

AGENDA

Meeting: Trowbridge Area Board
Place: Southwick Primary School, Hollis Way, Southwick, Trowbridge, BA14 9PH
Date: Thursday 14 March 2024
Time: 6.30 pm

Including the Parishes of: Hilperton, North Bradley, Southwick, Trowbridge, West Ashton

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Cllr Jo Trigg, Lambrok (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Daniel Cave, Park
Cllr Ernie Clark, Hilperton
Cllr Mel Jacob, Paxcroft
Cllr Edward Kirk, Adcroft
Cllr Stewart Palmen, Central
Cllr Horace Prickett, Southwick
Cllr David Vigar, Grove

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1	<p>Apologies</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	6.30pm																											
2	<p>Minutes (Pages 7 - 80)</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2024.</p>																												
3	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>																												
4	<p>Chairman's Announcements</p> <p>The Chairman will give an update on outcomes and actions arising from previous meetings of the Area Board.</p>																												
5	<p>Area Board Funding (Pages 81 - 88)</p> <p>To note the remaining budgets and to consider any applications for funding, as detailed in the attached report and summarised below:</p> <p>Remaining Budgets:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Community Area Grant</th> <th>Older & Vulnerable</th> <th>Young People</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>£12,135.76</td> <td>£0</td> <td>£9,948.79</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Community Area Grants:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ref/Link</th> <th>Grant Details</th> <th>Amount Requested</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>ABG1502</td> <td>Wiltshire Youth for Christ - Additional pop up youth cafe van</td> <td>£5,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ABG1524</td> <td>Wiltshire Rural Music - Equipment for Wiltshire Rural Musics Trowbridge Older Peoples Wellness Club</td> <td>£495</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ABG1654</td> <td>Studley Green Community Association - Studley Green Community Centre refurbishment</td> <td>£4,230</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ABG1667</td> <td>North Bradley Peace Memorial Trust - North Bradley Peace Memorial Hall urgent drainage</td> <td>£1,350</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ABG1670</td> <td>Trowbridge Environmental Community organisation - Trowbridge town park Wildlife garden and woodland glade project</td> <td>£793</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ABG1671</td> <td>Lions Club of Trowbridge - Defibrillators</td> <td>£880</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Community Area Grant	Older & Vulnerable	Young People	£12,135.76	£0	£9,948.79	Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested	ABG1502	Wiltshire Youth for Christ - Additional pop up youth cafe van	£5,000	ABG1524	Wiltshire Rural Music - Equipment for Wiltshire Rural Musics Trowbridge Older Peoples Wellness Club	£495	ABG1654	Studley Green Community Association - Studley Green Community Centre refurbishment	£4,230	ABG1667	North Bradley Peace Memorial Trust - North Bradley Peace Memorial Hall urgent drainage	£1,350	ABG1670	Trowbridge Environmental Community organisation - Trowbridge town park Wildlife garden and woodland glade project	£793	ABG1671	Lions Club of Trowbridge - Defibrillators	£880	6.40pm
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	within Trowbridge Town Centre	
ABG1687	Biss Meadows Country Park - Biss Meadows South Field enhancement	£2,819.54
ABG1693	British Moroccan Community Association -Correct Moroccan Community Town Council Festivals	£500
ABG1697	YMCA Little Shoots Nursery - YMCA Little Shoots Nursery Outdoor Learning Area	£1,593.55

Young People Grants:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG1518	The Amber Foundation - Ambers programme of support	£2,876.10
ABG1611	Trowbridge Town Council - Youth and Transition Event	£1,369.62
ABG1651	Mighty Girls CIC - Trowbridge Girls PILOT	£2,850.00
ABG1684	Saxon Group Riding for the Disabled Association - Saxon RDA Summer Outing	£500
ABG1692	British Moroccan Community Association - Youth events and other activities	£1,500

Further information on the Area Board Grant system can be found [here](#).

6 **Community Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)** **7.20pm**

To receive a presentation on the Community Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) with feedback welcomed on how the data relates to individual local areas.

7 **Partner Updates (Pages 89 - 112)** **7.40pm**

To note the written reports and receive any updates from the following:

- Wiltshire Police
- Child Friendly Trowbridge
- Trowbridge Future
- Town and Parish Councils Nominated Representatives

Town and Parish Councils Nominated Representatives are encouraged to attend the meeting and provide an update on issues and successes arising in their respective areas.

8 **Information Items (Pages 113 - 126)** **8.05pm**

The Board is asked to note the following items:

- BSW Together Update
- Community First Update
- Healthwatch Wiltshire Update
- Local Nature Recovery Strategy Public Engagement
- Wiltshire Best Kept Village Competition
- Wiltshire Council's Cultural Strategy 2023-2030

9 **Area Board Priorities Update**

8.10pm

To receive any updates on the following local Area Board priorities:

- Supporting low-income individuals and families – **Cllr Antonio Piazza**
- Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities – **Cllr Jo Trigg**
- Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing – **Cllr Stewart Palmen**
- Supporting the local economy – **Cllr Daniel Cave**
- Addressing climate change & Protecting Green Spaces – **Cllr Mel Jacob**

10 **Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG)**
(Pages 127 - 136)

8.25pm

To note the minutes and consider any recommendations arising from the last LHFIG meeting held on 8 February 2024, as set out in the attached report.

Further information on the LHFIG process can be found [here](#).

11 **Urgent items**

Any other items of business which the Chairman agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.

12 **Close**

8.30pm

Future Meeting Dates:

- 20 June 2024
- 3 October 2024
- 5 December 2024
- 20 February 2025

For information on applying for a grant or grant application deadlines for these meetings, contact the Area Board Delivery Officer, Caroline.Lequesne@wiltshire.gov.uk

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MINUTES

Meeting: Trowbridge Area Board
Place: The Atrium - County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN
Date: 18 January 2024
Start Time: 6.30 pm
Finish Time: 9.35 pm

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to: Ben Fielding of Democratic Services, (Tel): 01225718656 or (e-mail) Benjamin.fielding@wiltshire.gov.uk. Papers available on the Council's website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

In Attendance:

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Wiltshire Councillors in Attendance:

Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cabinet Member for Transport, Street Scene, and Flooding

Wiltshire Council Officers

Liam Cripps, Strategic Engagement Partnerships Manager
Caroline LeQuesne, Area Board Delivery Officer
Dominic Argar, Assistant Multimedia Officer
Ben Fielding, Senior Democratic Services Officer
Sam Howell, Director Highways and Transport
Dave Thomas, Head of Highways Asset Management & Comm

Office of the Wiltshire and Swindon Police and Crime Commissioner

Perry Payne, Road Safety Partnership Manager

Total in attendance: 44

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Informal Networking</u></p> <p>Those in attendance had the opportunity to partake in an informal networking session with the Cabinet Member, Director and Highways Officers.</p>
2	<p><u>Welcome and Overview</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed those in attendance and provided an overview of the meeting. The Chairman also provided the Officers in attendance an opportunity to introduce themselves.</p> <p>It was outlined that a presentation would take place covering the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Business Plan Priorities • Maintenance • Local Transport Plan • Congestion • Public Transport • Air Quality
3	<p><u>Highways and Transport Presentations</u></p> <p>The Area Board received a presentation from Sam Howell (Director Highways and Transport), Dave Thomas (Head of Highways Asset Management and Comms) and Cllr Caroline Thomas (Cabinet Member for Transport, Street Scene, and Flooding). The presentation covered, but was not limited to, the following matters:</p> <p>Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of the Wiltshire transport context was provided, including how the highway network represented the Council's largest and most valuable public asset with a replacement value of over £5billion including over 2,8000 miles of road. • The relation of Highways and Transport to the Wiltshire Council Business Plan was outlined. • Statistics were provided regarding asset management, including statistics of how many parts of the asset needed to be maintained. <p>Investment in the Network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of the funding available to Highways maintenance was outlined, including that there was a Highways Maintenance fund of £21million, which was topped up by additional funds, such as an additional £3.6million pothole fund. • Other additional sources of funding top ups were covered, including

additional investment from Wiltshire Council and further Government funding to span a two-year period.

- It was noted that as a local authority, Wiltshire was robust and had a preventative eye with the importance of prioritising issues outlined.

The Local Transport Plan:

- The importance of having a Local Transport Plan was outlined, with it setting a framework for maintaining and improving transport in Wiltshire.
- The importance of the Local Transport Plan aligning with the Local Plan Review to help deliver Wiltshire Council's Business Plan priorities was stated, with key themes identified including decarbonisation, freight, and active travel.
- It was noted that there would be plenty of opportunities to be involved in the consultation of the Local Transport Plan.

Public Transport Review:

- An overview was provided regarding the public transport review, which would aim to shape the future bus policy as well as priorities for support.
- The consultation timeframe, which ended on 10 November 2023, was outlined as well as that there had been over 1,000 responses.
- The aim was for a new policy and network to be implemented from April 2024.

Highways Maintenance:

- It was outlined that the Council has three different approaches to maintenance:
 - Reactive Maintenance - Responding to issues as they arise, such as repairing potholes or replacing damaged signs.
 - Planned Maintenance - Scheduling regular maintenance tasks to prevent issues from arising in the first place or getting worse.
 - Asset Maintenance - Taking a long-term view of highways maintenance and involves evaluating the condition of roads and infrastructure and prioritizing maintenance tasks based on factors like condition, safety, cost, and rate of deterioration.
- An overview of benchmarking for Highways was provided following a 2022 South West Road condition scanner survey, with Wiltshire in a good position compared to other local authorities. Furthermore, it was noted that this data was used to prioritise investment.
- An explanation of why so many potholes have occurred was provided as well as detail regarding interim and permanent repairs.
- It was noted that officers have a defect dashboard which enables them to monitor real time data relating to reported and completed defects by area.
- Work regarding flood prevention was outlined, with it noted that the gullies of A and B roads are emptied annually with 5,500 gullies classed

as high risk.

Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) – Cllr David Vigar:

- The role and makeup of the Trowbridge LHFIG was outlined as well as areas which they could fund.
- It was stated that currently the Trowbridge LHFIG has 25 live projects with a budget of £36,600.
- An overview of completed small-scale transport schemes was outlined including work in the Lambrok, Grove and Leap Gate areas. It was stated that work in Manor Road and Woodmarsh was currently on the agenda.

Parish Stewards:

- The role of Parish Stewards was outlined, with it noted that there is 18 Parish Stewards, one for each area, who work with representatives in their parishes to ensure all work requests are clear and are logged for review before they start the work.

Verge and litter clearance:

- It was outlined that grounds maintenance and street cleansing in the Trowbridge town and surrounding area was the responsibility of the Town Council.
- The surrounding area was the responsibility of Wiltshire Council, who had received an extra investment of £0.3m this year.
- Enforcement resources were being increased to tackle the issues of fly tipping and rural littering.
- The following Wiltshire Council campaigns were outlined 'We're Targeting Fly-Tippers' and 'Don't Mess with Wiltshire'.

The Area Board received a presentation from Perry Payne (Road Safety Partnership Manager, OPCC). The presentation covered, but was not limited to, the following matters:

Partnership Work and Community Road Safety Team:

- The role of Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership working was outlined.
- It was stated that the PCC had recently recruited Perry Payne as the new Road Safety Partnership Manager, who would work with partner organisations to conduct work.
- An overview of the work conducted by the Community Road Safety Team was provided.

Community Speed Watch in the Trowbridge Area:

- The role of the Community Speed Watch Team in the Trowbridge area was discussed, with data from July 2020 to January 2024 provided,

	<p>including that a total of 3,666 letters had been provided to offenders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of Traffic Surveys was discussed, with 3 areas in Trowbridge recognised as needing speed education. <p>Roads Policing Unit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of the Roads Policing Unit was discussed, with previous examples of their enforcement work cited with 1,800 tickets issued to motorists for road related offences. <p>Community Speed Enforcement Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of Community Speed Enforcement Officers was outlined, with it noted that though these were not police officers they do have power for enforcement. • County-wide statistics from January 2023 to January 2024 were provided, this included a breakdown of the Trowbridge area, where 140 speed awareness courses had been issued, 17 fines and points, and 1 court involvement.
4	<p><u>Q&A Session</u></p> <p>A question-and-answer session took place coordinated by the Area Board Chairman. Questions raised included:</p> <p>Question – Resident: With the importance of cycling and walking cited, it was questioned whether for meetings such as Area Boards, the LHFIG item could be presented first to demonstrate that the Council’s priorities are with those who are most vulnerable on the roads.</p> <p>Answer: The resident was thanked for their passion on the topic. Currently with the Highways Matters Area Board meetings, the topics that were dominating presentations and discussions were investments and assets, however assurance was provided that the Council had a portfolio for climate change and travel choices. Additionally, the Council had made a commitment to better communicate the work that they are doing more effectively. It was stated that currently the Council was working on a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for Trowbridge, with residents and businesses involved in consultation to identify where investments should be made in walking and cycling routes.</p> <p>Question – Resident: There is a pavement from Trowbridge to Southwick, which residents have a desire to be made into a dual route for pedestrians and cyclists, however they had been told there was not a policy for such narrow strips of pavement, however in other counties there was such a policy.</p> <p>Answer: It is challenging to balance the competing needs of users. New</p>

guidance has recently been provided by the Department of Transport which sets out minimum restrictions for cycleways. Within this guidance there are flexibilities however such a discussion would need to be taken away to balance the needs of users and safety priorities. As such, the Council does not have a policy for not having mixed used paths, however it is mindful when wanting to secure funding from Active Travel England that there is an expectation that investments will meet LTN120 standards. It is hoped that the government will recognise that these standards for London aren't always deliverable in rural areas.

Question – Resident: It was questioned whether it was possible to use block paving for roads which might make maintenance easier with blocks able to be taken up and replaced.

Answer: Materials are chosen based on the location, budget and what technically would be the best materials to use for roads. The example of Castle Street was cited, which has slabs however these were of an asphaltic material. An approach only using block paving everywhere wouldn't be the right approach as it would be time consuming to repair with the joints in between also subject to weed growth.

Question – Resident: It was questioned why Trowbridge doesn't have a speed limit in the town centre like places such as Bath and London, who have 20mph speed limits. A further question was also asked as to why heavy-duty vehicles were allowed to pass through the town centre.

Answer: There is a speed limit in the town centre, which is the urban speed limit of 30mph. There is an option of introducing a 20mph limit as this has been done in a lot of towns through the LHFIG process and the Council would not be against this, although there is a qualifying criterion. Reference was made that a traffic survey would have to take place with 50% of traffic travelling less than 24mph.

Question – Resident: It was questioned what the plans for electric vehicle were charging points in the town centre and whether there had been analysis conducted on how the power for these could be generated by solar and wind.

Answer: Recently funding had been provided by central government to deliver charging in Wiltshire, with work currently being conducted to produce a forward plan for delivery, which would be ready shortly. Currently the market is difficult, however the Council is having live conversations with infrastructure providers and is aware of the challenges around green energy. It has been identified that the cost of 55p per kilowatt unit has been decided following an extensive review of market costs.

Question – Resident: It is understood that BaNES Council has received £7million from fines produced from their implementation of a clean air zone, would Wiltshire be trying to receive any of this money for the diversion created?

Answer: The Council would not be receiving any money from this.

Question – Resident: It was questioned how long road works created by the work conducted because of the Trowbridge Future High Street Fund would last for as businesses were being affected with deliveries blocked and customers prevented from getting to businesses.

Answer: It is fully understood the impact that has been caused by the investment however it was surprised to be heard that this had occurred as early engagement and significant consultation had taken place in the public domain with contractors also having a mandate to work with the businesses affected. Residents were encouraged to speak with Sam Howell after the meeting. It was noted that the funding was separate to Highways and had come from the Department of Levelling Up and had been spread across the country to improve high streets which had been affected by internet shopping and out of town shopping. Trowbridge had obtained £16.5million of this funding with £8million of this being spent on the town hall refurbishment. Further apologies were provided for disruption caused to businesses.

Question – Resident: 20 years ago, Southwick obtained an award for Rights of Way walks and the Rights of Way Team did a fantastic job constructing this however it has gradually deteriorated as it has been maintained by ramblers volunteer groups who need supervision. The Parish constantly writes to the Rights of Way Team but is lucky if they get a reply.

Answer: This is a funding and prioritisation issue with not much funding available. Additionally, there has been a challenge in recruiting Rights of Way Officers. Volunteer groups have not been stood down but rather have been paused as they need supervision including provision of equipment and materials. This year the Council has started recycling plainings from road maintenance on Rights of Ways.

Question – Resident: There is a large carpark outside of County Hall which is free at weekends but very few people know about it. If this had signage perhaps people would park there and spend time in the town centre.

Answer: This was noted and would be taken away.

Question – Cllr Stewart Palmen: Yellow lines have been put down in order to keep traffic from parking in bad positions however there seems to be a perception that there are not many traffic wardens to enforce them. People

seem to be taking risks as they don't feel that they will get caught, especially around schools and drop off points.

Answer: There have been significant recruitment challenges in enforcement, but the Council will be fully staffed subject to new employees completing their training. Though additional work is taking place in Trowbridge, it's not possible for enforcement officers to be everywhere all the time. Additionally, Cabinet Members have discussed that they don't have a view on placing a limit on the number of enforcement officers that can be recruited as should the number rise, they tend to cover their hiring costs.

Question – Cllr Stewart Palmen: With planned highways maintenance on specific roads, is it possible to find out when work is happening in areas so that residents can be provided with advanced notice?

Answer: There is a Highways Assets page on the Wiltshire Council website which contains all the 7-year programmes subject to change depending on the deterioration of assets and funding. Additionally, a 12-month work programme is produced annually for the approval of the Cabinet Member. A website refresh requested by the Department of Transport is currently being undertaken with it expected to be complete by the end of March with pages fully updated.

Question – Cllr Edward Kirk: Comments were aligned with business owners who had previously spoken and that there was a weakness in communicating to businesses the work which was set to be carried out. Issues such as not having an alternative provision for unloading was cited as well as notices on loading bays. A further question was also asked regarding free parking on weekends at County Hall having previously been told that this could not be promoted.

Answer: It was suggested that a conversation take place outside of the meetings as a retailer's group with Sam Howell also set to have conversations with contractors on what they should be doing. Assurance was also provided that conversations would take place regarding the free parking.

Question – Cllr Jo Trigg: Queries have been received regarding safety at school pick up times with parking becoming more reckless. Is there an investment approach to support schools particularly in a condensed area, such as going into schools to assist with comms to parents?

Answer: Road safety around schools is dealt with by a combination of methods including education and delivering engineering. There is a difficulty as though parents say that parking is a problem, they often admit to parking improperly. Additional support will be going into schools to assist with this. It is acknowledged that post Covid a lot of school travel plans are now out of date, therefore the Council plans to speak to schools as quickly as they can about this. The Council wants to move forward in partnership with schools and parents.

5	<p><u>Session Summary and Next Steps</u></p> <p>The Chairman of the Area Board summarised session as well as next steps with key actions to be provided in due course. It was noted that written answers would be provided on the website with the presentation published as part of the minutes.</p>
6	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>No apologies for absence were received.</p>
7	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2023 were presented for consideration and it was;</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>To approve and sign as a true and correct record of the minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2023.</p>
8	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Stewart Palmen and Cllr Jo Trigg declared an interest in the Trowbridge Future grant application as they were Trowbridge Future Trustees. They stated that they would not vote on the application.</p> <p>Cllr Edward Kirk declared an interest in the Area Board Initiative grant application as a Town Council officer had come into his shop in regarding to potentially having a defibrillator device in the Wicker Hill area. Cllr Kirk stated that he would not vote on the application.</p>
9	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Strategic Engagement Partnerships Manager informed the Area Board of the opening balances for grant funding, after which the Area Board considered the following applications for funding:</p> <p><u>Area Board Initiatives:</u></p> <p>Cllr Antonio Piazza - £750 towards Defibrillator in Honour of Max George</p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>£750 was awarded towards a defibrillator in Honour of Max George.</p> <p>Moved – Cllr Antonio Piazza Seconded – Cllr Daniel Cave</p>

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

Cllr Kirk abstained from voting.

