Community Commitments** were launched on Monday 8 January in line with the TOM1 launch.

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## SO WHAT? (What is happening?)



# Public Engagement – Activities and Resources

**CPT to NPT** – All localised Facebook pages now reaffirmed with updated wording. Your Area pages now starting to show changes as requested to the national Single Online Home team.

**Facebook Live events** – Chippenham NPT (10 January) and the Chief's Live event (22 January) reaffirming the Community Commitments across the Force and updating the public on the Force's plan for the new year. Facebook Lives across NPTs to be held quarterly.

**Neighbourhood Policing Week (22-26 January)** – Your Area and localised NPT Facebook pages updated with all events taking place and NPTs **required** to update their events on social media. Week's campaign is to focus on and celebrate:

- Early intervention and dealing with ASB
- Problem-solving policing (use of POP plans)
- Improving trust and confidence through neighbourhood policing alongside our partners





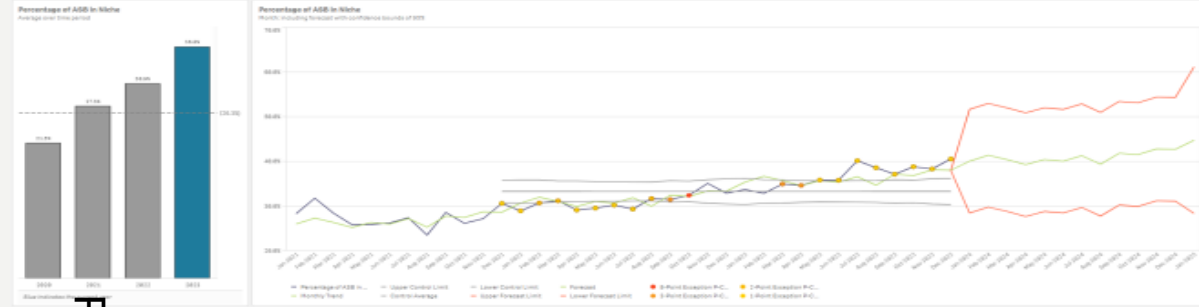
# Neighbourhood Engagement Register – Visits Made (January 2024 Update)

NPT AREA	School Visits	Drop In Sessions	Local Authority Meetings	Community Events Fetes, Carnivals, Protests	Military Engagement	Places of Worship Meetings	General Public Engagement – relating to crime and meetings not categorised	TOTAL TO DATE (in brackets = MoM growth)
WARMINSTER/ WESTBURY	96	69	39	26	6	4	162	402 (+2%)

# Anti-Social Behaviour (incl. Sec 60)

## WHAT? (What is the situation?)

Measure	Trend Line (Up to 3 Years' Data)	Dec-2023	3 Months to Dec-2023	12 Months to Dec-2023	12 Months to Dec-2022 vs. 12 Months to Dec-2023	Rolling 12 Month Trend	Statistical Exceptions	Exception Weighting
Percentage of ASB in Niche		40.6%	39.2%	36.8%	5.9%	Increasing	One, Two, Three, Eight-Month High	25
Volume of ASB		737	2,504	11,442	-15.9%	Decreasing		10



Measure	Trend Line (Up to 3 Years' Data)	Dec-2023	3 Months to Dec-2023	12 Months to Dec-2023	12 Months to Dec-2022 vs. 12 Months to Dec-2023	Rolling 12 Month Trend	Statistical Exceptions	Exception Weighting
Volume of ASB - County		469	1,559	7,160	-17.2%	Decreasing		10
Volume of ASB - Swindon		264	939	4,253	-13.6%	Decreasing		10

Dec 23  
**Environmental ASB**  
23 recorded  
4.0% of total ASB

Dec 23  
**Nuisance ASB**  
407 recorded  
71.2% of total ASB

Dec 23  
**Personal ASB**  
141 recorded  
24.6% of total ASB

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## DATA SUMMARY

- December 2023 recorded a total of 737 ASB incidents
- ASB continues to decrease. There has been a decrease of -15.9% YoY
- Despite decrease in overall ASB, ASB recorded in Niche is increasing, driven by increase in incidents being recorded in both STORM and Niche.
- Swindon and County are both recording a decline in ASB reporting, however Swindon is seeing a smaller decrease of -13.6% YoY compared to County which sits at -17.2%

