Highways Matters Devizes

26th February 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

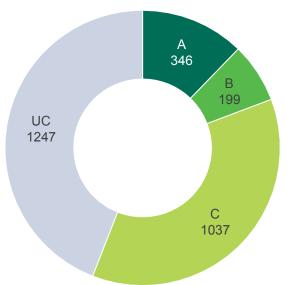
- The highway network roads, bridges and related infrastructure represents the Council's largest and most valuable public asset with a replacement value of over £5 billon.
- Over 2,800 miles of roads, and extensive public rights of way network;
- Extensive public transport network, which we have sustained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





Asset Management - some numbers

Over 2800 miles of road by class





50,000 street lights and 6000 sign lights



293 Belisha beacons



65 signal controlled junctions



981 highway bridges



145 signal controlled pedestrian crossings



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







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 will be undertaking consultation on 'issues and options' towards the end of the year. Key themes will include:
 - Road Safety;
 - Public Transport;
 - Car Parking Strategy;
 - Freight;
 - Active Travel
 - Decarbonisation.



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
- Flooding
- Air Quality
- Peak Hour Traffic Delays



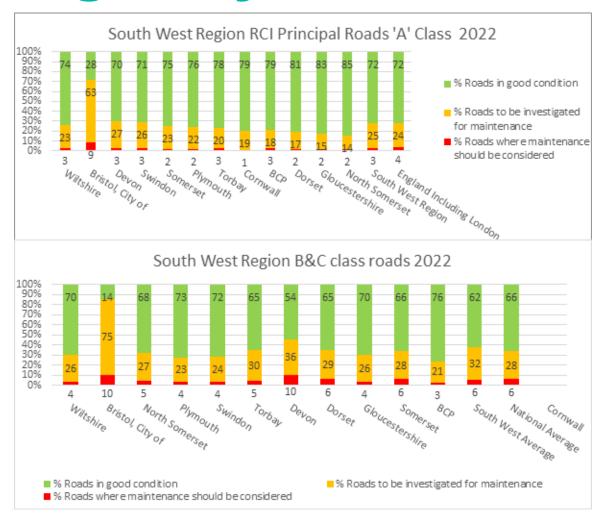
Highways Maintenance

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.



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



November – 145% of normal rainfall





Winter Dec Onwards – long periods Sub Zero

Road Surface Temperatures fell below –9 Degrees C



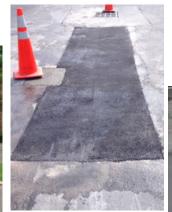
Interim Repair

- 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

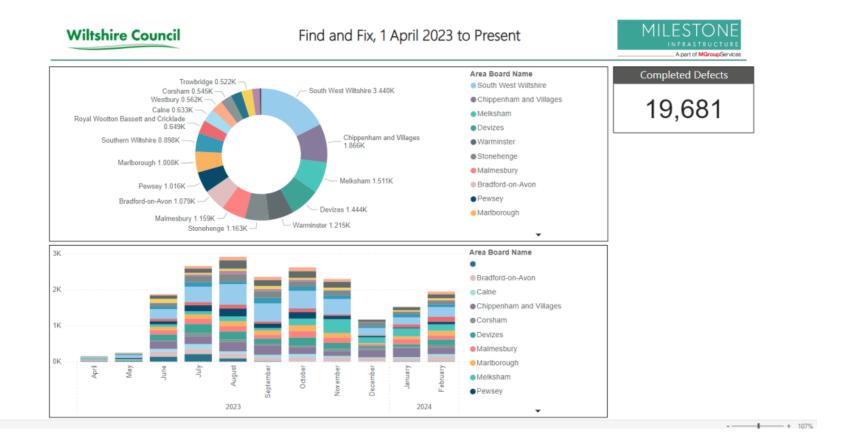








Innovation - Defect dashboard





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
- Grips cut annually



Tractor Mounted Grip
Cutting Head



Gully Tanker/Vactor



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.