Community Area Grants:

Friends of Southwick Country Park - £479 towards Additional equipment for the Friends of Southwick Country Park Local Nature Reserve.

Decision:

Friends of Southwick Country Park was awarded £479 towards Additional equipment for the Friends of Southwick Country Park Local Nature Reserve.

Moved – Cllr Jo Trigg

Seconded – Cllr Stewart Palmen

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

YMCA Brunel Group on behalf of YMCA Green Shoots Nursery - £2,130 towards YMCA Green Shoots Nursery Development of Sensory Garden.

Decision:

YMCA Brunel Group on behalf of YMCA Green Shoots Nursery was awarded £2,130 towards YMCA Green Shoots Nursery Development of Sensory Garden.

Moved – Cllr Jo Trigg

Seconded – Cllr Mel Jacob

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

The Pump Trowbridge CIC - £1,800.24 towards The Pump Trowbridge equipment development.

Decision:

The Pump Trowbridge CIC was awarded £1,800.24 towards The Pump Trowbridge equipment development subject to the provision of their most recent Safeguarding Policy.

Moved – Cllr Stewart Palmen

Seconded – Cllr David Vigar

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

Busy Bees Playgroup - £5,000 towards Playground canopy installation and outdoor activity enhancements including sensory water flow area.

Decision:

Busy Bees Playgroup was awarded £5,000 towards Playground canopy installation and outdoor activity enhancements including sensory water flow area.

**Moved – Cllr Mel Jacob
Seconded – Cllr Horace Prickett**

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

Cllr Kirk and Cllr Cave abstained from voting.

Older and Vulnerable Grants:

We Hear You - £3616.65 towards We Hear You cancer counselling in Trowbridge.

Decision:

We Hear You was awarded £3,616.65 towards We Hear You cancer counselling in Trowbridge, with the funding split between the Older & Vulnerable Grant funding and Youth Grant funding pots.

**Moved – Cllr David Vigar
Seconded – Cllr Stewart Palmen**

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

Arts Together - £2,500 towards Arts Together Projects for Isolated and Vulnerable Older People in Trowbridge.

Decision:

Arts Together was awarded £2,500 towards Arts Together Projects for Isolated and Vulnerable Older People in Trowbridge.

Moved – Cllr Jo Trigg

Seconded – Cllr Stewart Palmen

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

Youth Grants:

Trowbridge Future - £5,000 towards Mill Street Youth Provision.

Decision:

Trowbridge Future was awarded £5,000 towards Mill Street Youth Provision.

Moved – Cllr Antonio Piazza

Seconded – Cllr Mel Jacob

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

Cllr Palmen and Cllr Trigg abstained from voting.

The Equivalent Project CIC - £1,805.56 towards Self harm support programme.

Decision:

The Equivalent Project CIC was awarded £1,805.56 towards Self harm support programme.

Moved – Cllr Daniel Cave

Seconded – Cllr Jo Trigg

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

Trowbridge Town Hall Trust - £5,000 towards Giving Youth A Voice.

Decision:

Trowbridge Town Hall was awarded £5,000 towards Giving Youth A Voice subject to the receipt of £40,000 funding from Arts Council England and the provision of their most recent Safeguarding Policy.

Moved – Cllr Jo Trigg

Seconded – Cllr Daniel Cave

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

	<p>The Pump Trowbridge CIC - £1,200 towards The Future Sound of Trowbridge.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>The Pump Trowbridge was awarded £1,200 towards The Future Sound of Trowbridge subject to the provision of their most recent Safeguarding Policy.</p> <p>Moved – Cllr Antonio Piazza Seconded – Cllr David Vigar</p> <p><u>Reason</u> – <i>The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24.</i></p>
10	<p><u>Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p>Cllr David Vigar introduced the minutes and recommendations from the LHFIG meeting held on 30 November 2023.</p> <p>After which, it was;</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>The minutes of the Local Highways and Footway Improvement Group meeting held on 30 November 2023 were agreed as a correct record and the spending recommendations within were approved.</p>
11	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
12	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The date of the next meeting was 14 March 2024.</p>

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Highways Matters Trowbridge

18th January 2024

Agenda and Housekeeping

1. Welcome and Introduction – Chair
2. Highway Matters Presentation
3. Update from Office of Police and Crime Commissioner
4. Q&A
5. Close

Wiltshire context

Modern transport has transformed our society and economy. It has enabled us to take advantage of a wide range of dispersed opportunities and to keep in contact with family and friends. Advances in road haulage and distribution methods have stimulated economic growth by helping to provide us with unparalleled consumer choices, a 24-hour society and just-in-time deliveries.

At the same time, however, our reliance on the private car and the lorry has led to busier and more congested roads. This, in turn, has resulted in fewer people keeping healthy through walking and cycling, increased concerns with regard to noise and other community aspects, accessibility issues for people who rely on public transport, and significant environmental impacts such as air pollution and climate change.

So, while transport can be viewed as simply a 'means to an end' (i.e. it just gets us from A to B), in reality it's a key element of a modern society with impacts on the economy, climate change, people's health, social exclusion, street scenes and the countryside.

Wiltshire Context

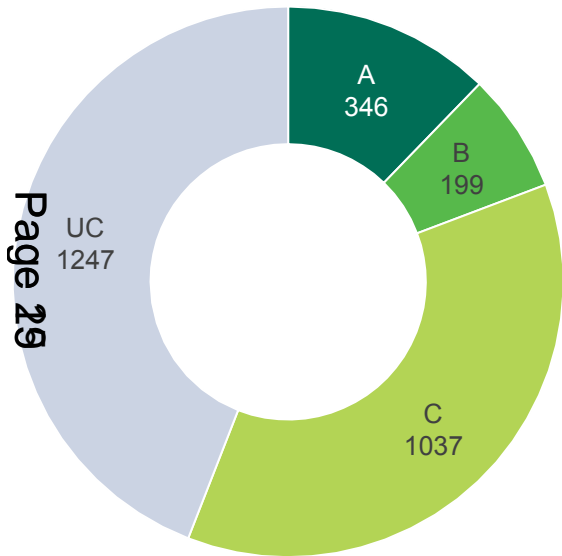
- The highway network – roads, bridges and related infrastructure – represents the Council's largest and most valuable public asset with a replacement value of over £5 billion.
- Over 2,800 miles of roads, and extensive public rights of way network;
- Extensive public transport network, which we have sustained despite financial challenges and changing travel patterns

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Asset Management - some numbers

Over 2800 miles of road by class



50,000 street lights and 6000 sign lights



65 signal controlled junctions



145 signal controlled pedestrian crossings



293 Belisha beacons



981 highway bridges



85000 road gullies

Investment in our network

Highways Maintenance Fund - £21m

Additional £3.6m pothole fund

Integrated Transport Funding - £2.1m

Bus Service Improvement Plan - £4.2m

Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure - £4.7m

Additional Investment by Wiltshire Council - 2022

- £150,000 pa over three years to tackle fly-tipping
- £200,000 per year for next three years for white-lining
- £333,000 per year to help prevent flooding, directed to gully cleaning

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2023

- £500,000 for signing strategy
- £510,000 for flyposting removal and enforcement, litter picking rural highways, cleaning multi-story car parks and communications

2023/24/25 - additional £10m for preventative maintenance

2023/24/25 - additional £5.228m from cancellation of HS2



Local Transport Plan

- The Local Transport Plan sets the framework for maintaining and improving transport in Wiltshire;
- It needs to align to our Local Plan Review and will help deliver Wiltshire Council's Business Plan priorities for transport across the County;
- We carried out an 'issues and options' consultation during 2023 and are currently drafting core and theme documents.
- Key themes will include:
 - Road Safety;
 - Public Transport;
 - Car Parking Strategy;
 - Freight;
 - Active Travel
 - Decarbonisation.
- Public Consultation will follow in Spring/Summer 2014 with final adoption later in the year.



Public Transport Review - consultation

- Aim is to help shape future bus policy and priorities for support
- Will help ensure we are providing value for money whilst delivering on Business Plan priorities and objectives of the National Bus Strategy
- Bus market has changed since COVID 19 - lower patronage levels
- Driver shortage and inflationary pressures
- Stakeholder consultation June 2023 - 163 responses
- Wider public consultation until November 10th
- Over 1000 responses to date
- Aim for a new policy and network for implementation from April 2024
- <https://wiltshirebusreview.commonplace.is/>



Local Issues

- Highway Maintenance
- Current traffic conditions and Future High Street Fund Schemes
- Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan
- Parish Steward Scheme
- Flooding

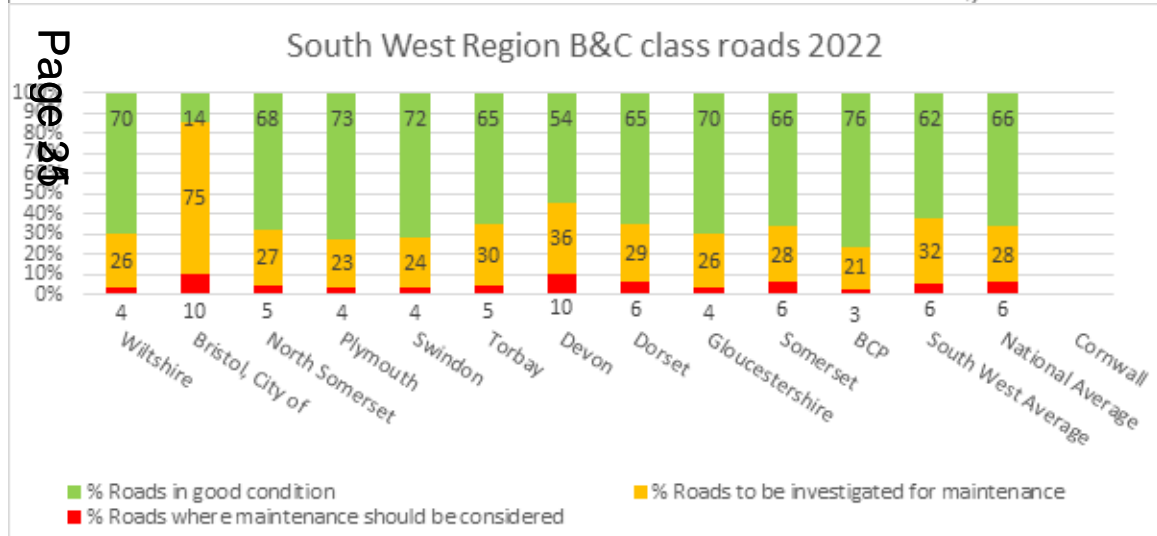
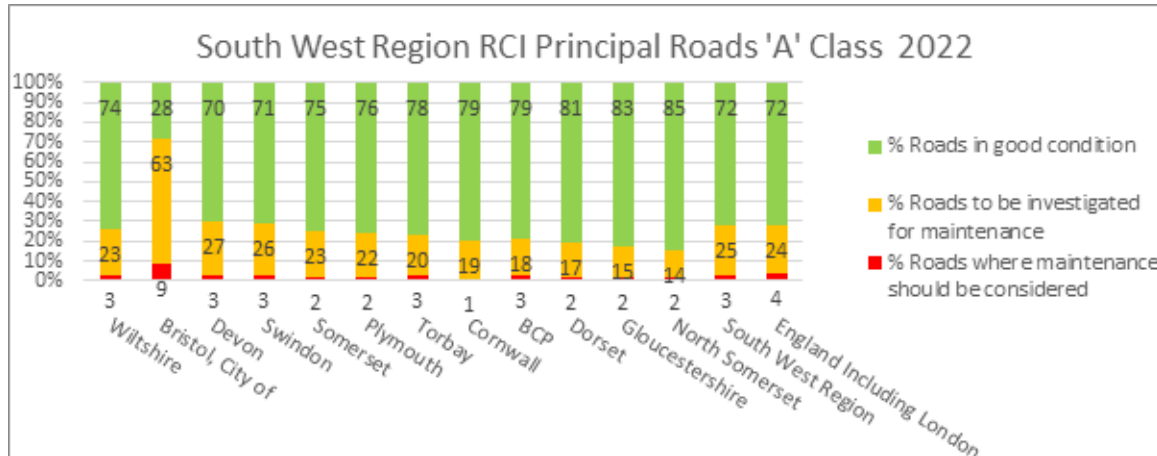
Highways Maintenance

Highways maintenance typically refers to the upkeep and repair of public roads, pavements, and other related infrastructure. This can include tasks such as filling potholes, resurfacing roads, repairing bridges, road signs and markings, traffic signals and street lights.

- 1. Reactive maintenance:** This approach involves responding to issues as they arise, such as repairing potholes or replacing damaged signs. Reactive repairs are primarily driven from our scheduled inspections but also public reports such as via the MyWilts app. When assessing defects, we apply intervention levels as laid out in our Highways Inspection Manual – in other words, we prioritise the response based on specific safety criteria.
- 2. Planned maintenance:** This approach involves scheduling regular maintenance tasks to prevent issues from arising in the first place or getting worse. For example, regular road resurfacing or bridge inspections to identify and address issues before they become more serious.
- 3. Asset management:** This approach involves taking a long-term view of highways maintenance, and involves evaluating the condition of roads and infrastructure and prioritizing maintenance tasks based on factors like condition, safety, cost, and rate of deterioration.

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Highways Maintenance - Benchmarking



2022 South West Road condition scanner survey benchmarking

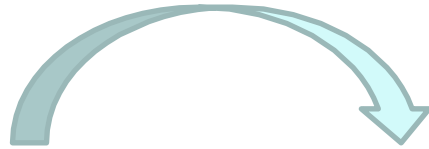
Scanner surveys provide a consistent method for measuring road surface conditions. The data is used to help inform maintenance decisions. The Scanner survey collects surface and geometric data using vehicle mounted lasers and cameras. Forty three parameters are collected and the results reported to the Department for Transport on an annual basis.

Potholes Why so many?



Summer 2022 Dry & Hot

Road Surface Temperatures in Excess of **55 degrees C**



Autumn 2022 Wet

November – 145% of normal rainfall



Winter Dec Onwards – long periods Sub Zero

Road Surface Temperatures fell below **-9 Degrees C**



Interim Repair

- Undertaken to keep road safe
- Can provide a durable repair
- Enables more extensive repairs to be programmed efficiently



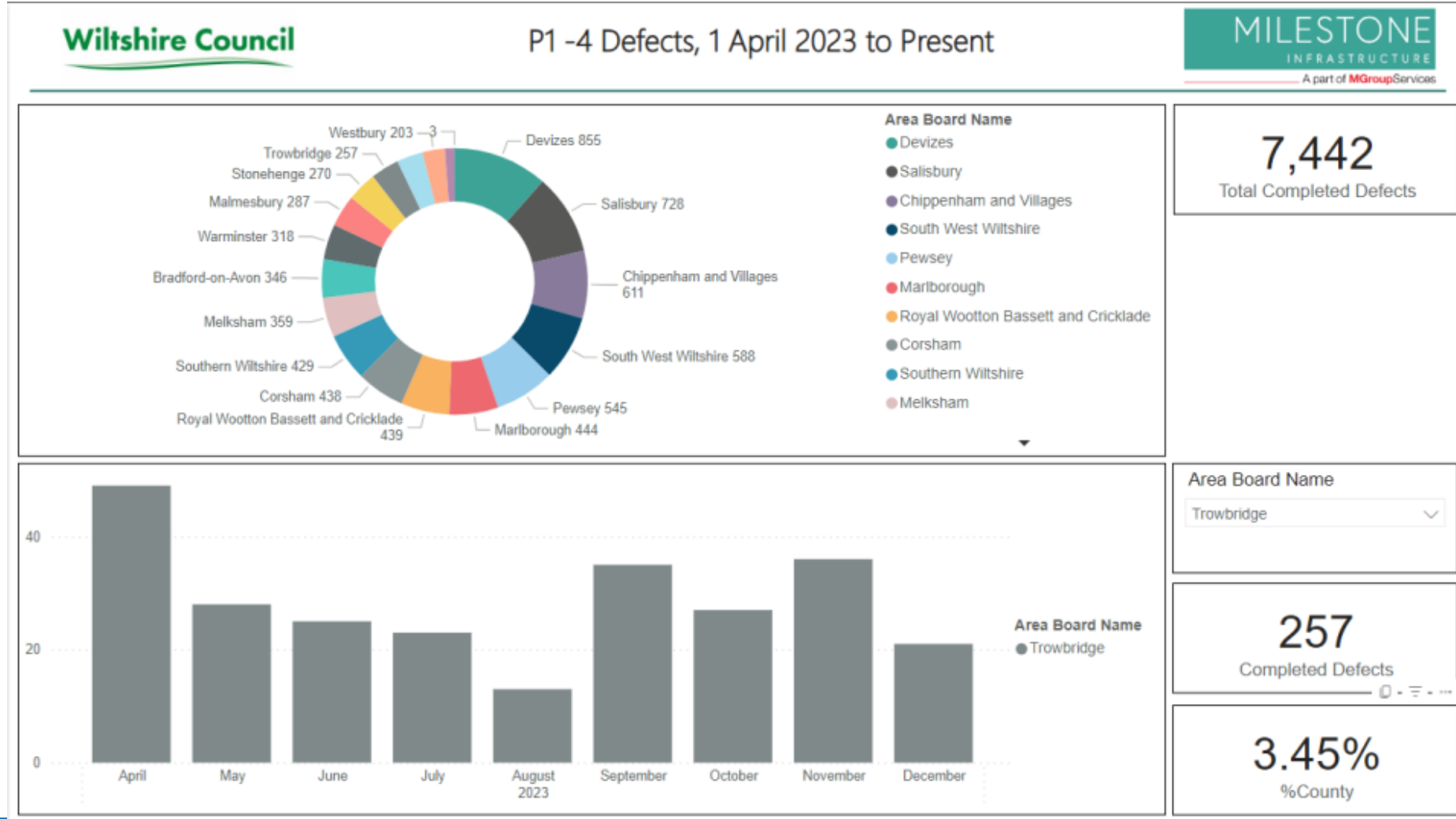
Permanent Repair

- Failed Area Cut out using a mini planer
- Reinstated using “hot” material hand laid



Innovation – Defect dashboard

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Flood Prevention

- A & B Roads Gullies Emptied Annually
- Along with around 5500 gullies classed as High Risk
- Remaining Gullies emptied on a 3 year cycle



Gully Tanker/Vactor



Tractor Mounted Grip
Cutting Head

- Grips cut annually

Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)

- 18 Groups across the County aligned to the Area Boards.
- LHFIGs exist to enable local communities to raise local highway issues, prioritise them, and provide a mechanism for these issues to be addressed.
- The Groups have an annual funding allocation to allow delivery of solutions.
- Representation at the Group is through Parish & Town Councils.
- Lots of detail on the Wiltshire.gov website on the Highways pages.

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Trowbridge LHFIG

- Current budget £65,751 Commitments £76,638
- 25 live projects

Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)

LHFIGs can fund the following:

Pedestrian improvements: including dropped kerbs, new footways, substantive improvements to existing footways, pedestrian crossings (including assessments).

Cycle improvements: new cycle paths, cycle parking / storage.

Bus infrastructure: new and replacement Shelters (subject to agreement on future maintenance liability), bus border kerbs, bus stop road markings.

Traffic signing: new and replacement signs (including signposts), street name plates, village gateways.