## SO WHAT? (What is happening? What is the analysis telling us?)

[Monthly Performance Dashboard | App overview - Qlik Sense \(wiltshire.police.uk\)](#)

- Volume of ASB is declining year on year by 15.9%. During December a total of 737 ASB reports which is above the monthly forecasted volume of 711. Despite being slightly above the forecasted volume and following seasonally anticipated trends, this is the lowest volume of ASB across the past 3 years
- Nationally - The police recorded 1.0 million incidents of ASB in the year ending June 2023. This was a 11% decrease compared with the year ending June 2022 (1.2 million incidents) (Source: ONS CSEW, update due end of January 2024)
- Proportion of ASB incidents recorded in Niche has increased by 5.9% pts year on year. This is driven by an increase in incidents recorded in both STORM (requiring an immediate or Priority response) and then closed to Niche for further investigation or flagging to NPT.

## NOW WHAT? (What action do we need to take? Or are taking?)

- New ASB information on Police and Council website signposting people to the best place to report their incident
- Local Policing demand meeting to commence in February will identify repeat locations for ASB within County and Swindon
- External training planned with ASB Help who will deliver sessions to 20 individuals in County and Swindon to become ASB champions
- Additional funding into OPCC to support CSP's
- Multi-agency ASB strategy being bought together by OPCC

# Performance – Covers Westbury and Warminster –

## Master Table

For vs. comparison ▲ ▼ indicate direction of travel, if the change is 5% or less a "—" is used. The colour indicates whether this is the preferred direction of travel, blue or amber, unless the current period is considered exceptional in the adverse direction then it is red. See Explanation Page for more information.

Measure	Trend Line (Up to 3 Years' Data)	Jan-2024	3 Months to Jan-2024	12 Months to Jan-2024	12 Months to Jan-2023 vs. 12 Months to Jan-2024	Rolling 12 Month Trend	Statistical Exceptions	Exception Weighting
Crime Volume: Violence With Injury - Warminster CPT		26	67	357	-12.9% ▼	Decreasing	Three-Month Low	
Crime Volume: Burglary - Warminster CPT		38	77	179	5.3% ▲		One, Two-Month High	
Volume of ASB - Warminster CPT		39	149	720	-19.2% ▼	Decreasing		
Crime Volume - Warminster CPT		254	661	2,656	-3.7% —	Decreasing		
Stop and Search Volume		84	237	1,403	-24.5% ▼	Decreasing	Two, Three-Month Low	17

# Local Priorities & Updates

Priority	Update
ASB in the parks, Leighton , Penleigh , town centre	ASB increase with youths but also we believe there is a increase E Scooters and E Bikes being a general Nuisance, riding dangerously on the pavement – We have on documented report in the last year so we really encourage reports to the police via 101 or online report so we can collate data and manage with appropriate and correct resources – NPT officers working closely with schools and colleges to educate and prevent
Burglaries	Burglaries is another priority – we seem to have spates of them periodically- non dwelling commercial breaks- target patrols, assistance from the Burglary team
Speeding	ROAD SAFTEY UNIT POWER POINT ADDED for extra over sight on this matter

# Useful Links

For more information on Wiltshire Police's performance please visit:

- PCC's Website - <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/>
- HMICFRS Website - <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/>
- For information on what crimes and incidents have been reported in the Warminster Community Policing Team area visit <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/>

# Get Involved

Keep up to date with the latest news and alerts in your area by signing up to our **Community Messaging service** – [www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk](http://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk)

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## Follow your CPT on social media

- [Warminster Police Facebook](#)
- [Warminster Police Twitter](#)
- [Westbury Police Facebook](#)
- [Mere Police Facebook](#)

Find out more information on your CPT area at: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk) and here [www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk)