Devizes LHFIG

- Current budget £57,065. Commitments £66,783
- 18 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 Devizes Town boundary is the responsibility of Devizes Town Council, with Wiltshire Council being responsible for the wider area.
- Litter collection of main routes and trunk roads 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.
- 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'



Public Transport – Devizes Town

- A revised Devizes Town Bus Service will be introduced form the 1st April. The service will now service Lay Wood and include several changes / additions as requested in last years public consultation which include:
- Earlier and later bus's
- Access to Lay Wood
- Access to the Health Centre in Marshall Road
- Increased service to Hopton Industrial Estate
- Half hourly service form hourly on Saturday mornings

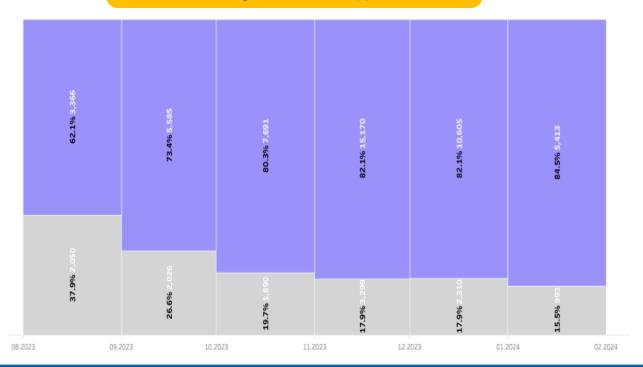


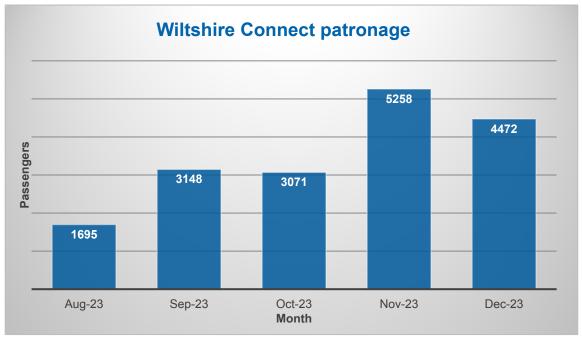


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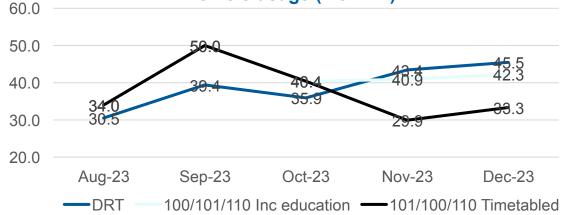
DRT services have seen genuine patronage growth of almost 50% between August and December to a point where the DRT vehicles are exceeding the daily patronage load of the Wiltshire Connect timetabled / semi flexible vehicles.

App usage has gradually increased since the service launched and in January 85% of rides are being made on the app.

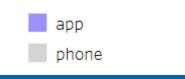








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Thank you for listening.

There will time for questions from the floor;

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

Answers will be made available on our website.









Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership

Perry Payne







The Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership



Members

Wiltshire Council

Swindon Council

Highways England

Wiltshire Police

Police and Crime Commissioner

South West Ambulance Service NHS Trust

Ministry of Defence









Road Safety update – Devizes Area Board

Monday 26 February 2024

#FATAL5 education





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.

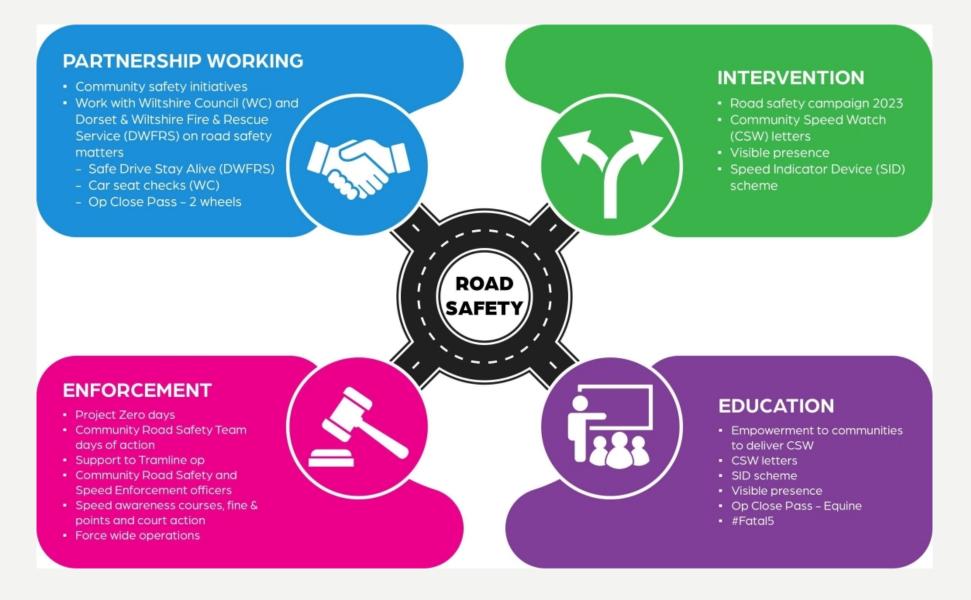
The police have the right to stop you if they think you're distracted and not in control of your vehicle, and you can be prosecuted.