New road markings: new and replacement of existing markings.

Speed limits: assessment and implementation.

Waiting restrictions: assessments and implementation.

Footpath improvements: styles, gates, surface improvements to rights of ways (council maintainable only).

Drainage: minor improvements, new gullies.

Street lighting: new installations.

Traffic management measures: including Sockets and posts for SID (Speed Indication Device) equipment.

Parish Steward Scheme

- Our team of Parish Stewards are specially trained to complete small-scale discretionary local highways priority works to town and parishes.
- There are 18 Parish Stewards, one for each community area, who work with representatives in their parishes to ensure all work requests are clear and are logged for review before they start the work. We also have a support gang that works with the Parish Stewards on larger-scale projects, based on demand.
- Tasks include proactive and reactive works. For example, verge siding out, vegetation clearance, pothole repair, drain and gully clearance.

Verge and litter clearance – extra funds

- Grounds maintenance and street cleansing in the Trowbridge is the responsibility of the Town Council.
 - The surrounding area is the responsibility of Wiltshire Council and this has received an extra investment of £0.3m this year.
 - Enforcement resources are being increased to tackle the issues of fly posting, fly tipping and rural littering.
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- Loan cleaning equipment is provided by the council's street cleaning contractor, idverde, to town and parish councils to support community events.
- Idverde are also available to support community groups with street scene improvement works.
 - **'We're Targeting Fly-Tippers'** and **'Don't Mess with Wiltshire'**

Thank you for listening.

There will time for questions from the floor;

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**All questions received, in advance and this evening,
will be responded to;**

Answers will be made available on our website.

Q&A

WILTSHIRE POLICE

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Road Safety update – Trowbridge Area Board

Thursday 18 January 2024



• #FATAL5 education



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In the UK, more than
200 people die
every year, in a drink-drive related crash

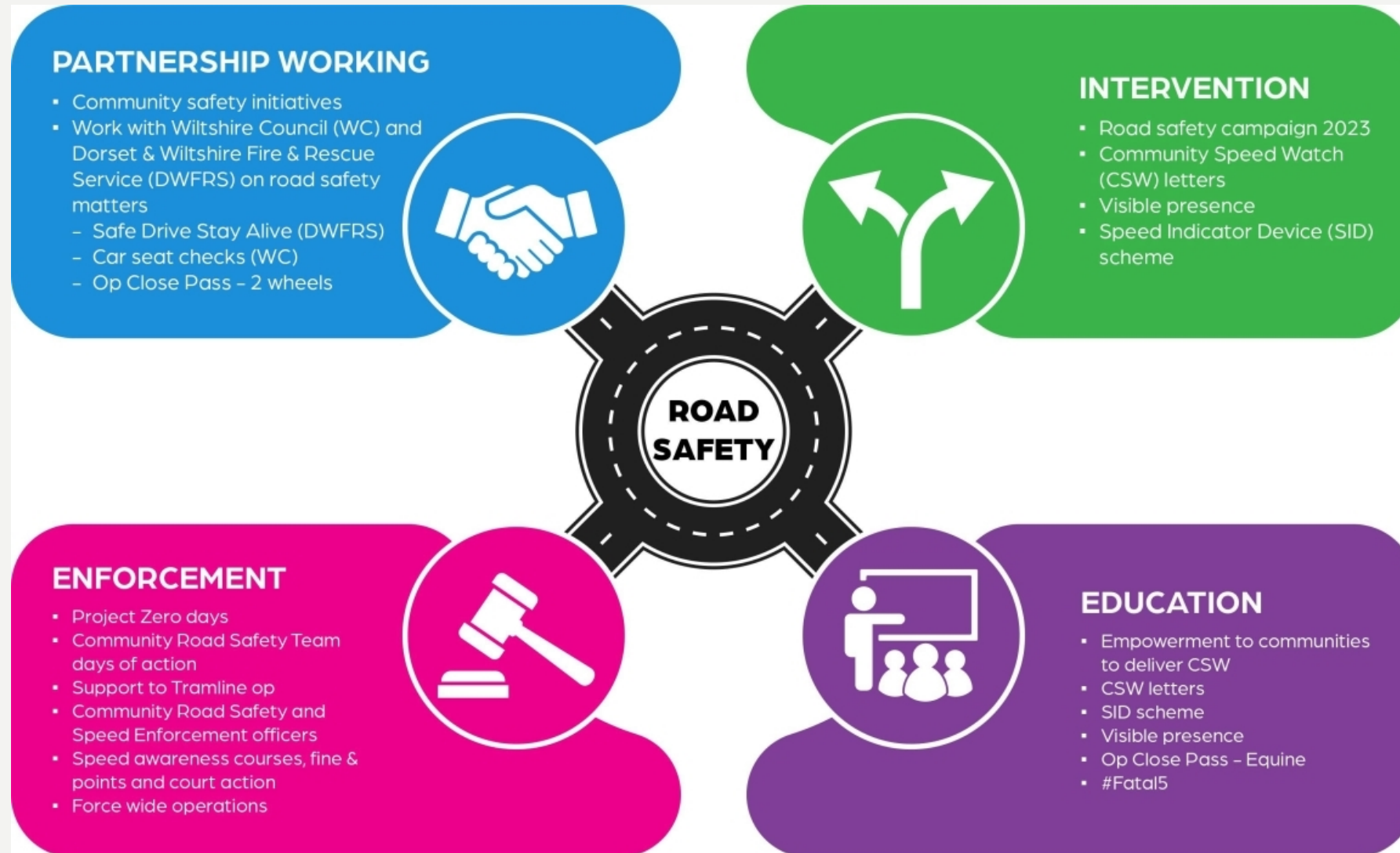
It's simple, if you're going to drive, don't drink and if you've had a drink, never drive. Any amount of alcohol impairs your driving.



CrimeStoppers.
Speak up. Stay safe.

0800 555 111
100% anonymous. Always.

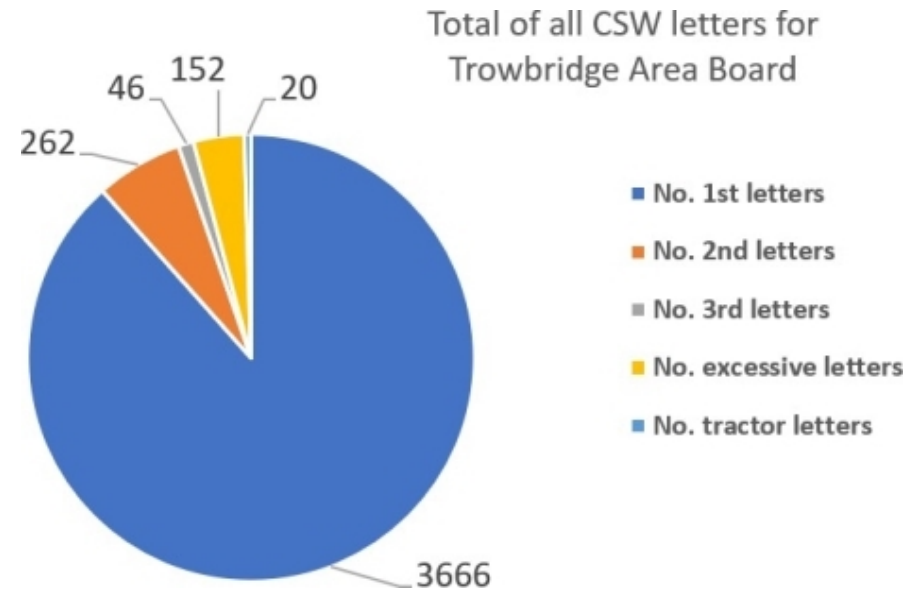
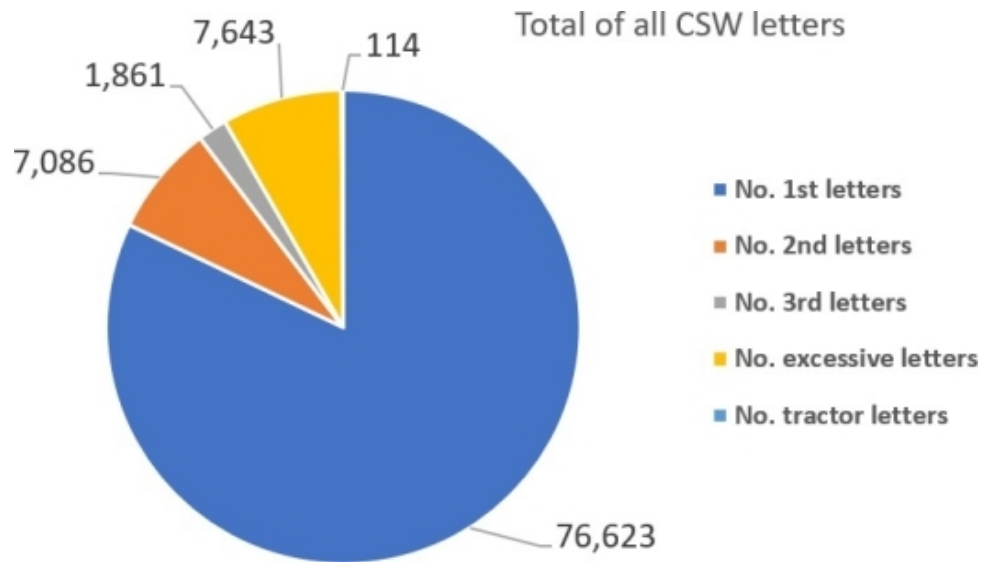
• Community Road Safety Team; what we do



• CSW Trowbridge area - Data since July 2020 to 5 January 2024

Team	No. 1st letters	No. 2nd letters	No. 3rd letters	No. excessive letters	No. tractor letters	Total letters	No. of watches	Average speeders %
Hilperton	163	19	0	7	1	190	44	9.9%
North Bradley	1607	83	11	72	18	1791	106	2.2%
Southwick	348	18	2	10	0	378	124	0.9%
Steeple Ashton	685	104	26	45	1	861	89	4.7%
Trowbridge - Cockhill	758	32	3	16	0	809	41	2.8%
West Ashton	105	6	4	2	0	117	53	2.2%
Grand Total	3666	262	46	152	20	4146	457	3.1%

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• Traffic surveys – Trowbridge since October 2020 to September 2023

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Title	Result	Survey start date	Speed limit	85th percentile	CPT	Area Board
Forest Road Melksham	No further action	21/11/2021	30	22	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Hilperton - Whaddon lane	No further action	11/09/2021	30	28	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Melksham - A365 Bath Road,	Speed education	10/12/2020	30	35.8	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Melksham - Badre Park	No further action	01/12/2021	30	26	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Semington, C395, High Street	Speed education	25/04/2022	30	35.28	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Shaw - Bath Road,	No further action	10/12/2020	40	38.4	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Spa Road Melksham	No further action	12/10/2021	30	29.6	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Steeple Ashton - C19 Ashton Common 042-024	Speed education	15/05/2023	30	36.7	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Steeple Ashton - Common Hill	Speed education	08/05/2022	30	37.89	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Steeple Langford - Duck Street	No further action	29/11/2021	30	25.8	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Trowbridge - College Road,	No further action	10/12/2020	20	22.5	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Trowbridge - Drynham Road	Speed education	18/11/2020	20	26.9	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Trowbridge - Dursley Road,	No further action	02/11/2020	20	22.6	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Trowbridge - Silver Street Lane,	No further action	10/12/2020	30	32.5	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Trowbridge - Union Street	No further action	14/11/2021	30	27.7	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
West Ashton - Bratton Road	No further action	12/10/2021	30	31.9	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
West Ashton - Bratton Road,	No further action	02/11/2020	30	30.5	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Wingfield - B3109 Bradford Road	No further action	20/03/2023	40	43.1	Trowbridge	Trowbridge

Community Road Safety Officers

CRSO's

Your officer is Charlotte Sartin

• CRSO's

Recent activity

Community Road Safety Day of Action

- **26 September - Swindon**
 - 5 Community Road Safety Officers & Staff
 - 11 Neighbourhood Officers
 - 6 RPU
 - 40+ different locations targeted
 - 2 CSW team supported
 - 150+ offences caught
- **17 October - Chippenham, RWB & Devizes**
 - 4 Community Road Safety Officers & Staff
 - 12 Neighbourhood Officers
 - 5 RPU
 - 40+ different locations targeted
 - 3 CSW team supported
 - 98 offences caught



Tier 1

 National Roads Partnership Calendar 2022-2023

6 September

Vulnerable Road Users

 12th Sep - 25th Sep Comms

 19th Sep - 25th Sep Enforcement

 Project Edward

 19th - 23rd Sep

 #ProjectEDWARD



Chat Café visit

Child Car Seat Checks with:

Wiltshire Council



CHILD SEAT SAFETY

• THE CAR SEAT EXPERTS •

Accredited in car seat training

RESULTS:



Upcoming activity

Tier 1

 National Roads Partnership Calendar 2022-2023

9 December

Fatal Four

 National Alcohol and Drugs Operation

 1st Dec - 1st Jan Comms

 1st Dec - 1st Jan Enforcement

• Wider work recently

All offences below made national news.

Our Roads Policing Unit (RPU) in the last quarter, covering July to September, issued over **1800 tickets** to motorists, for numerous road related offences.



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Wilts Specialist Ops
@WiltsSpecOps

#RPU 'caught' this freshly stolen bus from Bristol on the M4 'hiding' in the services. Some help from the public and a swift foot patrol by RPU arrested the driver sus TWOC, drug drive plus other driving offences. You wait and wait for a bus and then....a stolen one arrives!




11:32 AM · Sep 27, 2023 · 196.5K Views

View post engagements

122 167 1,288 11

Wilts Specialist Ops
@WiltsSpecOps

#RPU managed to get 5 Mclarens stopped on the A303 after the pack were driving in excess of 100mph and close proximity driving to themselves and the public. This isn't a race track so take your 'driving experience' and sign the traffic offence report (push hard it's 3 copies)



2:04 PM · Sep 25, 2023 · 922.8K Views

View post engagements

243 269 2,381 41

Wilts Specialist Ops
@WiltsSpecOps

#RPU caught the driver of this BMW travelling at 103mph along the M4 today. Driver also had no insurance and gave a positive roadside breath test blowing 54. Driver arrested and failed to provide in custody. Driver will be charged and disqualified #Fatal5 #Arrested #RoadSafety



7:40 PM · Sep 30, 2023 · 34.5K Views

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Community Speed Enforcement Officers

CSEO's



• CSEO – Dashboard overall – 1 January 2023 to date

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CSEO Activity Dashboard

Outcomes are dependent on previous convictions and history

7,297.00

No. Speed awareness co...

979.00

No. Fine & Points

88.00

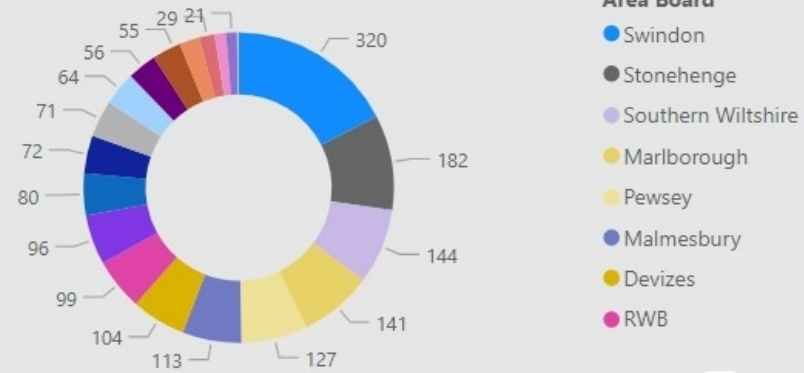
No. Court

685

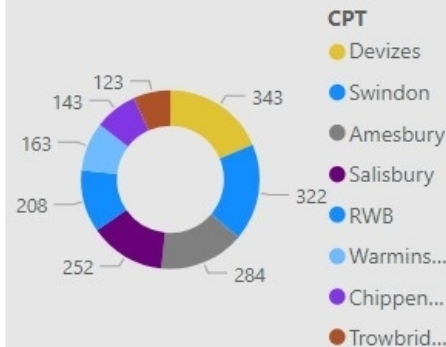
No. of Locations

Location	Year	Month	Speed awareness course	Fine & Points	Court	CPT	Area Board
Swindon - Thamesdown Drive	2023	December	251.00	54.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Shaw and Whitley - A365 Folly Lane	2023	November	115.00	11.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	August	102.00	31.00	4.00	Salisbury	South West Wi
Harnham - Lime Kiln Way	2023	November	97.00	11.00	0.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	November	84.00	33.00	8.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Cricklade - Spital Lane	2023	April	80.00	10.00	0.00	RWB	RWB
Tilshead - Candown Road	2023	August	78.00	10.00	1.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	November	72.00	10.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	July	71.00	9.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Harnham - Lime Kiln Way	2023	October	71.00	7.00	0.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	August	69.00	9.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Ogbourne St Andrew	2023	December	69.00	9.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	June	64.00	8.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	September	64.00	5.00	1.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Sutton Benger - B4069 Downton Road -	2023	November	62.00	13.00	0.00	Chippenham	Chippenham
	2023	September	61.00	2.00	1.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
Total			7,297.00	979.00	88.00		

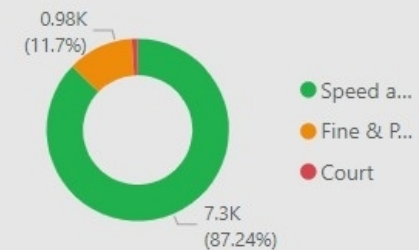
Activity by Area Board



Activity by CPT

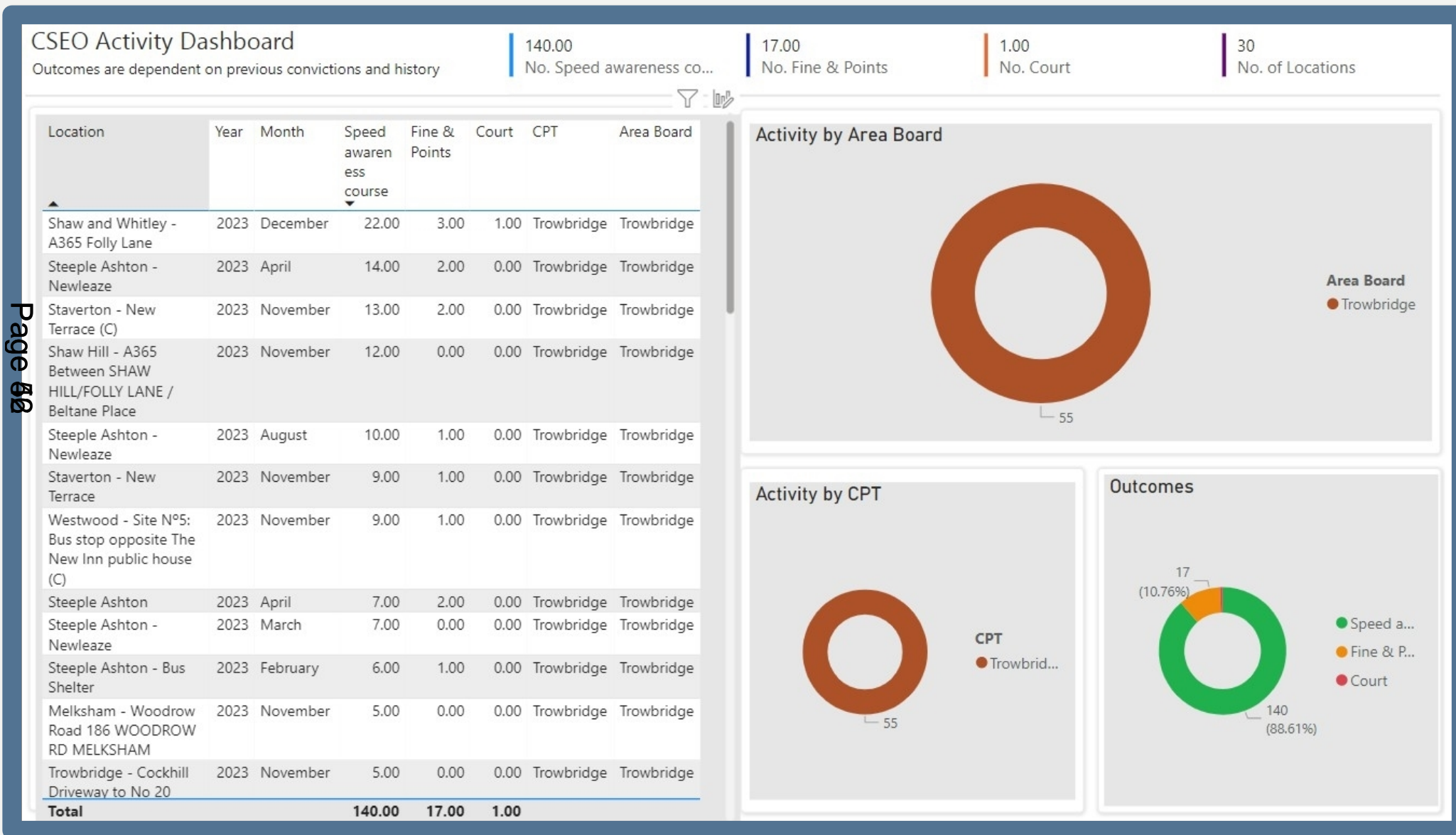


Outcomes



• CSEO – Trowbridge Area Board - 1 January 2023 to date

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Urgent Area Board Business

Minutes for Approval

Please approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2023.