The screenshot shows the Wiltshire Police website. The top navigation bar is blue with the Wiltshire Police logo on the left and a search bar on the right. Below the navigation bar are five menu items: "Report", "Tell us about", "Apply or register", "Request", and "Feedback". The main content area is titled "Warminster CPT". Below the title, there is a paragraph of text: "CPT Warminster covers the areas of Warminster, Westbury, Tisbury, Mere and surrounding areas". This is followed by a paragraph: "To contact your CPT about a community-related matter, such as a school visit, then please email [WarminsterAreaCPT@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:WarminsterAreaCPT@wiltshire.police.uk). Please note that this mailbox is not monitored 24/7." The next paragraph states: "You are unable to report crimes of any type via email and please do not report any situations that require an urgent response. In the case of an emergency please contact 999 and for non-urgent crimes and incidents, please call 101 or [Report a crime here](#)". The final paragraph says: "You see a map of [crimes in the Warminster area](#) by visiting [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)".

# Partner Updates

- Wiltshire Police
- Town and Parish Councils Nominated Representatives
- Westbury Area Network

Westbury Area Network (WAN)

Westbury Area Board meeting

15<sup>th</sup>. February 2024



## Westbury Area Network

Formed as a charity in 2021

Operates the following services:

Foodbank

Community Fridge (on behalf of WTC)

Abraham's Kitchen (on behalf of WTC)

Warm Parcels

Operates from Westbury Community Project premises

## Food parcel numbers

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>January</b>	n/a	144	97	114	167
<b>February</b>	n/a	136	109	126	
<b>March</b>	51	144	115	137	
<b>April</b>	144	160	105	112	
<b>May</b>	262	100	78	83	
<b>June</b>	284	72	96	103	
<b>July</b>	283	47	90	133	
<b>August</b>	168	57	104	105	
<b>September</b>	156	55	114	101	
<b>October</b>	121	59	100	127	
<b>November</b>	123	95	99	126	
<b>December</b>	176	98	154	184	
<b>Annual total</b>	1768	1167	1261	1451	167

Winter comparison – October -  
January

Number of food parcels	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
October - January	349	467	604
Year on year change (%)	-	+34	+29 (+73)

## Community Fridge

- Donations from local supermarkets and other food outlets
- Emphasis on reducing food waste
- Food available to everyone locally
- Total donations – 2022      13,750 kg.  
  2023      11,205 kg.
- Users - approx. 400 per month
- Donations – mix of Bakery, fresh fruit & vegetables and frozen foods
- Noticeable reduction in volume of donations this winter

## Warm Parcels

£500 Area Board 'Warm Spaces' Grant awarded -January 2023

Agreed to carry over spending from 2022/23 to 2023/24

20 Warm Parcels purchased – full grant expended - November 2023

At 14 February 2024, 14 Parcels distributed

# Area Board Priorities Update

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- Combatting Social Isolation and Loneliness (Cllr Gordon King)
- Wellbeing for Young People and Positive Activities (Cllr Carole King)
- Local Environmental Action (Cllr Matt Dean)
- Child Poverty (Cllr Suzanne Wickham)

# Special School Transformation Update for Westbury Area Board

Matthew Look, SEND Place Planning Commissioning Lead  
February 2024



## Introduction: Increasing Demand for SEN

- Nationally, and in Wiltshire, the number of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) is rising (by 15% in Wiltshire from January 2023 – January 2024)
- The High Needs Place Plan projects demand for 100 additional special school places per annum for the period 2023 – 2027
- 90% of the new demand is for places with a primary need of Autism, Communication Needs, or Social, Emotional & Mental Health (SEMH)
- There is demand for primary and secondary specialist SEMH provision in West Wiltshire

# Westbury School Age Population

- Westbury Community Area is a 'medium-sized' community area in terms of school age population

Community Area	N/E/S/W	School Age Population
Salisbury	South	9131
Trowbridge	West	6991
Chippenham	North	6672
...		
Westbury	West	2336