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

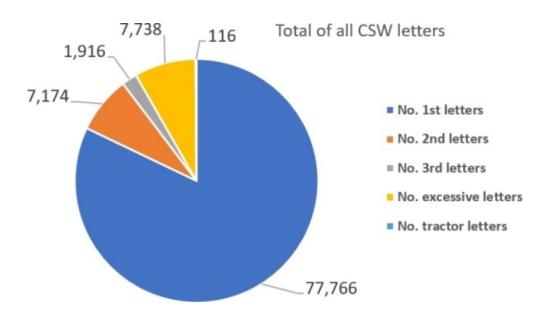


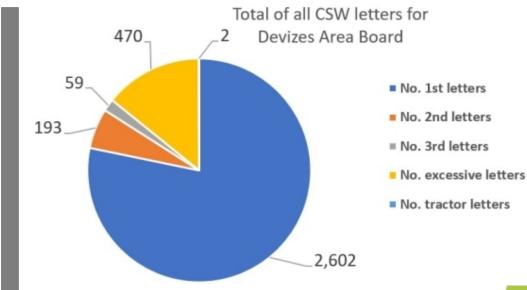
Community Road Safety Team; what we do



• CSW Devizes area - Data since July 2020 to 16 January 2024

Team	No. 1st letters	No. 2nd letters	No. 3rd	No. excessive letters	No. tractor letters			Average speeders %
Devizes - Brickley Lane	24	0	0	8	0	32	7	4.2%
Great Cheverell	748	92	45	413	1	1299	130	9.4%
Market Lavington	8	1	1	0	0	10	6	0.8%
Rowde	343	16	3	11	0	373	47	5.2%
Seend	54	0	0	0	0	54	27	0.6%
Worton	1425	84	10	38	1	1558	393	1.4%
Grand Total	2602	193	59	470	2	3326	610	3.4%





• Traffic surveys – Devizes since October 2020 to date Wiltshire Council

	Survey start		85th		
Title	Result	date	Speed lin	percentile 🔽	
Bromham - New Road	No further action	21/11/2022	30	30.4	
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Bromham C242 Hawkstreet	No further action	21/06/2023	30	33.6	
Coate - Echilhampton Road	No further action	21/11/2021	30	33.8	
Devizes - Brickley Lane	Speed education	21/11/2021	20	28.9	
Easterton - B3098 High Street,	No further action	02/11/2020	30	32.7	
Easterton - B3098 High Street,	Speed education	02/11/2020	30	36.8	
Easterton - Kings Road	No further action	11/09/2021	20	16.2	
Erlestoke - East	No further action	21/11/2021	30	29	
Erlestoke - West	No further action	21/11/2021	30	31	
Etchilhampton Hill	No further action	21/11/2021	60	37	
Market Lavington - B3098 Church Street,	No further action	10/12/2020	20	23.7	
Rowde - Devizes Road	Speed education	23/01/2022	30	37.41	
Rowde 18 Springfield Road	No further action	11/09/2021	30	15.1	
Seend, A361 High Street	Speed education	25/04/2022	30	35.24	
Urchfont - Wedhampton High Street	No further action	12/10/2021	30	22.8	
Worton - High Street,	No further action	10/12/2020	30	34.1	
Worton - High Street,	No further action	10/12/2020	30	31.9	
Worton - Seend Road,	Speed education	10/12/2020	40	46.5	

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.









Introduction to the Forensic Collision Investigation Unit (FCIU)



What do we do:

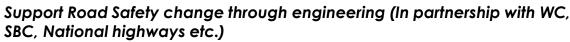
Investigation:

- 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.



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



- 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 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.