Declarations of Interest

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

Grants for Local Groups

Applications for Community Area Grants



Area Board Initiatives

- Cllr Antonio Piazza - £750.00 towards Defibrillator in Honour of Max George

Community Area Grants

- Friends of Southwick Country Park - £479.00 towards Additional equipment for the Friends of Southwick Country Park Local Nature Reserve.
- YMCA Brunel Group on behalf of YMCA Green Shoots Nursery - £2130.00 towards YMCA Green Shoots Nursery Development of Sensory Garden.
- The Pump Trowbridge CIC - £1800.24 towards The Pump Trowbridge equipment development.
- Busy Bees Playgroup - £5000.00 towards Playground canopy installation and outdoor activity enhancements including sensory water flow area.

Older & Vulnerable Grants

- We Hear You - £3616.65 towards We Hear You cancer counselling in Trowbridge.
- Arts Together - £2500.00 towards Arts Together Projects for Isolated and Vulnerable Older People in Trowbridge.

Young People Grants

- Trowbridge Future - £5000.00 towards Mill Street Youth Provision.
- The Equivalent Project CIC - £1805.56 towards Self harm support programme.
- Trowbridge Town Hall Trust -£5000.00 towards Giving Youth A Voice.
- The Pump Trowbridge CIC - £1200.00 towards The Future Sound of Trowbridge.

Local Highways and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)



Urgent Items

Next meeting

14 March 2024



Trowbridge Highways Matters 18th January 2024

With the importance of cycling and walking cited, it was questioned whether for meetings such as Area Boards, the LHFIG item could be presented first to demonstrate that the Council's priorities are with those who are most vulnerable on the roads.

This can be raised at considered at the Area Board for consideration.

Southwick

There is a pavement from Trowbridge to Southwick, which residents have a desire to be made into a dual route for pedestrians and cyclists, however they had been told there was not a policy for such narrow strips of pavement, however in other counties there was such a policy.

New guidance has recently been provided by the Department of Transport which sets out minimum standards for cycleways (LTN 120). Within this guidance there are flexibilities; however it is important to balance the needs of different users and safety priorities. Also, in order to secure funding from Active Travel England that there is an expectation that investments will meet LTN120 standards.

It is hoped that the government will recognise that these standards, originally built for London, aren't always deliverable in rural areas.

20 years ago, Southwick obtained an award for Rights of Way walks and the Rights of Way Team did a fantastic job constructing this however it has gradually deteriorated as it has been maintained by rambler volunteer groups who need supervision. The Parish constantly writes to the Rights of Way Team but is lucky if they get a reply.

Unfortunately, this is a funding and prioritisation issue with insufficient funding available. Additionally, there has been a challenge in recruiting Rights of Way Officers. Volunteer groups have not been stood down but rather were paused temporarily as they need supervision as well as provision of equipment and materials.

This year the Council has started recycling planings from road maintenance on Rights of Ways and hopes to support an increase in the number of volunteer hours across the county.

It was questioned whether it was possible to use block paving for roads which might make maintenance easier with blocks able to be taken up and replaced.

Materials are chosen based on the location, budget and what technically would be the best materials to use for roads. The example of Castle Street was cited, which has slabs; however, these were of an asphaltic material. An approach only using block paving everywhere would not be the right approach – it would not contribute to

a sense of place and would be expensive and time consuming to repair with the joints in between also subject to weed growth.

Speed Limits

It was questioned why Trowbridge doesn't have a speed limit in the town centre like places such as Bath and London, who have 20mph speed limits. A further question was also asked as to why heavy-duty vehicles were allowed to pass through the town centre.

There is a speed limit in the town centre, which is the urban speed limit of 30mph. There is an option of introducing a 20mph limit as this has been done in a lot of towns through the LHFIG process and the Council would not be against this, although there are qualifying criteria. A traffic survey would have to take place and show average speeds of up to 24mph to enable implementation.

What are authorities doing about the growing trend of vehicles in the area that are fitted with modified exhaust systems, clearly intended to make more (anti social) noise and are often associated excess speed? One thing that needs to be addressed is a growing concern relating to car exhausts that are clearly above the legal decibel level in conjunction with excess speed in built up areas, especially Wiltshire Drive and sides roads off Wiltshire Drive. We live in Champion Drive which is a 20mph zone and the noise level and speed from several cars is extreme. We and our neighbours have complained to the individuals also reported 4 times to the Police with no action taken by the latter. Delivery drivers are also oblivious to speed signs. We believe Bath has a speed detector that also registers noise levels from exhausts, suggest this may be put up for discussion with possible further action for Wiltshire, especially Trowbridge.

There is a noticeable rise in the number of vehicles, both cars and motorcycles, operating with noisy exhaust systems in and around the town and is of particular note in the Wiltshire Drive/ White Horse Business Park area. Residents have raised complaints with the police but to date nothing has changed. These vehicles are the only ones audible when passing my house and they remain in earshot until they leave the White Horse Business Park. In my estimation there is possibly also a speeding component with the noise intensifying as the vehicles are accelerated hard.

The Motor Vehicle (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 lay down maximum permitted noise levels from exhausts, and these regulations are enforced by the police and the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA). In the UK, the maximum legal noise level for a car's exhaust system is 74 decibels when measured from a distance of 0.5 meters from the exhaust pipe. This limit applies to all types of vehicles, including cars, motorcycles, and commercial vehicles. Assuming the offending vehicles are otherwise compliant with the regulations it raises the issue of how an MoT Certificate was obtained. I note the recent successful prosecution by DVSA of a garage actively altering vehicle exhausts to increase 'noise effects'.

Wiltshire Council does not have enforcement powers for noisy exhausts; however, they can be reported to the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) or the Police who, along with speeding issues, may be able to take action based on a breach of Motor Vehicle (Construction and Use) Regulations.

Police are responsible for enforcement and information on their approach can be found via this link:

<https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/about-us/campaigns/road-safety/>

Hilperton Road (A361) suffers from speeding traffic travelling at well over the 30mph speed limit, particularly between Stancomb Avenue and the Elizabeth Way roundabout.

Are any proposals being tabled to enforce the speed limit by the use of cameras, repeater signs etc.. I am sure that cameras would be cost effective with the revenue generated.

With the volume of heavy goods vehicles and the narrowness of the road in places together with the number of junctions, even walking on the footpaths leaves one exposed to the risk of being involved in an accident.

As speeding is a moving vehicle offence, the enforcement authority is the Police and not the Council.

Requests for a speed limit review needs to go through your Parish/Town Council who would then need to raise the matter at the Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG).

To make a request, you will need to complete a 'report a highway improvement issue' form, which can be accessed via the link below.

Going via the town council is essential as, under the LHFIG terms of reference, local councils must first endorse the request and many will be expected to contribute towards the overall cost. If the town / parish council agree to your proposal, the form is sent to Wiltshire Council, and it will go on the agenda for discussion at the next LHFIG meeting.

You can find out more here about LHFIGs and the request form here:

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6149/Local-Highway-and-Footway-Improvement-Groups>

If a speed limit assessment is to be undertaken, it starts with a traffic survey. The survey outcomes will dictate if action is required and may include Community Speedwatch (CSW) and/or the use of a Speed Indicator Device (SID). CSW is a Police led initiative whereby they provide support and training to local volunteers to enable them to undertake educational activities. Further details can be found at: <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/782/Community-Speed-Watch>

Since 2015 the Council has delegated the deployment of temporary SID's to Town and Parish Councils in Wiltshire. You may wish to approach Trowbridge Town

Council direct to discuss this further with them and establish if they would be interested in deploying a SID.

Trowbridge High street/centre

It was questioned how long road works created by the work conducted because of the Trowbridge Future High Street Fund would last for as businesses were being affected with deliveries blocked and customers prevented from getting to businesses.

Early engagement and a significant amount of consultation has taken place with businesses affected and contractors have a mandate to work with all businesses affected to minimise disruption. Funding for the work has been received from the Department of Levelling Up's Future High Street fund and has been allocated to different parts of the county to improve high streets which have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, and change in retail for example, internet shopping and out of town shopping. Trowbridge has obtained £16.5million of this funding, with £8 million of this being spent on the town hall refurbishment. The council understands disruption can be frustrating and apologises for the temporary disruption caused at this location. We will continue to work with all businesses affected throughout the remainder of the works and will seek to ensure residents and visitors understand businesses are open as usual.

There was a weakness in communicating to businesses the work which was set to be carried out. Issues such as not having an alternative provision for unloading was cited as well as notices on loading bays.

There are often lessons that can be learnt and it was suggested that a conversation take place outside of the meetings as a retailer's group with the Director of Highways and Transport, and the project team; also to continue dialogue with the contractors who are seeking to minimise disruption throughout the works.

I'm writing as co-owner of Parade House, situated at 70 Fore street, Trowbridge BA14 8HQ, which suffers from major traffic issues. Parade House is a Grade I Listed Georgian townhouse and is one of the town's most iconic buildings. Having purchased the building to save it from dereliction and from being turned into an HMO, Parade House has since been restored to its former glory as a successful Events and Wedding venue with the recent addition of a Bar and Cinema thanks to a small grant from the Future High Street Fund. As such it attracts a lot of visitors on a regular basis, all needing to walk along Fore Street.

This stretch of Fore Street is arguably the historic centre of Trowbridge, a thoroughfare that visually has not much altered in 300 years and is lined with important Grade I and Grade II buildings. It is the main pedestrian route from the train station and over the Town Bridge to the centre of Trowbridge. The front stonework of Parade House and the other historic buildings is steadily being eroded by the heavy rumble of goods vehicles and the stone has blackened from years of traffic fumes.

Cars, articulated lorries and motorbikes are used to tearing round the corner of Manvers Street into Fore Street and race down Wicker Hill. This is because there are: There are no speed limits and vehicles accelerate down the hill. Solution: install 20mph speed limits in the centre of Trowbridge as in all other towns and cities.

There is no pedestrian crossing: as a pedestrian, you take your life in your hands attempting to cross the road in Fore Street. Families with children leaving the Shires cannot cross from Market Square to Manvers Street/Fore street safely.

Solution: install pedestrian crossings at salient points such as Market Place to Manvers Street and Wicker Hill. There are no vehicle size restrictions:

Solution: all heavy goods vehicles should be banned from entering the centre of town unless delivering, especially on weekends and in the Summer tourist months. People park wherever they want:Solution: more parking fines, more signage, more double yellow lines.

If Trowbridge is to attract more business and more tourists, then the train station will be busier and the pedestrian route up Wicker Hill to Fore Street will be the essential pedestrian route. Therefore I strongly urge the Highways and Police to consider improvements to this important stretch of road.

Works to widen the pavements is beginning shortly, but that should be in conjunction with a clear traffic calming plan. Otherwise, the narrowing of the road will just cause permanent bottlenecks, with unnecessary traffic passing through the centre of town that could have circumvented Trowbridge via County Way. These traffic jams will give out noxious fumes dangerous to pedestrians and to the historic buildings either side.

May I strongly suggest that the Highways Department considers adding new signage throughout Trowbridge, restricting all big lorries and passing traffic to County Way and other circular routes, and imposing a 20mph speed limit in the centre of town.

I would also like to see Fore Street to Wicker Hill become pedestrianised at weekends, to allow for a weekly market similar to the highly successful Frome Independent, that would attract tourists from the surroundings areas. Finally, the multiple loading bays in Fore Street should be removed and restricted to certain hours only.

A 30mph speed limit is in place. It is not clear that HGV movements through the town centre are excessive and further work would be required to quantify and understand the concern being raised and identify an appropriate solution. Parking controls are in place in the Town centre and these are enforced by the Council's Parking team. Parking offences can be reported direct to the team who will attend the location when resources allow.. The introduction of further restrictions may not be the best option; it is a matter of getting a balance that is right for the area that supports trade and economy whilst ensuring that traffic can flow appropriately.

The original bid proposal for Trowbridge Future High Streets sought to remove traffic from Fore street and Wicker Hill; however, the scope of this project has altered. Given the complexity of delivery within the funding timescales, the two-way traffic aspect has been deferred and the council is focusing instead on improving the pedestrian arrival points and access to the town centre. This is not to say that a scheme similar to the original cannot be considered at a later date.

The current proposal retains the route for through traffic but allows the opportunity for this heritage area of the town centre to become a gateway for visitors and a vibrant commercial street. This will be achieved through improving the route for pedestrians, with wider footways, improved crossing points and better bus stop provision.

Whilst the proposal does not remove through traffic, changes to Manvers St, Wicker Hill and Fore St may bring about some behavioural change from motorists seeking alternative routes to avoid using these streets as a through route.

A 20mph speed limit across the town centre is not included as part of the Trowbridge Future High Streets Fund project but may be considered for future introduction.

The proposal includes the provision of informal crossing points through Manvers St, Fore St and Wicker Hill to help pedestrians cross safely. A Zebra crossing is already in place to connect the pedestrianised area of Fore Street (referred to in comments as Market Place) and the area of Fore Street open to vehicular traffic.

On the street improvements it is easier to see how the Church St. one may have improved the immediate area than say the cycle path near to the Tesco on the Devizes Road (I usually drive past the latter twice a day and in a few years cannot remember seeing a bicycle use the wide cycle lane there opposite the fire station) – is there any post assessment of “value for money” with the already completed street works? (it may be useful to look at those done to assess where next to improve?) I am wondering what the street works are in hand and planned for the next few years – I can imagine that given the Town Hall improvements and Hub creation, that seeking to improve the area lying across the centre from Innox/ForeSt., and out towards the park will help to keep the centre alive and well. Any live music and cultural events (eg the markets) also really help – that’s not a street works issue but I can see that allowing arts and creative industry to flourish should be borne in mind with planned works.

The Council has used the Active Mode Appraisal Toolkit developed by the Department for Transport to calculate the cost benefit ratio for the Hilperton Road project. This provides information on the monetised benefits relating to elements such as public health, wellbeing, road safety, noise and air quality amongst other things and derives a benefit to cost ratio (BCR) figure for the individual scheme. In the case of Hilperton Road, the BCR is 2.34 i.e. for every £1 spent on the project, there are monetised benefits of £2.34. Further details on the upcoming FHSF schemes can be found at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/5882/Future-High-Streets-Fund-Trowbridge>

I own the Old Townbridge Garage on Wicker Hill.

I wanted to suggest a pedestrian crossing out the front of the old building as in the diagram below. I believe this will help connect the customers using the various businesses that will eventually be using my premises and as a side benefit, it will also help to slow the traffic coming through the area outside peak times (the traffic is already slow during peak times).

I would welcome it being located anywhere along the old 1915 building up to the end of the blind house but no further down as we have a dropped curb all the way along our boundary from that point and require vehicular access to the entirety of the forecourt for loading and parking.

As part of our 'Future High Streets' agenda (funded by the Government's Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) extensive works are currently underway in this location which will improve pedestrian connectivity to the site in question.

Is the Council planning to do anything to mitigate the impact of road closures in Trowbridge Town Centre?

I am the lead of the Trowbridge Town Chaplains who support businesses, particularly the retail sector in the town, and we have been struck by how many independent businesses in particular have been affected by the recent challenges of altered access.

There seems little point in creating new, wider paths if there is nothing left in our town Centre to draw people in.

As we look around other West Wiltshire towns, so many have thriving centres, with lots of independent shops which bring variety and interest to attract people to visit

The road closures are temporary and alternative access arrangements are made. Businesses have been contacted individually to address their particular needs.

NEW ROAD SYSTEM: Would Wiltshire Council undertake to review the one way system and all traffic flows to address delays, speeding and pollution at several junctions? In particular a/the bottom of Wicker Hill and b/ the roundabout and pedestrian crossings outside The Shires which increasingly cause delays throughout the day with traffic backing up in 3 directions, plus the station. The economic impact of traffic delays there on the town centre's economy is severe, as is

the pollution from fumes caused by idling engines and HGVs on Wicker Hill.

The FHSF works on Manvers Street / Fore Street / Wicker Hill cover the bottom of Wicker Hill and will help to address concerns in this area. Further details can be found <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/5882/Future-High-Streets-Fund-Trowbridge>

TRAFFIC CALMING: Would Wiltshire Council work with the police to introduce some traffic

calming measures in the town centre where there are accidents or excessive speeding by cars and heavy good vehicles can be dangerous?

Suggestions of this nature are suitable for funding through the LHFIG route outlined in a previous question. The suggestion needs to be raised with Trowbridge Town Council in the first instance. If they support the request is then it is brought to LHFIG for prioritisation, investigation, and delivery.

WAYFINDING: What happened to the Trowbridge Trail, which was key part of the FHSF and was to include wayfinding, so that traffic, pedestrians and cyclists can find their way around town and its important landmarks? The concept is still there on the Wiltshire Council site as if it is to go ahead? Signage is lacking or out of date, which results in more traffic, as drivers try to find a way into, out of, or around the town centre and its car parks.

A wayfinding strategy for the town centre has been developed and delivery of elements of this are included in the public realm improvements included in the FHSF schemes. Implementation of which is due in the next 3 months.

PEDESTRIANISATION & CYCLING: Would Wiltshire Council like to reconsider and apply for funding for pedestrianisation of the road outside the Town Hall and the old Market Chambers so that those buildings, the Park and Civic Centre are joined to Fore Street. As well as creating an attractive piazza for markets, events and dining, there would then be a pleasant pedestrian route from one main area of the town to the other. A cycle route between the park, Town Hall and station is needed, and the ideas put forward by Atkins appear to be flawed eg the possibility of building a cycling contraflow up Wicker Hill would be unworkable unless the traffic is moved away.

The suggestion of pedestrianising the area outside the Town Hall has been considered in the past; however, is not being taken forward at this time. Whilst there are potential benefits, the practical issues of bus and taxi routing and stop provision are not easily addressed.