## Westbury Specialist SEN Provision

- Westbury has a 20 place Resource Base at Westbury Infants and a 15 place Resource Base at Westbury Juniors (both Complex Needs). Nearby Primary Resource Bases in Trowbridge, Melksham, Devizes and Warminster (Complex Needs and Communication & Interaction)
- Nearby Special Schools include Silverwood, Trowbridge and Silverwood, Rowde (Complex Needs) and Downlands, Devizes (SEMH)
- A successful bid has been made to the DfE to create a new Special Free School for SEMH in Westbury

## What is SEMH?

- The SEND Code of Practice identifies social, emotional and mental health difficulties as one of the four main categories of SEND.
- According to the Code, children and young people may experience a wide range of social and emotional difficulties which manifest themselves in many ways.
- These may include becoming withdrawn or isolated, as well as displaying challenging, disruptive or disturbing behaviour
- The new provision in Westbury will be inclusive of learners who may be withdrawn or anxious

## SEMH Market in Wiltshire

- Downlands School, Devizes (SEMH, 95 places, age 11-19) is full. No Primary age SEMH provision.
- SAIL Academy, Salisbury (Autism & SEMH, age 4-19) opened September 2023
- Independent sector offers SEMH provision, but this is often out of county (longer travels times), at a higher cost, and does not always offer Key Stage 1
- Some learners with SEMH are currently accessing a range of Alternative Provision (AP), with limited hours, and some are educated other than in school (EOTIS)