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

Community Speed Enforcement Officers

CSEO's

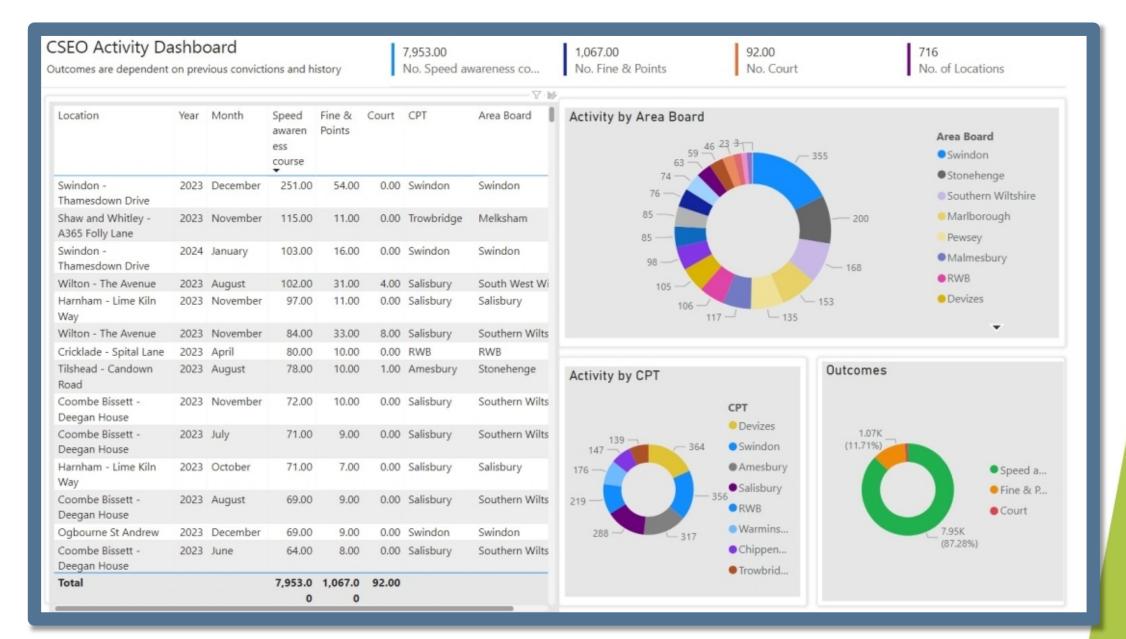


3 xCommunity
Road Safety
Officers (CRSO's)

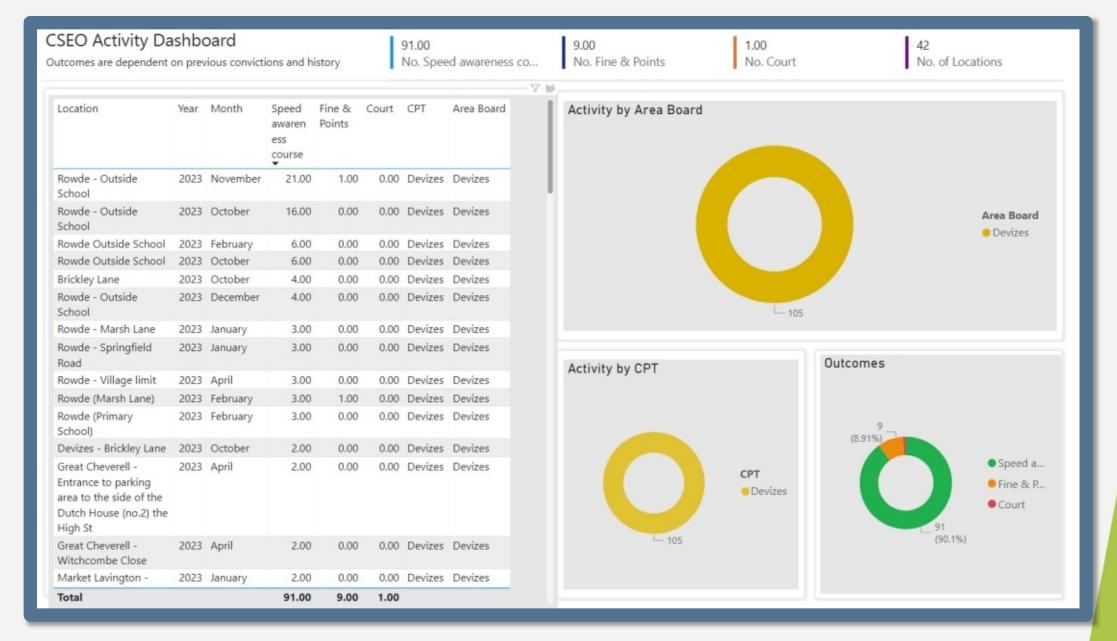
3 x Community Speed Enforcement Officers (CSEO's)



• CSEO - Dashboard - 1 January 2023 to date



• CSEO - Devizes Area Board - 1 January 2023 to date



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For information on Road Safety in Wiltshire visit:

<u>Road safety campaign | Wiltshire Police</u>

Road Safety (wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk)



<u>Devizes Town | Your Area | Wiltshire Police | Wiltshire Police</u>



<u>Devizes Police | Devizes | Facebook</u>



Wilts Specialist Ops (@WiltsSpecOps) / X (twitter.com)

Wiltshire Specials (@wiltspolicesc) / Twitter



The Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership



Wiltshire Council

3 Christmas Drink Drive Public Engagement Events

3 Car Child Seat Check events. 124 seats check and approx. 60% required adjustment.

(Further events planned 16-18 April 2024. Venues TBC).