BYTHESEA ROAD BRIDGE: Would Wiltshire Council be able to work with the owners of the Shires and Gateway shopping centres to ease traffic flows and to make crossing Bythesea Road safer and more efficient for pedestrians? Is there any data about current delays, accidents, pollution, increased traffic turning into the Shire car park which could be eased by creating an extra lane there? We are informed that an aerial bridge linking the two centres should have been

built, and maybe this, or some other solution can now be found

Potential further redevelopment in the vicinity (East Wing, Innox Mill etc) will give cause to review capacity and facilities for all users - safety and convenience for pedestrians and cyclists will be central to that review.

electric vehicles

It was questioned what the plans for electric vehicle were charging points in the town centre and whether there had been analysis conducted on how the power for these could be generated by solar and wind.

Recently funding has been provided by central government to develop the charging infrastructure in Wiltshire, with work underway to produce a forward plan for delivery. The Council is having live conversations with infrastructure providers and is aware of the challenges around green energy. A charge of 55p per kilowatt unit has been agreed following an extensive review of market costs. This will enable costs to be covered but without any profit margin.

I would like to know what the plans are for Electric Vehicle charging points in and around the town, together with an analysis of how much of the power necessary for these points will be generated by solar/wind as opposed to diesel.

The Council is working towards developing a Countywide EV strategy, which will address issues relating to current and future demand, as well as resolving any energy supply issues.

County Hall carpark

There is a large carpark outside of County Hall which is free at weekends but very few people know about it. If this had signage perhaps people would park there and spend time in the town centre. A further question was also asked regarding free parking on weekends at County Hall having previously been told that this could not be promoted

The Council is undertaking a review of the Local Transport Plan for Wiltshire, which will include a car parking strategy. Further details can be found on the presentation slides and further engagement with local people will be undertaken later in the year.

A good thing for most businesses is that the centre still has plenty of parking including some for free – I see that the St Stephen's Place/Castle Place sale went through last month and wonder what the council's plan is around the multi-story a long running issue – without it though visitor traffic to the centre may fall somewhat there and even if there is some move to eventually demolish that site, the council needs to be cognisant that all edge of town residential developments require people to use cars and thus to park to retain a healthy and strong link with the centre – almost universally in the UK urban

development is to the reduction of parking and so inverse thinking about this could place Trowbridge in an enviable position in the region. Cars will not disappear, it is only that better fuels will emerge to power them in the next 50 years.

An early dialogue is being established with the new owners - it is too early to report on what those discussions might bring.

Why is there not better publicity about the availability of Wiltshire Council Car Parks being available at weekends??? You are only aware of it, if you read the entire parking notice at the entrance. Many local people don't know about this, so how can we attract visitors at weekend with free parking in our town centre, if it is not publicised??

The assumption is that this question relates to County Hall. Free car parking is also available in Wiltshire Council's car park at St Stephen's Place.

The Local Transport Plan for Wiltshire, including the car parking strategy, is being reviewed and further engagement will be undertaken later in the year.

It is understood that BaNES Council has received £7million from fines produced from their implementation of a clean air zone, would Wiltshire be trying to receive any of this money for the diversion created?

B&NES have not made any suggestion that this may happen. It is acknowledged that additional HGV traffic has been distributed to the network in Wiltshire as a result of the CAZ, particularly on the A350, and whilst recent meetings have been cancelled at short notice by B&NES, we continue to seek resolution to this issue. Wiltshire Council is undertaking a review of the Local Transport Plan, including freight strategy, and further engagement with local people will be undertaken over the summer.

Yellow lines have been put down in order to keep traffic from parking in bad positions however there seems to be a perception that there are not many traffic wardens to enforce them. People seem to be taking risks as they don't feel that they will get caught, especially around schools and drop off points.

There have been recruitment challenges in parking enforcement service; however, the Council aims to be fully staffed shortly, subject to new employees completing their training.

Additional enforcement activity is taking place in Trowbridge; however, we do have to prioritise tasks and it is not possible for enforcement officers to be everywhere all the time.

With planned highways maintenance on specific roads, is it possible to find out when work is happening in areas so that residents can be provided with advanced notice?

There is a Highways Assets page on the Wiltshire Council website which contains all the 5-year programmes by Area Board. These are subject to change depending on the deterioration of assets and funding. A 12-month work programme is produced

annually for the approval of the Cabinet Member. A website refresh is currently being undertaken and is expected to be complete by the end of March, with pages fully updated. We will publish the links to these pages in future Area Board meetings.

Queries have been received regarding safety at school pick up times with parking becoming more reckless. Is there an investment approach to support schools particularly in a condensed area, such as going into schools to assist with comms to parents.

Road safety around schools is dealt with by a combination of methods including education and use of parking restrictions. Post Covid many school travel plans are out of date, and the council is intended to work with all schools to address this as quickly as possible. It is important that the Council moves forward in partnership with schools and parents to ensure long term health and environmental benefits of Active Travel initiatives and interventions.

I have noted that some adults collecting their child from school in the afternoon now traverse Quaterway Lane (off the Hilperton Road) on electric scooters with the child holding on as a passenger. This is illegal as electric scooters are not to be used on public areas. What steps are being taken at local schools to advise parents/guardians that this is an offence and also a danger to others and possibly themselves. The perpetrators should be identified, the scooters confiscated and then destroyed.

Information leaflets have been produced by Wiltshire and Swindon PCC aimed at young people, parents and schools which informs them of the legalities around riding electric scooters on the streets. There is signposting for parents to further information including the Wiltshire Police Website at the link below.

<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/advice-escooters/>

I appreciate that Hilperton Road was repaired/resurfaced only a few years ago but there a number of metal works that have subsided thus making the surface hazardous, particularly to two wheeled transport. I understand the criteria for raising and repairing such metal work is quite specific but would ask if any inspections are carried out to monitor these items and if so what action is proposed.

We would encourage residents to report defects using the MyWilts app. All reported defects are assessed and prioritised based on our Highway Inspection Manual with repairs scheduled based on the severity of the defect.

Details of our intervention levels for defects can be found on our Website:

https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/media/1360/Highway-inspection-manual/pdf/Wiltshire_Highways_Safety_Inspection_Manual_September_2018.pdf?m=1601049759780

When pot holes are now repaired the hole is cut out with a disc cutter. The damaged material is removed and the hole refilled with new tarmac.

The tarmac is then rolled giving a level and smooth surface leaving a joint between the new and the existing road surface.

The Joint used to be sealed using hot tar that sealed the joint stopping the ingress of water.

This method does not seem to be used now.

How is the joint now being sealed?

Where material is removed and vertical cuts made to the existing surface, the vertical face is painted with a cold applied bitumen. In the past the joint was also overbanded with a hot bitumen sealant. However, current guidance has moved away from this approach due to the potential skid hazard that the overbanding can present to motorcycles.

By the sea road/gateway shopping area - install a collection/short term waiting bay as so many people are illegally parking/ waiting already it is causing an almost continuous obstruction.

Suggestions of this nature may be suitable for funding through the LHFIG route described in response to an earlier question. The suggestion needs to be raised with Trowbridge Town Council in the first instance. If they support the request is then it is brought to LHFIG for prioritisation, investigation, and delivery.

Installation of a roundabout at the junction of Dursley road and County way to stop turning at the next junction or around the Bradley road roundabout.

Installation of an all movements junction at this location would lead to a significant increase in through traffic using local residential roads as an alternative to Bradley Road/County Way. As such it would not be supported.

Noting the traffic congestion that one meets in and around Trowbridge throughout the major part of the working day, is the Area Board satisfied that extra population in the town can be properly catered for? Since COVID, it seems to me that the traffic peaks have shifted and the old traffic model may well need to be readjusted.

Wiltshire Council have consulted on the revised Local Plan and will be undertaking further engagement on the new Local Transport Plan for Wiltshire over the summer. The purpose of the Local Plan is to ensure sustainable growth across the county, along with the delivery of necessary infrastructure required to support that growth. Each site within the Local Plan has been subject to detailed assessment, including the Local Highway Authority, and as progresses through the planning process, officers will seek guidance from within the plan and supporting materials to ensure relevant mitigation is secured against each planning application.

Every planning application received is considered by the Council in the context of its transport impacts. Developments of an appropriate scale are required to submit transport assessments or statement, and these are used to define and determine

appropriate transport mitigation measures to be secured through the planning process.

With regards to Covid and model adjustment, the Department for Transport released in November 2023, guidelines on accounting for Covid impacts upon travel movements. Wiltshire Council will take consideration of these Covid guidelines as we seek to develop policy and transport assessment across the county.

Remembering that Wiltshire Council's Transportation Plan relies on more walking and cycling, why are our footways and footpaths in such a bad condition? Walking from North Bradley into Trowbridge after it has been raining is a real problem. There is such a large pool of water by the football ground that one has to estimate a sufficient gap in the passage of vehicles so that one passes the pool between cars to avoid getting drenched

Priority is given to dealing with defects in the carriageway over those in footways as there is an increased risk of serious injury when vehicles are involved. However, the council does undertake repairs to footways and does have a program of works.

If one decides to take a bus, there are a number of bus stops where water pools. North Bradley Rising Sun and Bradley Road barracks are two of them I can mention.

The council does seek to clear all highway drains; it is required to clear drains on a priority bases.. Where there is internal flooding to property or ponding on a high-speed road this will take precedence. There has been a significant increase in the funding for drainage clearance enabling a more reactive approach to drainage issues by the provision of an additional high pressure jetting tanker. New funding has been prioritised to keep drainage systems clear and ensure additional preventative maintenance.

Woodmarsh from the Rising Sun to the A363 roundabout is included in the 2024/25 resurfacing programme. This should help address any carriageway ponding that occurs currently.

Can more attention be paid to bus timings? For example, at times, route 67 to north Bradley is only a few minutes different from Route D1.

FirstBus (D1) is a commercially operated, inter-urban service and the timetable is scheduled to offer an hourly bus to customers between Bath and Warminster, whilst effectively managing journeys times in both the peak and off peak periods throughout the day. and

The Faresaver service 67 is an integral part of the town bus network in Trowbridge and the buses interwork with other town routes such as the 66/63/65/68A. Altering the timetable of the 67 service will require the retiming of the whole town bus network if it were to try and better alternate with the D1; we believe this would be an unpopular option with the regular town bus passengers. A new D1x service is being introduced from April 2024, so the D1/D1x will have an improved service frequency

from that date onwards providing more journey options for passengers in and around Trowbridge.

In North Bradley there is a lot of concern over traffic in Woodmarsh. When the A363 through the White Horse Business Park gets congested, as frequently happens, a lot of cars use Woodmarsh. It is not only the number, but their speed. A Neighbourhood Speed Watch is carried out by the Parish Council but this is not sufficient to deal with the problem. A traffic calming scheme has been discussed with Wiltshire Council officers over many years. I understand that the Parish Council has been expected to match fund the cost. As there are only around 1000 properties in the village, it is difficult for the Parish Council to raise sufficient money to construct an effective and attractive scheme. The problem will be exacerbated when the development H2.2 has been built, as it will add extra interference with the A363 and worsen the congestion. The problem traffic passing through Woodmarsh is not being caused by the actions of the parish council, so why should the parish be expected to fund half of it? Surely, this is very unjust?

The request for traffic calming on Woodmarsh has previously been considered by the Parish Council & LHFIFG but funding bids have so far been unsuccessful. Through the LHFIFG alternatives are actively being considered. It may be possible to secure funding from future development proposals to help and reduce or remove any burden on the Parish Council.

What are authorities doing to manage/prevent the use of e-scooters in and around the town?

Background

On several occasions (>6) over the last few months I have observed an increase in the use of e-scooters in public areas. The most recent was on the bridge walk from Marks and Spencer to the Odeon where myself and others narrowly avoided being hit by an e-scooter ridden by two youths - yes, two on the same scooter. I have also regularly observed an e-scooter being ridden on the road, at night without lights, at the County Way end of Dursley Road. As well as being illegal it is highly dangerous to all.

Government data shows that in 2022, there were 1,402 collisions involving e-scooters in Great Britain and 12 deaths caused as a result. E-scooter riders bear the brunt of this. Eleven of the 12 people killed were riders, as were 1,106 of the 1,446 people injured. Last June, a woman was killed after a 14-year-old boy collided with her while riding a private e-scooter on the pavement. She is thought to be the first pedestrian killed in an e-scooter collision in the UK. Currently the law states it is illegal to use a privately owned electric scooter on public roads, pavements or cycle lanes. Electric scooters can only be legally used as a part of an authorised trial or on private land with the permission of the landowner. Until the government concludes its review of the e-scooter regulation the extant rules should be enforced.

Enforcement rests with the Police not Wiltshire Council so issues need to be reported with them directly.

Cycling

What are authorities doing to manage/prevent irresponsible use of bicycles?

Background

I fully support aims to encourage more use of cycling. However, this must be against a background of safe use. The Highway Code sets out rules for the conduct of cyclists on our roads (Rules 59 - 82). But how many follow these rules and how many are enforced by the authorities? For example, Rule 60 specifies lighting at night yet a lot of cyclist think it is safe to ride around at night without any lights. Rule 63 deals with sharing of space with pedestrians but I see irresponsible riders speeding around pedestrian areas some even contravening Rule 64 - 'Must not cycle on a pavement'. Other examples are available!

Enforcement is a matter for the Police. However, the Council's Road Safety Team delivers education and training initiatives to improve road user safety, including programmes for schools and the general public. A range of walking, cycling and scooting initiatives are in place to give practical skills and confidence, as well as learning 'rules of the road'.

I live near the Clarendon Academy/swimming pool and find it surprising there isn't:

- **Safe cycling route into town for children to go their school (not just a line on a too-narrow pavement), especially as the council has been publicising their cycling scheme for school children.**
- **Safe cycling route from town into Southwick park which is such a wonderful asset to Trowbridge but the only safe way to go with children is driving - cars are VERY fast on that road and the pavement goes quite narrow (or is narrowed by overgrown trees/bushes from properties along the way). (The access to the park from the back may seem quieter/safer but isn't very visible - nor accessible as it goes through an estate and uneven pavement.) It might mean having a one-way driving route into / out of town, and it would lower air and noise pollution. At the same time, ensuring more regular buses to key towns like Frome/Westbury/BoA/Warminster/BoA/Devizes would help reduce the need for cars... I do not own a car and rely on public transport and cycling. I either have to be extremely precise with my bus timings and plan one or two buses ahead to be on time, go through many back streets to feel safe or get a lift...**

I would love to see a more global commitment to prioritising walking and cycling from key points of value in the town - from the canal that goes to BoA/Devizes to town / town to train station / station and town to Southwick park... It's not all about getting people to cycle to work. I also understand that the station to town is already being tackled with the High Street fund, which is a great first step.

The council has produced a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for Trowbridge which identifies the infrastructure that is needed to support an increase in walking and cycling. This plan will enable the council to bid for government funding to deliver the identified schemes. The council is committed to promoting Active Travel with increasing walking and cycling/wheeling. It has also published a Wiltshire wide LCWIP which identifies the inter-urban infrastructure that

is needed in the county to connect towns to other towns and villages to their nearby towns.

Trowbridge – Melksham cycle route; the re-surfacing of the two by-ways between Hilperton and Semington. What action can be taken to stop the by-ways being used as roads – which they legally are?’

Consideration is being given to the use of a Prohibition of Use by motor vehicles type order. Further details will be available shortly.

Trowbridge Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Trowbridge Area Board. These could include:
 - community area grants
 - youth grants
 - older and vulnerable people grants
 - area board initiatives
2. To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2023/24	£ 34,670.00	£ 30,464.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 22,534.24	£ 20,515.21	£ 7,700.00
Current Balance	£ 12,135.76	£ 9,948.79	£ 0.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ -5,525.33	£ 853.07	£ 0.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1502	Community Area Grant	Wiltshire Youth for Christ	Additional pop up youth cafe van	£25000.00	£5000.00

Project Summary:

Our current pop up café van is an amazing and fairly unique resource in the area. It enables us to do detached youth work with many of the benefits of a base, in that we can serve food and drinks and provide a wide range of games and activities. It also gives great visibility, appeals visually to young people and is recognised in numerous locations where it has been deployed over the years. It has the obvious additional benefit of being mobile, so we can deploy it anywhere there is a safe and suitable area to park and engage with young people. However the van is now 17 years old and is reaching the point when problems will start to multiply. Therefore it is prudent that we start working towards securing another van. Ideally there would be an overlap period, when a second van located in the Trowbridge area would enable more community projects in the town and avoid the logistical challenges of having one van to deploy across several areas of the county.

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1524	Community Area Grant	Wiltshire Rural Music	Equipment for Wiltshire Rural Musics Trowbridge Older Peoples Wellness Club	£495.00	£495.00
<p>Project Summary: We would like £495 to buy equipment for a new music club project for isolated and older people at our hub in Gloucester Road, Trowbridge. We need a projector, an air pot for hot water, a coffee hot plate and jug, plus 7 tables which will allow participants to sit and enjoy a nutritious lunch. The Wiltshire Community Fund grant would not stretch to include this equipment which would make delivery better, smoother and more environmentally friendly. We secured two years initial funding from the Wiltshire Community Foundation for this new two-year program. Up to 15 older people who have lost regular contact with their community will enjoy twice monthly 1.5-hour gatherings where they sing, make music with percussion instruments, kazoos etc, participate in simple movement sequences, have a light lunch in a warm space and, crucially, make friends, exercise their brains and feel part of a group. There will be no cost to them. Activities like this can help keep them independent and healthier for longer. Members will be referred to us by local GP surgeries, faith organisations and other older people's services as well posters in our local area. We can also sign-post other services. Many of these people came from our locality, our hub is on Gloucester Road, in central Trowbridge just by the John of Gaunt school and a few roads away from the Studley Green area. Many people here are on low incomes, and the Studley Green area is the most deprived neighbourhood in Wiltshire (Needs Analysis for Wiltshire and Swindon 2023). The funding provides a professional musician facilitator, lunch, transport and miscellaneous overhead and basic staff costs. The underpinning equipment is where we would appreciate Area Board support.</p>					
ABG1654	Community Area Grant	Studley Green Community Association	Studley Green Community Centre refurbishment	£8465.29	£4230.00
<p>Project Summary: This is the first phase of our refurbishment, this is painting the whole community centre from top to bottom and making energy efficient changes to the ceiling and lights.</p>					
ABG1667	Community Area Grant	North Bradley Peace Memorial Trust	North Bradley Peace Memorial Hall urgent drainage	£2700.00	£1350.00
Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested

