



Aimhigher

The Aimhigher programme is a partnership of universities, schools, FE colleges, LAs and others to provide a range of activities supporting the government's aim of raising participation in higher education to 50% of young (18 – 30) people by 2010.

www.aimhigher.ac.uk

www.dfes.gov.uk/aimhigher.ac.uk/aimhigherprogramme/ - the website for 'professionals'

www.aimhigher.ac.uk/dontstop/home/ - the website for young people and parents

Aimhigher in Wiltshire

Wiltshire is part of the Aimhigher South West region.

The different partnerships within the region face different issues in identifying, reaching and working with their target groups. To address the local priorities, the area partnerships have each developed different ways of working and delivering interventions.

Wiltshire is covered by two of the three area partnerships - Aimhigher West and LIFE (Learning is for Everyone).

Schools under Aimhigher West:	Schools under LIFE:
Abbeyfield	Avon Valley
Bradon Forest	Bishop Wordsworth's
Devizes	Castledown
Hardenhuish	South Wilts Grammar
Lavington	St. Edmund's
Kingdown	St. Joseph's
Malmesbury	Trafalgar
Matravers	The Stonehenge
Pewsey Vale	Westwood St. Thomas
Sheldon	Wyvern
St. Augustine's	
St. John's	
St. Laurence	
The Clarendon	
The Corsham	
The George Ward	
The John Bentley	
The John of Gaunt	
Wootton Bassett	

Schools in **bold** are target schools for Aimhigher.

Wiltshire schools have been involved in the Aimhigher programme since 2005, when changes were made to identification criteria and recognition of rural deprivation. The issue for several of the target schools is not particularly underachievement by students but lack of progression to HE.

Aimhigher West and LIFE action plans are very different and consequently how they affect and work with the schools is also different.

The LA and target schools within the **Aimhigher West** area have been allocated money for co-ordination and implementation of the Aimhigher programme. Liz Banister is the sub-area coordinator for Wiltshire. All target schools have a named Aimhigher co-ordinator and schools are actively engaging in the programme. In addition to activities with students this includes network meetings and annual planning, monitoring and evaluation of progress. A number of non target schools are also participating when possible.

The good news for Wiltshire is funding for 2006 -08 has not only been secured but actually increased.

Aimhigher West		2005 - 2006	2006 - 2007	2007 - 2008
Wiltshire LA	B	£15,000	£17,278	£20,926
Devizes School	B	£5,000	£5,759	£6,975
Matravers School	B	£5,000	£5,759	£6,975
Pewsey Vale School	B	£5,000	£5,759	£6,975
The Clarendon College	B	£5,000	£5,759	£6,975
The George Ward School	B	£5,000	£5,759	£6,975
The John Bentley School	B	£5,000	£5,759	£6,975
The John of Gaunt School	B	£5,000	£5,759	£6,975

The **LIFE** partnership has allocated funding, action plans etc. that impact in a different way. Organisation is through task groups. Stella Lees is Task Leader for Strand 1 - this strand directly focuses on working with schools and colleges.

Aimhigher opportunities are sent out to schools and colleges. Supply and travel costs are covered by LIFE. Target schools are now engaging with the programme but progress has been slower due to the 'remote' style of working.