Since September 2023

1300 Children trained to Bikeability level 1&2

3166 primary school children trained in Walk Safe programme

53 children trained on Scootability

4 Drive Plus Assessments for older drivers

3 subsidised drivers through the Pass Plus scheme

Working regionally regarding rural road safety and agricultural vehicles

Just taken delivery of 10 VR360 headsets funded by Wiltshire Public Health to deliver older driver workshops.







The Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership



Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

Assisted in car seat checks (1 venue)

Assisted in Operation Close Pass (1 venue)

General Road Safety Community Event (1 Venue)

Assisted with Drink Drive campaigns

Supported Hills Group with Road risk presentation to Wiltshire Occupational Health and safety Association

Presented Safe Drive Stay Alive to 2282 students

360 VR sets used for 75 students

Survive the Drive presented to 4228 military personnel







The Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership



Emerging Issues

The Group carries out continuous analysis of what's happening in Wiltshire and Swindon and one thing we're starting to notice is pedestrian distraction, often due to use of their mobile phones.

People are walking into the road without properly looking for the risk having been completely distracted by their phones.

It would be helpful if you could perhaps mention this to family and friends and just ask them to be particularly vigilant.

THANK YOU





Q&A



Urgent Area Board Business



Apologies



Minutes for Approval

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2023.



Declarations of Interest

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



Air Quality and Sustainable Transport

Recommendations:

- 1. The area board supports the use of the capital funding made available by the cabinet member for developing routes in the Devizes LCWIP to be used to produce a detailed plan for walking/cycling route DC1 (London Road).
- 2. The area board agrees for a partnership to be formed with Cycle Friendly Devizes and Devizes Town Council to oversee this project. This may be the existing Devizes Air Quality and Sustainable Transport Group
- 3. The area board agrees to look at using the S106 funding that is already allocated for this purpose to cover any additional expenditure required.



10) Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group - Cllr Dominic Muns





Main Points:

Following the LHFIG meeting on the 23rd January, all 12 "High Priority" schemes are progressing well, including:

- **Devizes** Installation of dropped kerbs, 20mph zones, and waiting restrictions
- Market Lavington Speed Indicator Devices
- West Lavington Waiting restrictions
- Bishops Cannings Speed limit reduction
- Urchfont Installation of dropped kerbs
- Wedhampton Change of road layout



Main Points:

The LHFIG was also able to direct parishes to other groups and initiatives that can help:

- Bishops Cannings A referral to the "Air Quality & Sustainable Transport" group and introduction to the "Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plans" to improve connectivity between the parish and central Devizes.
- **Great Cheverell** An introduction to the "Taking Action on School Journeys" initiative which can address several concerns from the school and Parish Council with additional budget.
- Market Lavington & Seend Referrals to the Substantive Bid process and Highways where projects are too large for the LHFIG



Recommendation:

- Devizes Area Board to note the discussions from the LHFIG meeting of 23rd January 2024
- To confirm the progress of the High Priority schemes agreed by LHFIG
- To thank the parish councils that attend the Group, bring local residents' concerns to us and engage in interesting and constructive discussion.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16th April 2024, via MS Teams.



Grants for Local Groups

Applications for Community Area Grants





Area Board Initiatives

- Devizes Area Board £4591.35 towards Million Hours Youth Project.
- Devizes Area Board £4591.35 towards Youth Space in Devizes



Community Area Grants

- Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts £4844.06 towards Devizes Community Arts Hub Capital Support Project 2024.
- Seend Lye Recreation Field £5,000 towards Replacement mowing equipment for Seend Lye Recreation Field.
- Drews Pond Wood Project £2097.60 towards Drews Pond Wood Project path improvement.



Older & Vulnerable Grants

- Arts Together £2500.00 towards Arts Together Projects for Isolated and Vulnerable Older People in Devizes.
- Alzheimers Support £1440.00 towards Sidmouth Street dementia day club supporting local people living with dementia.
- Our time project £3000.00 towards Devizes movement and theatre workshops for elders.
- Nosh and Natter Seend £325.00 towards Seend Nosh and Natter Lunch Club.



Young People Grants

- The Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race £998.00 towards Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race.
- KOTB Angling Club Kids On The Bank £350.00 towards Kids On The Bank Help Fund.



Next meeting

3 June 2024



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