<p>Project Summary: The main toilets at the Peace Memorial Hall have been becoming problematic in recent years and are now requiring frequent, expensive rodding to keep flowing. This means that at times the toilets are out of use for hall users. Following a recent inspection the engineer explained to us the cause is old, pitch fiber pipes that urgently need replacing with modern ones. If the toilets are not in a safe, hygienic condition then the hall cannot be used by regular or one off hirers. This impacts on the Peace Memorial Trust's finances and our ability to ensure the facilities are available for use, thus causing disappointment to local people of all ages as our hall is normally in use by a wide variety of groups and clubs as well as one off parties and events and our own fundraising events.</p>					
ABG1670	Community Area Grant	Trowbridge Environmental Community organisation	Trowbridge town park Wildlife garden and woodland glade project	£1586.00	£793.00
<p>Project Summary: The project concerns Go Wild, where our organisation looks after a public space within Trowbridge Town Park, near the Polebarn Road entrance. We do this in agreement with Trowbridge Town Council and their Neighbourhood Services Team. We have created a wildlife garden/woodland glade, and over the last 2 years we have planted bulbs, trees and native plants, cleared nettles and built a bug hotel. We have so much more to do and would like to further develop and enhance the area with our group of volunteers, for the benefit of the Trowbridge community and with inclusivity in mind. Further, we enjoy watching the plants grow and helping the environment. The area will be a great habitat and food source for birds, mammals and insects with the added bonus of looking pleasant for the people of Trowbridge. Recently, with a group of Committee members and volunteers, we have seen one family planting a hedge together in the entrance near the Almshouses, we have planted more tree whips to make a Dog Wood patch, a Dog Rose thicket, and more plants have been added to Polebarn and Raleigh Court hedges. Our group aims to raise awareness, encourage and act through positive practical action, and inspire others to change lifestyles to the betterment of our community, and the Go Wild project helps us to achieve these aims. To that end also, we wish to raise funds and access a community grant for the various pieces of equipment etc. that we require, as set out below.</p>					
ABG1671	Community Area Grant	Lions Club of Trowbridge	Defibrillators within Trowbridge Town Centre	£1760.00	£880.00
<p>Project Summary: To provide and support defibrillators for 24/7 use by the public within Trowbridge</p>					
ABG1687	Community Area Grant	Biss Meadows Country Park	Biss Meadows South Field enhancement	£5669.54	£2819.54
<p>Project Summary: The south field has lacked any real attention other than grass cutting. It presents as a wonderful walk through enjoying connectivity with nature and is disabled friendly, the main issue is that seating for the less able is very sparse. To this end the Friends were successful in getting an NHS grant for £500 along with £300 personal donation specific for seating. This grant uses additional park development funding held by the Friends as part of its drive towards LNR status for the park, a move supported by both WC and TTC. All fund contribution is available.</p>					
ABG1693	Community Area Grant	British Moroccan Community Association	Correct Moroccan Community Town Council Festivals	£500.00	£500.00

Project Summary: To obtain facilities and equipment for projects that are important to the local community. The community needs a gazebo, tables and chairs to display Moroccan Culture.					
ABG1697	Community Area Grant	YMCA Little Shoots Nursery	YMCA Little Shoots Nursery Outdoor Learning Area	£3187.10	£1593.55
Project Summary: Provide spaces and resources for children to play and learn in the outdoors.					
ABG1518	Youth Grant	The Amber Foundation	Ambers programme of support	£7876.10	£2876.10
Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested

Project Summary:

Amber provides a temporary, safe place to live with up to 30 other young people at our residential centre in Trowbridge, Wiltshire. There, in a calm and nurturing environment, we provide a mix of support, structure, new experiences and training that builds our resident's motivation, self-discipline and skills. We help them address any issues that are holding them back and support them to move on from their troubled pasts and find the self-belief and determination to move forward. We are widely known as an organisation that will accept people who have had several failed interventions before and will accept those whose needs exceed those accepted by other organisations. Hence, we often fill a gap in provision, both locally and regionally. Our objective is clear – young people leave when they are ready to move on to suitable accommodation with sustainable employment or education / training. Part of being ready is to ensure that the young people in our care have built up the necessary skills to live independently. Young people cook for each other, ensure the site is clean and help with the maintenance when necessary. This helps to build the 'life' skills needed to live independently. As well as practical skills, Amber runs workshops on a variety of topics that help young people to identify, understand and overcome barriers that previously stood between them and employment, education and sustainable accommodation. Examples of the workshops include: - Specific training in adult literacy and numeracy - Budgeting and Debt Management - Managing stress and uncertainty - Safety and risk management in the home - Maintaining a tenancy Over the course of their time at Amber (which is on average 6 months), young people are expected to complete at least two workshops a month, many of which result in qualifications. In reality, most complete far more, building up a substantial set of qualifications and skills to support them when they leave; and, often these will be the first formal qualifications that our residents will have attained. We are looking for support towards the cost of development and delivery of these workshops.

ABG1611	Youth Grant	Trowbridge Town Council	Youth and Transition Event	£2739.24	£1369.62
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Project Summary:

We are working with key partners from the Child Wellbeing Group, including Trowbridge Future, Youth 4 Christ, Mighty Girls, Wiltshire Council to provide a Urban Festival enabling young people to connect and take part in sports, music, activities, art and support organisations. The Urban Festival will be held at stallards park 3.00 -7.00 on a Friday in September 2024. Allowing them to socialise safely and develop relationships with adults they can trust. All of the activities will improve young peoples self esteem , mental health and wellbeing and will afford us the opportunity to promote all activities available within the community. The Festival will also allow us to engage with the young people in consultation to understand how they view there community, town and how we can make Trowbridge better for our young people. After a fantastic event last year with over 200 young people attending we believe this provide a foundation to build from. We will be working with Wiltshire College and the secondary school student to ensure the event is young person led.

ABG1651	Youth Grant	Mighty Girls CIC	Trowbridge Girls PILOT	£5700.00	£2850.00
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Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
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Project Summary:

The aim of this project will be to create local girls groups in Trowbridge - suggesting x 6 weekly or bi-weekly sessions - in community spaces to encourage girls to socialise outside school in a safe space, with opportunities for creative activities and discussions about things that are important to them. Potential locations: Paxcroft Mead or Longfield community areas. The groups would be established along the same principals we run all of our activities: Co-created with the young people of that community. Provide a safe youth space for girls and young women to encourage girls to develop their social skills, increase their well-being and self-esteem. Create opportunities for them to learn new skills and try new things (arts, music, fitness, cooking etc.) Create opportunities for young volunteers to take leadership roles - project managing their own events Provide training and support for those young volunteers to succeed. After some initial discussions with young people we have been working with this year, they are keen to have sessions set up for girls to make new friends, hang out try new activities and put events on in their local communities (e.g. film nights, bake sales) to discuss challenges they are facing in the communities and to hear from inspiring women in positive roles (business, arts, volunteering etc.) These events would fund raise for the ongoing sustainability of the group. We would collaborate with existing community groups (Trowbridge Future, Active Trowbridge, Churches & Mosque) and the schools, and the new family hubs as they get up an running to get girls referred to the sessions, and ensure we are not doubling up on any other activities currently on offer, or being planned to happen.

[ABG1684](#)

Youth Grant

Saxon Group Riding for the Disabled Association

Saxon RDA Summer Outing

£1000.00

£500.00

Project Summary:

Each year we like to take our participants on a summer outing before we break up for the summer holidays. This year we have very kindly been invited to an Alpaca Farm in Rudge where they have said they will also provide tea and cakes. We have in the past relied on our participants paying a small charge which usually restricts what we can offer. Last year one of our volunteers kindly paid for a trip on the canal. Our concern this year is that some may not be in a position to join us because of their financial position.

[ABG1692](#)

Youth Grant

British Moroccan Community Association

Youth events and other activities

£3000.00

£1500.00

Project Summary:

To provide youth activities through out the year including music, sports and other activities.

Background

3. Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council's website.
4. Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:
 - Community Area Grants (capital)
 - Youth Grants (revenue)
 - Older and Vulnerable People Grants (revenue)
5. The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

Main Considerations

- 6.

Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young persons funding guidelines have been adhered to.

7. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
8. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

Safeguarding Implications

9. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Public Health Implications

10. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Environmental & Climate Change Implications

11. Grant funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

Financial Implications

12. Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

Legal Implications

13. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

Workforce Implications

14. There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

Equalities Implications

15. Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.
16. Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

Proposals

17. To consider and determine the applications for grant funding.

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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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Community Report

Trowbridge Community Policing Team

March 2024



Agenda Item 7

Your CPT – Trowbridge



Insp Andy Lemon



PCSO Harry Brain
ET11 – Town Centre



PCSO Soph Piper
ET12 – Seymour and
Adcroft



PCSO Robyn Dentry
ET13 - Longfield



PCSO Will Browne
ET14 – College and
Drynham



PCSO Amy Clifford
ET15 – Studley and
Broadmead



Sgt Charly Chilton



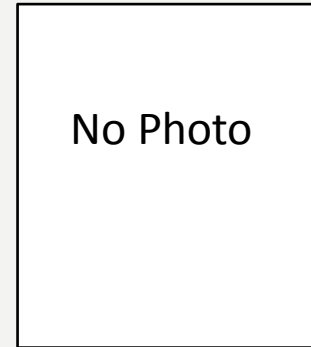
PC Ollie Gilmour
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PC Ellie Collings
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PC Jack Bush
ET13 –
Longfield ET14
– College and
Drynham



PC Rob Dentry
ET15 – Studley
and Broadgreen
ET16 –
Trowbridge
Rural



PCSO Jack Thomas
ET16 – Trowbridge
Rural

This Months Focus – ASB Advisors

Wiltshire Police officers are getting extra training to tackle anti-social behaviour (asb) within communities.

Twenty officers from across the Force took part in additional training on Thursday (29/02) to become anti-social behaviour advisors.

The training aims to give them a greater understanding of the ASB tools and powers, partnership working (particularly identifying occasions where other agencies may be best suited to help resolve a matter) and understanding, recognising and mitigating the harm that can be caused by ASB. Once trained, these individuals will be pivotal in providing advice, guidance and support to colleagues dealing with incidents of ASB (acting in an advisory capacity).

Problem Solving and Prevention Supervisor Emma Reid, who organised the training said: "We know antisocial behaviour can adversely affect people's everyday lives. We all deserve to live free from intimidation and harassment and we will endeavour to deal with those perpetrators, together with our partner agencies.

"We are committed to tackling it, as it can have a lasting impact upon our communities which we are dedicated to protecting. We know it's not a low-level crime, it can be devastating for those who become victim to it, and can it be a pre-cursor to more serious crime. Often people even consider moving house to escape antisocial behaviour."

Safer Spaces is one of the top priorities for Chief Constable Catherine Roper, and anti-social behaviour is a big part to that. Wiltshire Police work closely with the OPCC, local authorities and community safety partnerships to identify and prevent hotspots of anti-social behaviour that affect the lives of many of our communities. Through this the Force hopes to address the underlying causes of the anti-social behaviour through early intervention, education and prevention activities, in addition to greater enforcement.

Chief Inspector Carly Nesbitt from Swindon Neighbourhoods and Partnerships commented "History across the Country has shown us the devastating effect that anti-social behaviour can have on individuals, their families and communities. The introduction and training of our ASB advisors is a new initiative for Wiltshire Police and demonstrates our commitment to improve how we tackle anti-social behaviour and it's causes.

"To support this we are strengthening our working practices with our Local Authorities and other agencies to ensure a robust multi-agency approach is taken, not only in terms of enforcement but also with early intervention, prevention and education for those involved."

To report anti-social behaviour you can do so on our website: [Report antisocial behaviour | Wiltshire Police](#) or by calling 101.

You can also find out more about what is classed as anti-social behaviour here: [Antisocial behaviour | Wiltshire Police](#)

Trowbridge Crime Statistics – Year on Year

All Crime – Trowbridge

Crime Data	2023	2024	Increase/Decrease
January	275	272	- 3 (decrease of 1%)
February	266	268	+ 2 (increase of 0.75%)
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
Total			

Trowbridge Statistics – Year on Year

Antisocial Behaviour – Trowbridge

	2023	2024	Increase / Decrease
January	24	24	No Change
February	21	23	+ 2

Offence	February 2023	February 2024	Increase / Decrease
Burglary	13	12 (6 Residential Unconnected Building e.g. shed / garage, 4 Business, 2 Residential)	- 1
Theft (Overall)	51	61 (37 shoplifting)	+ 10
Violence Against the Person	108	100	-8

Crime Exceptions

Crime Exceptions are described as a volume of offences outside of the normal range expected, based on the last two years' worth of data.

All Crime – Trowbridge

There are no crime exceptions for the month of February.

ET11 – Trowbridge Central

Offences of Violence against the Person are showing as an 'eight month low' exception, with less offences having been reported than we would have expected to see.

Offences of Criminal Damage are showing as an exception, with 8 offences having been reported throughout February.

Having looked into these reports further, 4 incidents relate to windows having been damaged at commercial properties within the town centre, 2 incidents relate to damage to tyres of a vehicle in a residential street, the other two incidents do not appear to be linked.

In relation to one of the damage to windows, a 32 year old male from Trowbridge was arrested and has been subsequently released on Conditional Bail for further enquiries.

ET12 – Adcroft and Seymour

There are no crime exceptions for the month of February.

Crime Exceptions continued ...

ET13 – Longfield

Offences of Public Order are showing as an exception, with 5 offences having been reported throughout February.

Having looked into these reports further, 3 of these incidents relate to 'Breach of Non Molestation Order' which are domestic in nature.

A 50 year old male has been arrested and charged with 7 x Breach of Non Molestation Order. He was remanded to appear before court and has been subsequently released on conditional bail and will next appear before court on the 11th April 2024.

ET14 – College and Drynham

Offences of Theft are showing as an exception, with 10 offences having been reported throughout February.

Having looked into these reports further, 5 of the 10 offences relate to Shoplifting.

3 of the shoplifting offences relate to a single male shoplifter who has been arrested and charged in relation to the offences. He was remanded to appear before court where he received a total of 24 weeks custodial, due to these and other offences.

2 of the shoplifting offences relate to a single male shoplifter who has been identified. Enquiries are ongoing to locate and interview the male.

ET15 – Studley and Broadmead

There are no crime exceptions for the month of February.

ET16 – Trowbridge Rural

There are no crime exceptions for the month of February.

Trowbridge Neighbourhood Policing Team

Our Vision :

We recognise how important it is for our communities to see us, speak to us and find out what we are doing. Over the coming months we will be focusing on the following areas :

- To hold a rota of rural village drop in sessions
- To continue to hold a monthly drop in session (on the first Wednesday of every month) at the Trowbridge Market
- To carry out pulse patrols in crime and ASB hotspot areas
- To increase community messaging within our neighbourhood
- To support local events with visibility, educational and preventative tools, such as bike stamping



Trowbridge Neighbourhood Policing Team

Community Engagement : February

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- 178 school patrols
- 31 drop in sessions
- 23 community meetings
- 25 speed checks
- 192 business / shop patrols



Local Priorities & Updates Continued

Priority	Update
Facebook Live Q&A	<p>On 7th February, Insp Any Lemon, Sgt Charly Chilton and Sgt Gemma Rutter took part in the first Facebook Live Q&A event for the Trowbridge, Melksham and Bradford on Avon area.</p> <p>The event has ; Reached 18,000 people on Facebook 133 comments</p>
Arrested !	<p>In July 2023 the Neighbourhood Policing Team were successful in obtaining a Criminal Behaviour Order against a female who had caused months of antisocial behaviour towards her neighbours.</p> <p>On Tuesday 27th February 2024, a 38 year old female appeared before Swindon Magistrates Court and plead guilty to a Breach of Criminal Behaviour Order. She was sentenced for this breach, and four other breaches, and received a 38 week custodial sentence which was suspended for 18 months.</p>
Arrested !	<p>On 25/02/2024 Trowbridge Police received a report of a male exposing himself in 'The Down Cemetery'.</p> <p>On Wednesday 28th February a 48 year old male was arrested and subsequently charged for the offence, amongst others. The male has been remanded into custody until 4th March 2024 for trial.</p>

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 Trowbridge 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

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Follow your CPT on social media

- [Trowbridge Police Facebook](#)
- [Trowbridge Police Twitter](#)
- [Melksham Police Facebook](#)
- [Bradford on Avon Facebook](#)

Find out more information on your CPT area at: www.wiltshire.police.uk and here www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Wiltshire Police website. It includes the Wiltshire Police logo, a search bar with the text "How can we help you?", and a menu with options: "Report", "Tell us about", "Apply or register", "Request", and "Feedback". Below the navigation bar, there is a breadcrumb trail: "Home > About us > CPTs". The main heading is "Trowbridge CPT". The content area contains the following text:

CPT Trowbridge covers the areas of Trowbridge, Melksham, Bradford-on-Avon and surrounding areas

To contact your CPT about a community-related matter, such as a school visit, then please email TrowbridgeAreaCPT@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk. Please note that this mailbox is not monitored 24/7.

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](#)

You see a map of crimes in the Trowbridge area [by visiting www.police.uk](#)

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Road Safety update – Trowbridge Area Board

Thursday 14 March 2024

Keeping Wiltshire Safe



• #FATAL5 education



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One of the largest forms of distractions is mobile phone use.

It's illegal to use a handheld mobile phone while driving a motor vehicle on the roads in the UK.

Even using a hands-free option can incur penalties if your driving is deemed to be dangerous.

The police have the right to stop you if they think you're distracted and not in control of your vehicle, and you can be prosecuted.

You can use a hand-held phone when:

- you're safely parked and engine off
- you need to call 999 or 112 in an emergency and it's unsafe or impractical to stop
- you're making a contactless payment in a vehicle that is not moving, for example at a drive-through restaurant
- you're using the device to park your vehicle remotely



• Community Road Safety Team; what we do

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

- Community safety initiatives
- Work with Wiltshire Council (WC) and Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service (DWFRS) on road safety matters
 - Safe Drive Stay Alive (DWFRS)
 - Car seat checks (WC)
 - Op Close Pass – 2 wheels



INTERVENTION

- Road safety campaign 2023
- Community Speed Watch (CSW) letters
- Visible presence
- Speed Indicator Device (SID) scheme



ROAD SAFETY

ENFORCEMENT

- Project Zero days
- Community Road Safety Team days of action
- Support to Tramline op
- Community Road Safety and Speed Enforcement officers
- Speed awareness courses, fine & points and court action
- Force wide operations



EDUCATION

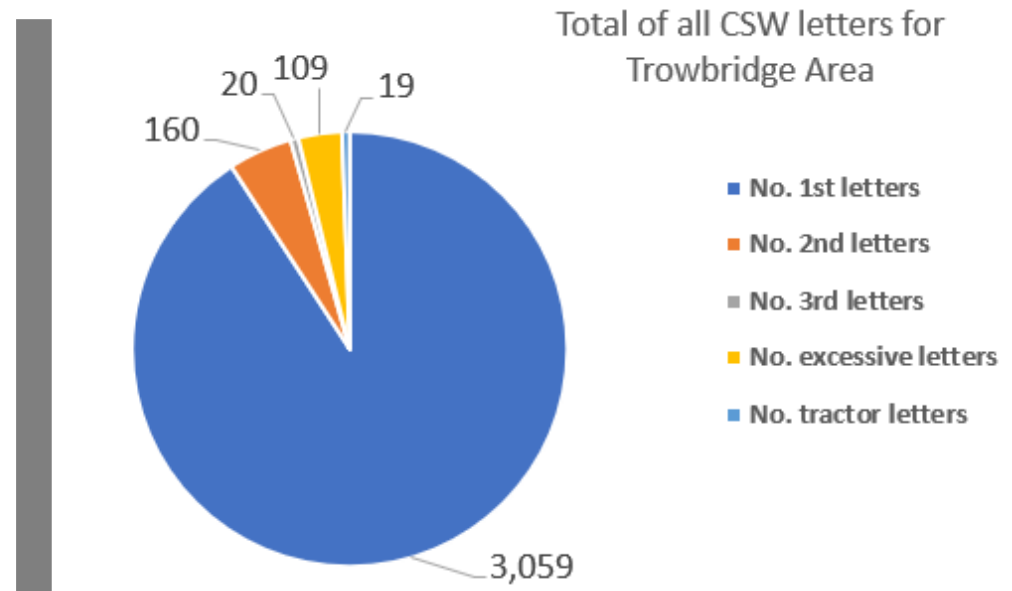
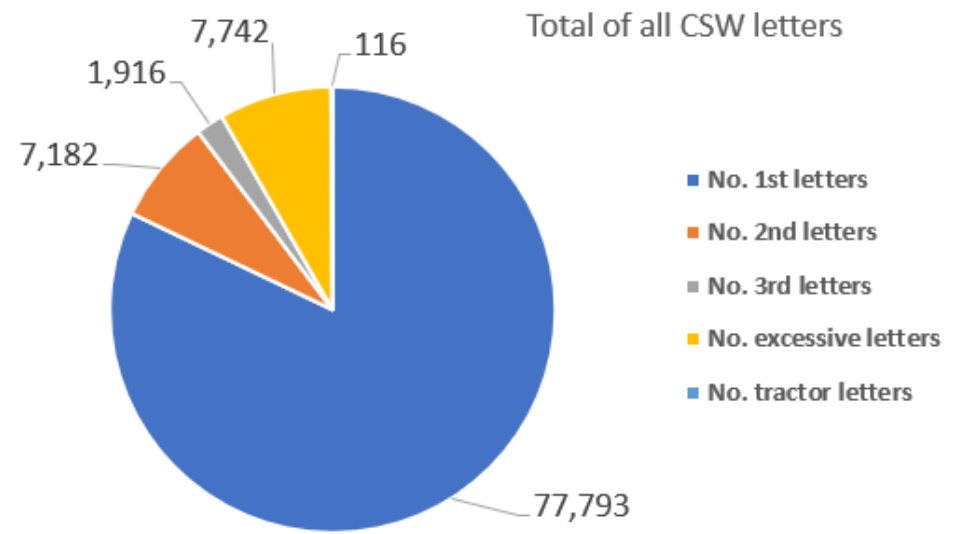
- Empowerment to communities to deliver CSW
- CSW letters
- SID scheme
- Visible presence
- Op Close Pass – Equine
- #Fatal5



