

**New Memorandum of Agreement for the Cranborne Chase and
West Wiltshire Down AONB Partnership.**

(an update report from the Chairman following discussion of this item
at Western Area Committee)

- 47% of the AONB lies within the Salisbury District, mainly in the Western area but with parts in Southern area [Coombe Bissett and Homington] also a little in Northern area.
- 75% Of the AONB core funding is provided by the Countryside Agency plus 50% of the project cost.
- The Local Authorities fund the remaining shortfall on a proportional basis.
- Salisbury provides 23.51% of the shortfall.
- The new memorandum of Agreement runs for six years, 2004 to 2010.
- The subject was discussed by Western area, 17.06.04 and the Cabinet, 23.06.04.
- It was agreed that
 1. the Memorandum of Agreement be adopted and signed,
 2. the Council priorities identified by the Working group be endorsed,
 3. the AONB Steering group be informed of the Western Area Committee's view that the AONB is a living, working and farming area and that its designation as a National Park in the future would impose restrictions that would interfere with this vitality and accordingly this Council wishes to record its strong objection to any such future designation.