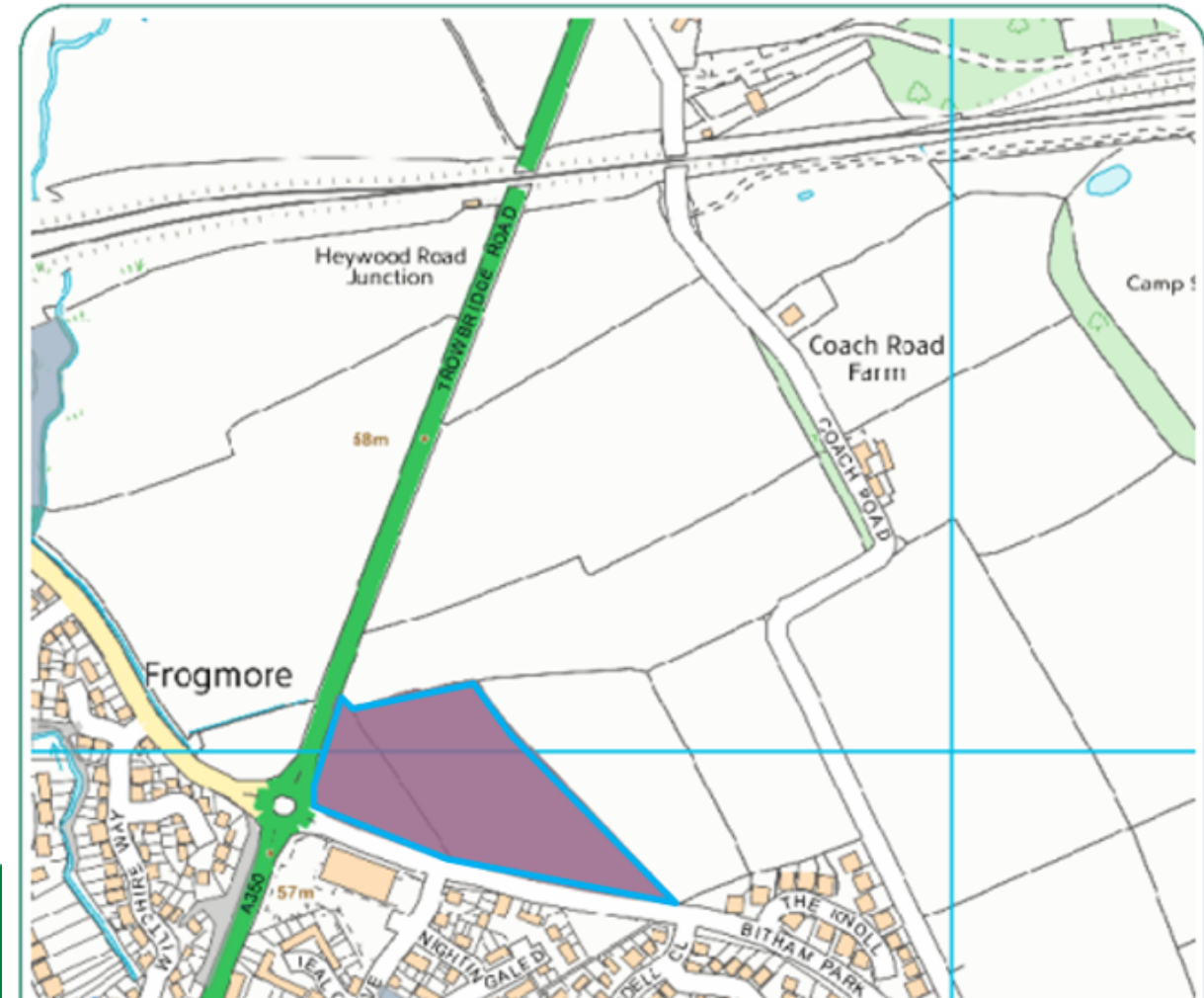
## SEMH Special Free School - Westbury

- Wiltshire Council was successful in its bid for a DfE Special Free School development
- The DfE will deliver a new special school for 130 pupils, age 4-19, with a SEMH primary designation
- It will include a base to develop in-reach & outreach provision to mainstream schools
- The estimated value of this investment is £15 - £25 million

## SEMH Special Free School: Location

- West Wiltshire was identified as the priority for the new school, due to high demand for specialist SEMH school places, and to offer equity with provision in Salisbury and Devizes
- Potential sites were evaluated for suitability and presented to the DfE
- Land at Gas House Farm, Bitham Park, Westbury, has been identified as the preferred site by Wiltshire Council and the DfE

# Gas House Farm, Trowbridge Road, Westbury





## Indicative Timescales

- Preferred development site identified, 2023 (complete)
- Feasibility studies and preliminaries, 2024 (underway)
- DfE appoints an education provider, 2024 (process underway)
- Build works commence, summer 2025
- New Free Special School opens for its first pupils, autumn 2026

## Other Nearby Special School Projects

- New major build (33 classrooms) at Silverwood, Rowde opens autumn 2024
- Refurbishment of existing buildings at Silverwood Rowde, completion summer 2025 (taking Silverwood, Rowde site capacity to 400 places)
- Retention and remodelling of Silverwood, Trowbridge and Chippenham campuses, works start summer 2025. (75 places each)
- Melksham House, new SEMH Special School opening autumn 2024 (75 places)

# Questions?

# Local Highways and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)



# Grants for Local Groups

Applications for Community Area Grants



# Area Board Initiatives

- Westbury Area Board – £1,000 towards Westbury Public Living Room.
- Westbury Area Board – £500 towards Dementia Friendly Westbury.

# Community Area Grants

- West Wilts Ramblers Work Party - £678.80 towards Work Party Equipment.
- Bratton Recreation Ground Management Committee - £5,000 towards Bratton Recreation Ground New Storerooms.
- Westbury Shed - £3,448 towards Westbury Workshop facility repair and upgrade.
- Westbury Youth FC - £4,4450 towards Westbury Youth FC equipment and facilities improvement.
- Blue Circle Bowls Club - £2,000 towards Blue Circle Bowls Club new external seating area.
- White Horse Short Mat Bowls Club – £550 towards New Short Mat Bowls carpet for White Horse Short Mat Bowls club.
- Westbury Leigh community project - £3,000 towards Westbury Leigh community project improvements.

# Young People Grants

- Leigh Park Community Centre - £5,000 towards Skills for personal development and employment 2023.
- Westbury Parochial Church Council All Saints Church - £1,820 towards Youth Cafe Westbury.
- Westbury Town Council – £500 towards Soapbox Derby Workshops Wind turbines



# Urgent Items

# Next meeting

19 June 2024, 7.00pm