• CSW – Trowbridge area - Data since July 2020 to 28 February 2024

Team	No. 1st letters	No. 2nd letters	No. 3rd letters	No. excessive letters	No. tractor letters	Total letters	No. of watches	Average speeders %
Hilperton	163	19	0	7	1	190	44	9.9%
North Bradley	1671	85	11	74	18	1859	115	2.2%
Southwick	350	18	2	10	0	380	125	0.9%
Trowbridge - Cockhill	768	32	3	16	0	819	43	2.7%
West Ashton	107	6	4	2	0	119	55	2.2%
Grand Total	3059	160	20	109	19	3367	382	2.7%

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• Traffic surveys – Trowbridge since October 2020 to January 2024

Wiltshire Council

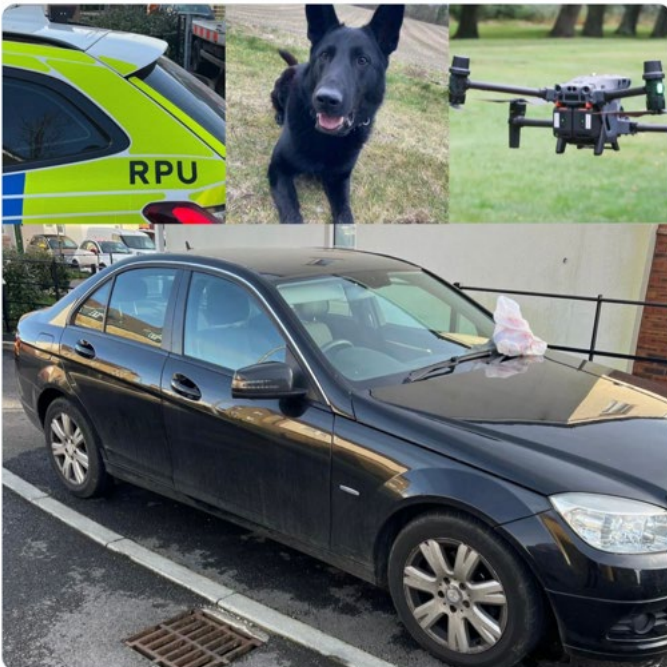
Title	Result	Survey start date	Speed limit	85th percentile
Hilperton - Whaddon lane	No further action	11/09/2021	30	28
Semington, C395, High Street	Speed education	25/04/2022	30	35.28
Trowbridge - College Road,	No further action	10/12/2020	20	22.5
Trowbridge - Drynham Road	Speed education	18/11/2020	20	26.9
Trowbridge - Dursley Road,	No further action	02/11/2020	20	22.6
Trowbridge - Silver Street Lane,	No further action	10/12/2020	30	32.5
Trowbridge - Union Street	No further action	14/11/2021	30	27.7
West Ashton - Bratton Road	No further action	12/10/2021	30	31.9
West Ashton - Bratton Road,	No further action	02/11/2020	30	30.5

• Wider work recently

Our Roads Policing Unit (RPU) in the last quarter, covering October to December issued over **2071 tickets** to motorists, for numerous road related offences.



Wilts Specialist Ops @WiltsSpecOps · 3d
#RPU sighted this cloned vehicle in Swindon which immediately made off but was located a short distance away abandoned. With the help of #ARG drone unit and @wiltspolicedogs, 3 suspects were located and arrested for offences, including the theft of motor vehicle. #RPU #TEAMWORK



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Wilts Specialist Ops @WiltsSpecOps · 1d
Another day, another drink driver. This one was found asleep in his car by #RPU. He was almost double the limit. #arrested for being drunk on charge of a vehicle. #fatal5 #MorningAfterTheNightBefore #NoExcuse



14 11 235 16K

Wilts Specialist Ops @WiltsSpecOps · 2h
#RPU stopped a moped today where checks revealed the rider had no licence or insurance... The moped's owner then turned up in a car to discuss matters with the Police. Checks then revealed no driving licence for the car driver and 2 tyres with cords exposed. #RecoveryFor2Please



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• Introduction to the Forensic Collision Investigation Unit (FCIU)



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What do we do:

Investigation:

- Forensic investigation of all fatal and likely to prove fatal/life changing injury RTC's
- Support the Major Crime Investigation Team at homicide and major crime scenes.

We attend the scene of a fatal RTC to gather and record evidence by assessing and identifying relevant objects, marks and positions using techniques such as Laser Scanning, Vehicle Telematics downloads, Forensic Photography, Tachograph Analysis, CCTV/Dash Cam analysis, measurement of the coefficient of sliding friction of the road surface using accelerometers, Forensic Vehicle Examination and crush damage analysis. Detailed analysis takes place and a detailed Forensic Collision Reconstruction report and 3D model is prepared for any judicial or coronial proceedings.

Support road safety education with partnership working:

- Safe Drive, Safe Alive (DWFRS)
- Drink Drive Roadshows
- Survive the Drive (Military)
- Road Safety events

Support Road Safety change through engineering (In partnership with WC, SBC, National highways etc.)

- Conduct Road Safety Audits, Highway change proposals
- Provision of guidance and requirements for public and private events
- Management of planned events involving the highway

We attend approximately 90 RTC deployments (25-30 fatalities) per year



We are a small team of Forensic Collision Investigators and Forensic Vehicle Examiners who deploy 24/7 alongside Roads Policing Teams and are supported by the Vehicle Recovery Team and Traffic Management Office.



Community Speed Enforcement Officers

CSEO's



• CSEO – Dashboard – 1 January 2023 to 04 March 2024

CSEO Activity Dashboard

Outcomes are dependent on previous convictions and history

8,433.0
No. Speed awareness co...

1,114.0
No. Fine & Points

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No. Court

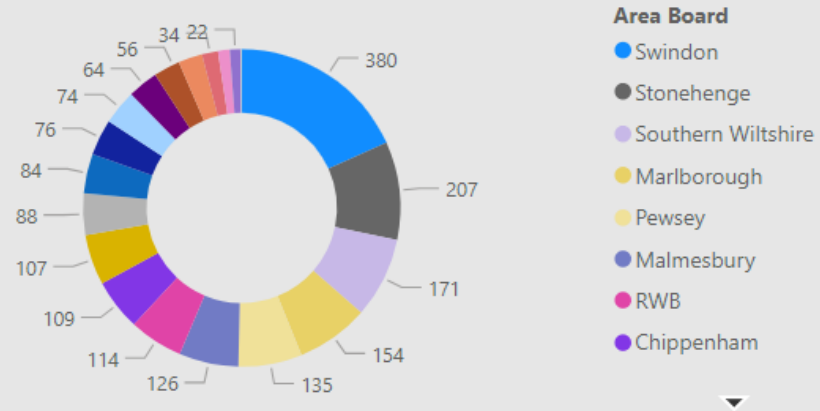
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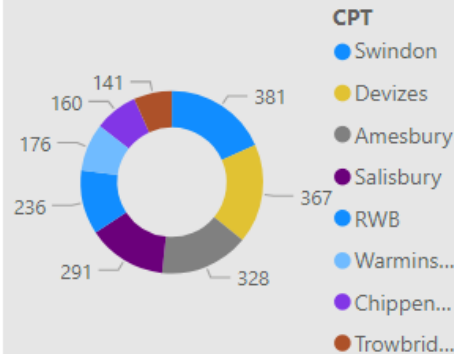
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Shaw and Whitley - A365 Folly Lane	2023	November	129.00	15.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Swindon - Thamesdown Drive	2024	January	103.00	16.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	August	102.00	31.00	4.00	Salisbury	South West Wi
Harnham - Lime Kiln Way	2023	November	97.00	11.00	0.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
Wilton - The Avenue	2023	November	84.00	33.00	8.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Cricklade - Spital Lane	2023	April	80.00	10.00	0.00	RWB	RWB
Tilshead - Candown Road	2023	August	78.00	10.00	1.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	November	72.00	10.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Swindon - Thamesdown Drive	2024	February	72.00	10.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	July	71.00	9.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Harnham - Lime Kiln Way	2023	October	71.00	7.00	0.00	Salisbury	Salisbury
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	August	69.00	9.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Ogbourne St Andrew	2023	December	69.00	9.00	0.00	Swindon	Swindon
Coombe Bissett - Deegan House	2023	June	64.00	8.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
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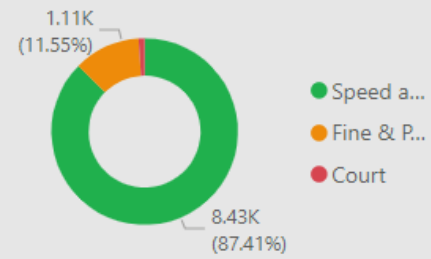
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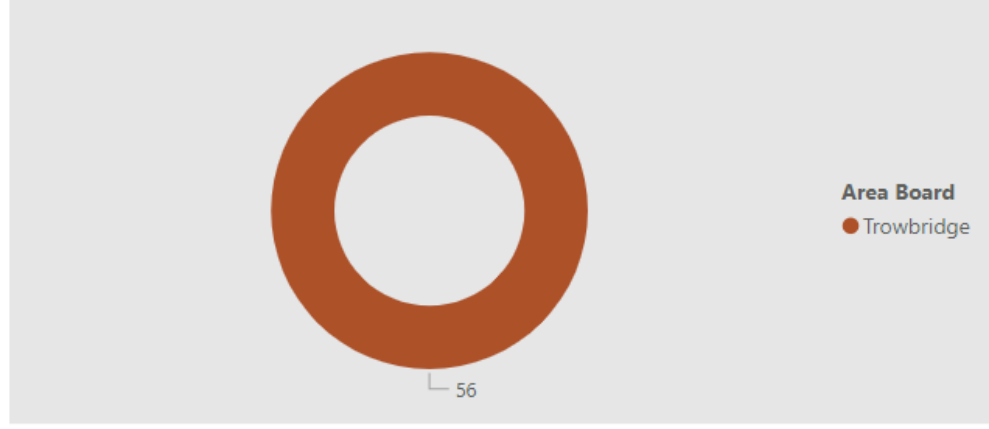
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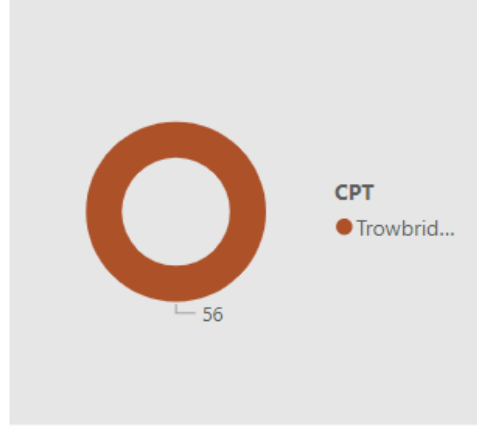
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Steeple Ashton - Newleaze	2023	April	21.00	4.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Staverton New Terrace	2024	February	16.00	0.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Staverton - New Terrace (C)	2023	November	13.00	2.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Steeple Ashton - Newleaze	2023	August	10.00	1.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Staverton - New Terrace	2023	November	9.00	1.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Westwood - Site N°5: Bus stop opposite The New Inn public house (C)	2023	November	9.00	1.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Steeple Ashton - Newleaze	2023	March	7.00	0.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Steeple Ashton - Bus Shelter	2023	February	6.00	1.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Melksham - Woodrow Road 186 WOODROW RD MELKSHAM	2023	November	5.00	0.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Staverton - New Terrace	2024	January	5.00	0.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Trowbridge - Cockhill Driveway to No 20 Cockhill	2023	November	5.00	0.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Steeple Ashton	2023	February	4.00	1.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
North Bradley -	2023	April	3.00	0.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Trowbridge
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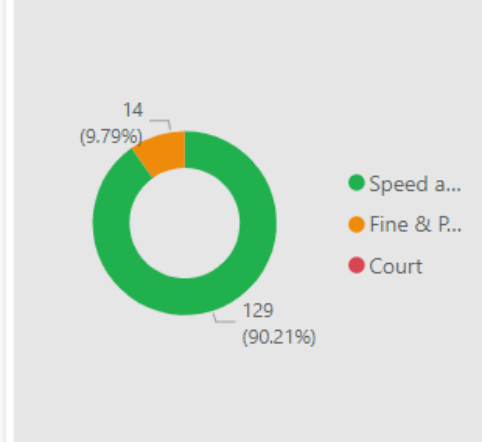
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Update for Wiltshire Area Boards

February 2024

Pharmacists in BSW begin treating people for common conditions

Patients in BSW will be able to get treatment for seven common conditions at their high street pharmacy from today without needing to see a GP, as part of a major transformation in the way the NHS delivers care.

All 140 pharmacies in BSW will be offering the ground-breaking initiative, with the health service making it easier and more convenient for people to access care.

Highly trained pharmacists will be able to assess and treat patients for sinusitis, sore throat, earache, infected insect bite, impetigo, shingles, and uncomplicated urinary tract infections in women (under the age of 65) without the need for a GP appointment or prescription.

The major expansion of pharmacy services will give the public more choice in where and how they access care, aiming to free up 10 million GP appointments a year.

The scheme is part of the NHS and government's primary care access recovery plan, which committed to making accessing healthcare easier for millions of people.

Prescriptions Ordering Direct Service

The Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Prescription Ordering Direct (POD) service, which allows some patients to arrange their repeat medication by phone or email, is set to discontinue in its current form later in the year, with the practices and care homes that use the system offering repeat prescribing instead.

It is expected that POD will close on or before 30 June 2024, although this date may change as plans are formed and formal timeframes agreed.

People who regularly use POD are advised to continue ordering their medicines in the usual way through POD, and not to order any more than is needed.

The decision to close was made in early January following a rigorous period of engagement, during which the ICB worked with local health and care providers, including colleagues in GP practices, care homes and pharmacies, to explore if the current POD model could be provided differently.

Over the coming weeks, the ICB will be focusing on ensuring a smooth transition away from POD and offering support to the 85 colleagues affected by the closure.

A list of [frequently asked questions](#) is available on the ICB website, which provides further details on the decision-making process, as well as advice for patients.

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Unique Concert for Wiltshire attended by Her Majesty The Queen

Community First was delighted to attend the Unique Concert for Wiltshire at Salisbury Cathedral on 8th February 2024. The concert, in support of Community First (Youth Action Wiltshire), Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust, was also attended by Her Majesty The Queen. Community First staff and President HM Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire Sarah Troughton greeted The Queen on her arrival at the Cathedral and attended a private reception after the event. As part of the service, her Majesty was introduced to young people and Young Leaders supported by Youth Action Wiltshire, as well as volunteers and staff from Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust.

Thank you to everyone involved in organising and performing at this very special event. Thank also to the many members of the public and supporters who attended the event in aid of local charities.

More information about the Unique Concert for Wiltshire and a selection of photos can be found on our website: <https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/news/local-wiltshire-charities-celebrate-their-work-with-a-stunning-concert-in-the-presence-of-the-queen/>

Refreshed website for Building Bridges and Inspire Swindon Programmes

A refreshed website for the Building Bridges and Inspire Swindon programmes is now live. The website contains information about each of the programmes in Wiltshire and Swindon, along with eligibility information, success stories and a referral form.

The website also contains information about the previous Building Bridges Programme - including an impact report and outcomes from the programme between 2016-2023.

To make a referral or find out more, please visit: www.buildingbridgessw.org.uk

Voice It, Hear It

In the previous Area Board update, we shared news about the launch of a new Service User Engagement Service. The service is delivered by Community First, Wiltshire Service Users Network, Wessex Community Action, Age UK Wiltshire, Alzheimer’s Support and Celebrating Age Wiltshire.

Going forward the service will be called Voice It, Hear It. The team is based at the Community First office in Devizes and has already begun outreach and engagement work. Over the last few weeks, the team has hosted consultations with autistic adults and adults with learning disabilities about effective website communication.

Voice It, Hear It will work alongside Wiltshire Council and the BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board (BSW ICB) to engage with people living and working in Wiltshire to co-produce, co-design and co-develop health and social care services in Wiltshire.



Vacancy - Splash Youth Support Worker

We are looking for a highly motivated and dedicated individual to join our award-winning Youth Work Team.

- Hours: 36.5 hrs per week, including regular evening, weekend and school holiday work.
- Salary: £25,694 gross per annum plus 7% employers pension contribution.
- Location: Office base in Devizes, county-wide programme delivery, including 1:1 outreach and group work sessions.
- Supervisor: Targeted Youth Support Services Manager

The role focuses on providing practical and emotional support for young victims of crime in Wiltshire and Swindon aged 5-18 years, enabling them to cope and recover from their experience of crime, through increased confidence, self-esteem and resilience.

You will have experience of successfully delivering one-to-one and group work support for young people. Be creative, adaptable, with strong interpersonal skills and able to work effectively both independently and as part of a team.

The role will include regular evening, weekend and school holiday working.

Due to the nature of the work, this role is subject to an Enhanced DBS, along with relevant background checks, references, a probationary period, and completion of mandatory training requirements.

If you would like to find out more about this position, please contact Steve Crawley Head of Youth Action Wiltshire Email: steve@youthactionwiltshire.org or phone: 01380 729183 or 07818077764.

Closing date: We do not have a closing date for this role and will instead review applications as and when they are received.

To download a job description, person specification and an application form for this post, please visit <https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/vacancies>. Please note we are unable to accept CVs for this position.

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Village Halls Week 2024

#VillageHallsWeek is returning between 18th-24th March 2024 to celebrate everything village halls can do to 'go green.' It will look at how buildings can be made more energy efficient, and how management committees can support sustainable and environmentally friendly behaviours in their community.

During Village Halls Week Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) and ACRE members - including Community First - will be encouraging as many halls as possible to hold their own events, share their stories and get inspiration from others.

Keep an eye on our social media channels and website for more information about Village Halls Week and please get involved by sharing with your networks.

ACRE has also created a calendar of activities happening across the country as part of Village Halls Week: <https://acre.org.uk/village-halls-week-2024-local-events>.

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Healthwatch Wiltshire calls on public to help set priorities

We're calling on the people of Wiltshire to tell us what you think we should be working on in the coming year.

Each year we decide on our key projects, based on public feedback, and we'd like your views to help us plan what we should be focusing on in the next 12 months.

We have shortlisted six potential projects for 2024/25:

- The wellbeing of children and young people
- Pharmacy
- Care at home
- Accessibility of health services
- How the cost of living is affecting our health
- The impact of living in a rural county

Tell us what you think

Let us know what you think should be a priority for Healthwatch Wiltshire by [completing our short online survey](#). You can also call us on 01179 654444.

You will also be able to tell us your thoughts at events we'll be attending over the next few weeks. Visit our Events page to find out where we're heading.



Stacey Sims, Healthwatch Wiltshire Manager, said: "Our work for the year ahead will be driven by what the people of Wiltshire tell us is important to them. We want to make sure that the public continues to play a key role in helping to shape the health and care system, both now and in the future."

The survey is open until 5pm on **Wednesday 20 March**.

[Fill in the survey](#)

Sign up to our mailing list to stay in touch

We'd love to stay in touch with you following our transfer to our new provider, The Care Forum, in January.

To continue to receive our news and updates, please give your permission by

signing up to our mailing list again. Or if you're yet to join the list, then why not sign up today?

Sign up on our website, or email us at info@healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk

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Local Nature Recovery Strategy Public Engagement

This regions Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) will be a single LNRS for the Wiltshire and Swindon Council areas, and Wiltshire Council is responsible for producing it. Wiltshire Council want this strategy to reflect the priorities of the people of Wiltshire and are keen to engage with as many interested parties as possible.

Between May and August, public engagement events will be held across Wiltshire to identify and discuss where the best opportunities are for nature recovery. We will be widely announcing the dates and locations of workshops nearer the time but want Area boards to be aware of this upcoming opportunity to be a part of the LNRS Process, and have your local knowledge included.

Video - link below

[Local Nature Recovery Strategies \(youtube.com\)](#)

https://youtu.be/M1_Bi1ctnys?feature=shared

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Area Board Briefing Note

Service:	WILTSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION
Date prepared:	14 FEBRUARY 2024
Further enquiries to:	admin@cprewiltshire.org.uk
Direct contact:	Mike Manson 01380 722157

Wiltshire's Best Kept Village Competition has been running annually since 1959. It encourages village residents to work together, both to present their surroundings attractively as a contribution to enhancing the countryside and also to build a stronger community. We would welcome the Area Boards support in promoting and encouraging participation in the competition to keep Wiltshire looking beautiful.

The competition is based on the areas of the four old District Councils and is separated into 3 categories: small villages with populations of less than 300; medium villages with populations between 301 to 1,000 residents; and large villages with populations between 1,001 to 3,500 residents. Entries have to be submitted by mid-April and will be judged sometime during the period mid-May to mid-June to produce the first-round winners. The four District winners in each size category then compete against each other in July where they are judged by new pairs of judges to find the overall winners in each of the three size categories.

The overall winners from the previous two years are invited to enter a separate section of the Competition where the winner receives the Laurence Kitching Award. That village can truly be called the "Winner of Winners" in Wiltshire.

Judging is based on a written submission, viewing a village's website and a site visit which focuses primarily on external areas around communal buildings and public areas such as village greens, footpaths, car parks, noticeboards, bus shelters etc. The judges will be looking for evidence of a vibrant village which puts time and effort into its clubs and organisations and keeps litter and general untidiness to a minimum. However, it is emphasised that it is not a "chocolate box" competition. Judging is based upon how well a village is presented, not on how pretty it is. *Entries do not have to come from the parish council: a resident or group could prepare and submit it although the parish council should ensure that only one entry per village is submitted.*

Presentations of certificates and monetary prizes takes place from September onwards, ideally at village events. The main Presentation Day, in September, is led by The Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire (the President of CPRE Wiltshire), the Chairman of CPRE Wiltshire, the sponsors' representatives and senior members of Wiltshire Council. They visit each of the winning villages where they unveil a standard and present the other prizes. As well as the main winners' awards, there is a Best Newcomer Award and a Merit Prize for consistent high performance.

Further details including Guidelines can be found on the CPRE Wiltshire website at <https://www.cprewiltshire.org.uk/discover/wiltshire-best-kept-village-competition-documents/>.

We would welcome the Area Boards support in promoting the Best Kept Village competition.

We also welcome new offers from potential judges and also suggestions for sponsors both of the whole competition and of individual prizes.

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Area Board Briefing Note

Service:	Leisure Communities and Culture
Date prepared:	21 February 2024
Further enquiries to:	Tamzin Earley Arts and Funding Manager
Direct contact:	Tamzin.earley@wiltshire.gov.uk

Wiltshire Council is creating a 2024-2030 Cultural Strategy, which is in part funded by Arts Council England, to place culture and creativity at the heart of Wiltshire’s economic and social future.

Culture is a way to reconnect people with the places they live, providing a sense of belonging and contributes to health and wellbeing and connects people with their communities. It stimulates growth, provides employment, and supports enterprise, making cities, towns and villages vibrant places where people want to live, work, and raise a family. The 2024-30 Culture Strategy for Wiltshire will aim to place culture and creativity at the heart of Wiltshire’s economic and social future, and this can only be achieved through a distinctive vision and plan created with the broadest possible range of views. Therefore, they are engaging with a range of stakeholders to help shape the strategy and want to hear from you. They would be grateful for members of the public to complete their survey by the 24 March 2024.

You can find more information and link to the survey at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/have-your-say-on-wiltshires-emerging-cultural-strategy>

TROWBRIDGE LOCAL HIGHWAY AND FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENT GROUP – AGENDA/TRACKER

IN PROGRESS	APPROVED – AWAITING SLOT	AWAITING UPDATE - X	AWAITING REMOVAL
Project approved & underway	Project approved but awaiting available resources	Project not yet approved and requires further input	Project to be removed by mutual agreement or failure to progress

Previous Status	Item	Progress to Date	Actions and Recommendations	New Status
	Trowbridge LHFIG – 8th February 2024 at 10am (Pratchett Hybrid Meeting Room at County Hall)			
	1. Apologies and Attendees			
	<p>Apologies: Cllr Cave, Cllr Piazza, Mark Banks</p> <p>Present: WC: Cllr Vigar (Chair), Cllr Clark, Cllr Jacob, Cllr Kirk, Cllr Prickett, Cllr Palmen, Cllr Trigg</p> <p>TC/PC: Lance Allan – TTC, Stephen Carey – SPC, Roger Evans – NBPC, Richard Covington & David Smith – WAPC</p> <p>WC Engineers: Jamie Mundy</p>			
	2. Notes of last meeting			
	Notes from this meeting will be published as part of the agenda for the next scheduled Trowbridge Area Board (14 th March 2024)			
	3. Financial Position			
	<p>Remaining budget before this meeting: £14,200</p> <p>Allocations made at this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newtown - Speed Assessment - £2,500 (£1,875 LHFIG & £625 Trowbridge TC) Blind Lane, Southwick - Speed Assessment - £2,500 (£1,875 LHFIG & £625 Southwick PC) <p><u>Remaining budget: £10,450</u></p>			

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		4. On-going Schemes			
LHFIG decided to request alternative scheme	a)	Woodmarsh, North Bradley To include speed reduction measures at Westbury Rd	£10,419 was allocated from this and previous years for this bid. All agreed that an alternative scheme should be developed, gateways at either end, roadmarkings, signage. JM to develop a scheme and liaise with North Bradley PC. Proposals will also include Westbury Road, which was listed separately on previous iterations of this note tracker.	NBPC have feedback to JM on his proposals and JM to amend proposals slightly and in turn feedback to the Parish – ongoing. JM to share detailed design at next meeting ahead of placing works order.	JM/NBPC developing proposals
KR chasing Police regarding enforcing 20mph	b)	Newtown 20mph speed limit	Results showed the recorded speeds met the 20mph criteria, yet is contrary to policy concerning the road use. Senior colleagues are considering exception to policy and have sought advice from the Wiltshire Police, concerning enforcement. At the November 2023 meeting Cllr Palmen asked this be escalated and answer to be provided by next meeting preferably before.	Comprehensive response received from Wiltshire Police in January and shared with Cllr Palmen. Further to the comments and the previous report, Police & Senior Engineers wouldn't recommend a 20mph speed limit be implemented. Cllr Palmen noted that the Police comments included the suggestion of gathering more up-to-date data, especially now the new signal controlled crossing is in place. Speed Assessment - Estimated cost: £2,500 (£1,875 LHFIG & £625 Trowbridge TC)	LHFIG to consider further up-to-date speed surveys

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Awaiting programme date	c)	Trowbridge parking review	Milestone now on site installing the approved restrictions.	Last check there were a few areas that due to parked cars couldn't be completed. Milestone will return to finish off.	Awaiting removal
Awaiting date from TRO team	d)	Brook Road 20mph and traffic calming	Awaiting consultation date along with the other 20mph zones across the town. Once outcome of that consultation is known, appropriate traffic calming options will be considered/discussed.	Report with Cabinet office - JM advised group of recommendation to go ahead as advertised.	Cabinet Report in progress
Awaiting date from TRO team	e)	20mph speed restrictions across the town	End of objection – 25 th September	Broadmead estate / Innox Road / St Thomas Road area	
Awaiting update	f)	Signage & improved crossing points Silver Street Ln	TTC confirmed not in a position to consider until further works undertaken. DV to respond to KR proposals and consider other options	DV/JM to discuss options including deployment of Trowbridge SID. Ongoing - alongside discussions with the TAOSJ team.	DV/JM Site meeting Ongoing discussions
Approved at 14/09/23 meeting	g)	Repair of grass verges - Manor Road	JT urged the group to again consider initial phase that would tackle the worst locations. LHFIFG agreed to £9,000 for initial phase subject to TTC contribution. (£6,500 LHFIFG, £2,500 TTC) TTC confirmed contribution on 08/11/23.	JM preparing final design and works order with Milestone – works programme likely now to be Spring/Summer 2024.	JM preparing final design and works order
JM preparing report	h)	20mph speed limit request – Bratton Road, West Ashton	Report issued to WAPC in July JM to liaise further with Chair over results and PC concerns	JM recommends waiting restrictions should be included below with other Parish requests. Advisory 20mph outside the school, being explored through TAOSJ funding.	JM to liaise with WAPC further

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<p>Approved – JM to design proposals before formal TRO</p>	<p>i)</p>	<p>Parish parking restrictions</p>	<p>There was consensus that the request merited action, yet to ask other Parishes if they had any requests that could be included in a change to the Traffic Regulation Order, as to get most out of the £3k legal/consultation cost.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Churchlands/Church Lane, North Bradley • Church Street/Wynsome Street, Southwick • West Ashton – Bratton Road (outside school) • Hilperton – Marsh Road (The Nursery access) • Hilperton – Horse Road/Hill Street <p>Stephen Carey confirmed that SPC do not wish to proceed with Hollis Way.</p> <p>The group agreed that JM would proceed with design ready for comment before formal TRO consultation process.</p>	<p>Design is ongoing</p> <p>JM to update on site visits/design so far...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shepherd’s Drove, West Ashton (residential parking, therefore likely to be met with objections) <p>Final design/recommend ready for next LHFIG for discussion/agreement before formal Traffic Regulation Order consultation to be progress in the Spring.</p>	<p>JM currently preparing design</p>
<p>Approved at 14/09/23 meeting</p>	<p>j)</p>	<p>Dropped kerbs – Church Lane, North Bradley</p>	<p><i>Request supported by North Bradley PC to assist mobility for residents in sheltered accommodation on Church Lane. These properties owned by Selwood Housing, whom we should also be also seeking a contribution, and will benefit existing and future tenants.</i></p> <p><i>Discussed and agreed</i></p> <p>Cost estimate: £1,500 (£1,125 LHFIG & £375 North Bradley PC)</p> <p>Group requested that JM approach Selwood for a contribution.</p>	<p>Selwood have confirmed they will contribute 25% matching NBPC, thus reducing spend from the LHFIG pot to £750.</p> <p>(£750 LHFIG, £375 NBPC, & £375 Selwood)</p> <p>Works order submitted to Milestone, awaiting programme date.</p>	<p>Works order with Milestone awaiting resource</p>

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<p>Approved at 14/09/23 meeting</p>	<p>k)</p>	<p>Staggered pedestrian barrier, Ashton Rd/Lacock Gards, Hilperton</p>	<p>The PC is aware of a recent accident where a cut-through from Woodhouse Gardens comes out at the junction of Ashton Road/Lacock Gardens. A young lady was knocked down as she exited the cut-through, reportedly on a scooter and an ambulance attended. PC request a staggered barrier to be installed. Discussed and agreed the need for the barrier. Cost estimate: £1,800 (£1,350 LHFIFG & £450 Hilperton PC)</p>	<p>JM advised that only one barrier had been installed due to available width, but should still slow users of the path down.</p>	<p>Completed – awaiting removal</p>
<p>Approved at 14/09/23 meeting</p>	<p>l)</p>	<p>20mph speed assessment - Hilperton</p>	<p>20mph speed assessment requested by Hilperton PC. Areas of greatest concern is within the older area of the village, along Church Street and Hill Street. Discussed and agreed by group. Cost: £2,500 (£1,875 LHFIFG & £625 Hilperton PC)</p>	<p>Survey carried out and raw results received. JM to prepare full report for Hilperton Parish Council.</p>	<p>Results received – JM to prepare full report</p>
<p>Approved at 30/11/23 meeting</p>	<p>m</p>	<p>HIF ref: 16-23-3 On-way signage on Silver Street</p>	<p>Request supported by TTC due to vehicles seen driving the wrong way down Silver Street when coming out of Fore Street and St Georges Works. Estimated cost: £1,000 (£750 LHFIFG & £250 Trowbridge TC) Inc. 1 sign at Park Road which has the same issues at St Georges Works. Agreed in principle subject to TTC confirmation of contribution.</p>	<p>Works order and signage design now with Milestone, awaiting programme date.</p>	<p>Works order with Milestone awaiting resource</p>

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<p>Approved at 30/11/23 meeting</p>	<p>n)</p>	<p>HIF ref: 16-23-6 Pedestrian crossing, Bradford Road</p>	<p>Issues crossing Bradford Road safely from the Innox Road side. Especially an issue for Children Walking to Walwayne Court School from Town Centre. A lot of people walk out Innox Road from the town centre and cannot find a place to cross safely so take their chances with the traffic. I have had 2 residents complain about this and compare us with Bradford on Avon where there are many pedestrian crossings insuring there are safe routes to their schools.</p> <p>Pedestrian survey Estimated cost - £1,000 (£750 LHFIG & £250 Trowbridge TC) This was agreed in principle subject to TTC confirmation of contribution.</p>	<p>Location agreed Cllr Palmen / JM</p> <p>Plans and works order for survey in progress.</p>	<p>Location agreed JM preparing plans for data collection contractor</p>
<p>Approved at 30/11/23 meeting</p>	<p>i)</p>	<p>Speeding, Broadcloth Lane East and Hargreaves Road</p>	<p>Cllr Cave requested at Sept mtg that this be discussed at this meeting.</p> <p>Speed Assessment - Estimated cost: £2,500 (£1,875 LHFIG & £625 Trow TC) This was agreed in principle subject to TTC confirmation of contribution.</p>	<p>Plans and works order for survey in progress.</p>	<p>JM preparing plans for data collection contractor</p>
<p>New request at 30/11/23 meeting</p>	<p>o)</p>	<p>Pedestrian crossing, West Ashton Road</p>	<p>Cllr Cave requested at Sept mtg that this be discussed at this meeting.</p> <p>Sustainable Transport/Planning have advised crossing will form part of the development West of Biss Farm, JM to confirm expected date, as LHFIG members keen to progress if a long way off.</p>	<p>Advice from Planning is that the development could still be a way off.</p> <p>The group therefore wish to separate issue from development, as clearly a need now ahead of any development. JM will gather dates of previous surveys and clarify next steps with colleagues and advise group at next meeting.</p>	<p>JM to clarify next steps to move this forward.</p>

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	5.	New requests received since 30th November meeting		
	a)	HIF ref: 16-23-10 Speeding on Blind Lane, Southwick	<p>The Parish Council have seen a significant increase in the number of drivers using Blind Lane as a short cut between Frome Road and Wynsome Street. This includes HGV traffic, especially when there has been an incident or congestion on Frome Road. We are also seeing an increase in traffic going to the local Primary School. PC have noted that some drivers, including HGV drivers, are significantly exceeding the local speed limit along Blind Lane.</p> <p>Request: Some form of traffic calming and/or 20mph notices installed along Blind Lane and Hollis Way.</p>	<p>Initial first step would be a Speed Assessment...</p> <p>Estimated cost: £2,500 (£1,875 LHFIFG & £625 Southwick PC)</p> <p>Blue was agreed.</p>
	b)	HIF ref: 16-24-01 Signage request, West Ashton	<p>The Parish Council have requested that the 'West Ashton' sign on the A350 be moved closer to the actual Parish Boundary. Due to issues with deliveries for addresses along</p>	<p>JM to confirm estimate for next meeting</p>
	c)	Pedestrian crossing on Elizabeth Way, Hilperton	<p>Request for a signal controlled pedestrian crossing on Elizabeth Way and 30mph speed limit due to an increased number people crossing the road for recreation and dog walking.</p>	<p>Hilperton Parish Council do not support this request but have requested it be minuted.</p>
	d)	HIF ref: 16-24-02 Parking issues, Chantry Gardens, Southwick	<p>The Parish Council has explored with the Highways Engineer the possibility of creating a layby in Chantry Gardens to provide parking; thereby protecting the green amenity space. The Highways Engineer created a draft scheme which was consulted on by the PC and supported at a meeting held in January 2024.</p>	<p>Rough estimate was around £10,000 Southwick PC have confirmed they're willing to contribute up to £3,000.</p> <p>Group agreed was a good scheme, yet requested further design work and detailed</p>

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			Members resolved to submit the necessary HIF to WC and allocated the sum of £3,000 in support of the project. The PC will also facilitate a tree planting scheme on the green.	cost estimate in relation to drainage and also the consideration of using 'Grasscrete' instead of tarmac for the parking area, before approval.	
	e)	HIF ref: 16-24-03 Pedestrian signage, Goose Street, Southwick	The Parish Council requests a professional assessment on the appropriateness of 'Pedestrians in Road' and 'Pedestrians Crossing' signs in the vicinity of the recently constructed pavement/crossing point together with possible costings.	JM will look at some detailed costings and report back.	
	f)	HIF ref: 16-24-04 Drainage issue, Blind Lane, Southwick	The Parish Council has received reports that a drain in Blind Lane seems to be located in the incorrect position and is ineffective. This was reported via the myWilts app and the response was to direct the issue to LHFIG. The PC would like WC to investigate the placement of the drain and assess its effectiveness in its current position.	JM to discuss with drainage /maintenance engineers.	

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	6.	Any other business			
	a)	Cllr Vigar - Footpath TROW 107 – Improve current state of footway that provides access to the Grove School. He's awaiting feedback from the school and will then be sent via TTC to be discussed in full at April's LHFIG.			
	b)	Cllr Bryant – TTC raised an issue regarding the 'No right turn' out of B&Q/Halfords onto Bradley Road. Advised to submit an Highway Improvement Form via TTC.			

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	c)	Cllr Vigar - SID infrastructure (sockets and posts) can be funded through the LHFIG, would be a good to consider locations where the TTC could be deployed.	
	d)	Cllr Trigg asked if Mark Banks could provide an update at each LHFIG of the status of the footway maintenance programme. Updates of whats recently been done and what's upcoming would be useful.	
	e)	Gully clearance was raised by several members regarding progress/programme – JM to take this back to Mark Banks/Highways Maintenance for a response.	

	7.	Date of next meeting: Thursday 18th April 2024 10am – Prachett meeting room, County Hall and also online via MS Teams
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