

Our Community Plan 2004-2009

Southern Community Area

Alderbury, Britford, Clarendon Park, Coombe Bissett, Downton,
Farley & Pitton, Grimstead, Landford, Laverstock, Odstock,
Redlynch, West Dean, Whiteparish and Winterslow

OUR COMMUNITY, OUR VISION

The South Wiltshire Strategic Alliance is a partnership of the public, private, voluntary and community sectors in Salisbury and South Wiltshire.

Its mission is to work together to create 'a safe and caring place, where it is easy to get about and where value for money services contribute to a high quality of life and environment, with equality of opportunity for all'.

The following strategic priorities have been adopted for 2004 – 2009:

- Access to services (including rural transport)
- Affordable housing
- Crime and anti-social behaviour
- Alliance partners as exemplary employers (healthy workforce, green organisations, basic skills for all employees)

South Wiltshire Strategic Alliance Partners:

- Churches Together
- Council for Voluntary Service
- Environment Agency
- Government Office for the South West
- Learning and Skills Council (Wiltshire & Swindon)
- Salisbury College
- Salisbury District Council
- Salisbury Health Care NHS Trust
- South Wiltshire Action against Poverty
- South Wiltshire Economic Partnership
- South Wiltshire Primary Care Trust
- The Army
- Wiltshire Association of Local Councils
- Wiltshire Constabulary
- Wiltshire County Council
- Wiltshire Fire Brigade
- Wiltshire Racial Equality Council
- Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

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HOW THIS PLAN WAS PUT TOGETHER

During the summer of 2003, the South Wiltshire Strategic Alliance distributed a Community Questionnaire to 49,000 households. 37% were returned, of which 3534 were from the Southern community area. The results from the questionnaire showed your priorities across the area and these were:

1. Looking after the Roads
2. Vandalism & Anti-Social Behaviour
3. Reducing Crime
4. Looking after the Environment
5. Cleanliness of Roads, Streets & Open Spaces
6. Housing Local People can afford

Many people also took the time to write comments about the specific issues under those headings that were causing concern. We also have information from previous community planning Workshops, which were held in 1999 and 2001, information from a panel of local residents known as 'Peoples Voice' and from a panel of young people known as 'Tomorrow's Voice'. This information has been brought together to form your Community Plan.

Various community groups and organizations have also been asked for their views and opinions. We recognise that in every parish there are many volunteers working on projects, giving up their time to make a difference in their community. Some of the projects will need to be taken forward by you, the community.

The purpose of this plan is to publish the results of what local people want to see – but also, more importantly, the plan will influence partner organisations of the Alliance to address priorities in your area. The plan will directly impact policy making and strategic planning, within inevitable budgetary constraints. It will also help community groups by showing what is being achieved and how the partner organisations can support this.

This plan is not the end of the consultation process. Work will continue around specific target groups, topics and geographical areas as necessary. In particular, we recognize that we have probably not fully addressed the needs of less accessible groups. Work to remedy this is on-going.

In addition to the work that has been carried out at Community Area level, Local Parish Plans are currently being developed in a number of areas. These will influence the future development of local strategies and policies and help us better understand 'real' local community needs. By the time this Plan is reviewed in five years' time, we hope that many parishes will have a Local Parish Plan.

THE SOUTHERN COMMUNITY AREA

Revised map, including Laverstock.

Belonging in the Community

The Southern Area of South Wiltshire is approximately the area covered by Salisbury District Council's Southern Area committee. The Community Area does not include Firsdown, which is in the Stonehenge Community Area, or Netherhampton which is in the Four Rivers Community Area.

The Area is sub-divided for purposes of administration and representation as follows:

Wiltshire County Council Divisions	No. County Cllrs	Salisbury District Council Wards	No. District Cllrs
Downton and Ebble Vale SDC Wards: Downton and Redlynch, Ebble	1	Downton and Redlynch Parishes: Downton and Redlynch Ebble Parishes: Britford, Coombe Bissett, (Netherhampton), Odstock	3 1
Whiteparish SDC wards: Alderbury & Whiteparish, Winterslow	1	Alderbury and Whiteparish Parishes: Alderbury, Grimstead, Landford, Whiteparish, Nomansland (part of Redlynch parish). Winterslow Parishes: (Firsdown), Pitton and Farley, West Dean, Winterslow	3 2
SDC ward of Laverstock is part of Bourne and Woodford Valley Division	1	Laverstock Parishes: Laverstock and Clarendon Park	2
TOTAL	3	TOTAL	11

A Community Profile

The Southern Community Area sits in the south-east corner of Wiltshire where the chalk of the Salisbury Plain dips down to form the Hampshire Basin, with its surface sands and gravels of the New Forest.

Ancient woodlands remain at Bentley Wood, one of eighteen Sites of Special Scientific Interest. The river Avon flows south from Salisbury to Downton, providing fishing and a habitat for wildlife. The Longford Estate is by far the largest landowner in our Area, extending over seven parishes.

With the A30, A36, A354 and A338 radiating from Salisbury, much of the Southern Area looks to Salisbury for its services and facilities. The Hampshire towns of Fordingbridge, Ringwood and Romsey also service local rural needs. There is an efficient train service to Waterloo and the West Country

The Area has four secondary schools, one in Downton and three in Laverstock, which include children from the City catchment area, and beyond. When the number of residents with post-school qualifications (levels 3, 4, and 5) is compared with the other 19 community areas of Wiltshire, the Southern Area falls in the top quarter (34.9%)

Statistically, our Area is relatively affluent, and falls within the least deprived 25% of the country. Nevertheless pockets of deprivation do exist, with 500 children living in income-deprived families. The population of around 21,000 is ageing with significantly more older people (22.5%) and fewer children (18.4%) than the national average (15.9% and 20.15% respectively). The percentage of lone elderly people is 5.6%.

The combination of relative affluence and an ageing population can explain the very high rate of home ownership, the second highest in the County for residents owning their property outright. Ebbles ward is the second most deprived ward in Wiltshire for access to housing and Alderbury is 11th (out of 137).

Employers provide nearly 7000 jobs in the area. Many people, however, travel to work in Salisbury, or commute to London, Southampton, or Bournemouth.

Churches throughout the Area are active in promoting youth activities and making a significant contribution in meeting the needs of the whole community.

<p><i>* Demographic data relates to the 2001 census.</i></p>
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Local Planning Progress in our Southern Area Villages

Village Design Statements are produced by local communities.

They identify the character of a village, and set down design principles based on that distinctive character. The production of a statement fosters working with the local authority, requires understanding of the current Local Plan (soon to be the Local Development Framework) and offers a chance to influence future policies.

Downton has produced its Village Design Statement aimed at improving the quality of new buildings and retaining the character of the Village. It has been adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

Parish Plans

The Government Green paper of November 2000 announced the concept of Parish Plans to build on the work of Village Design Statements.

They set out a vision of what is important to the local community, including local services, facilities and environment. They provide a tool for seeking project funding, providing impetus for local community action and influencing the plans and policies of others.

Redlynch produced its Parish Plan in 2003.

Alderbury Parish Council is in the process of producing a Parish Plan with a Village Design Statement incorporated. This will have a vital part to play in feeding into the Community Planning process and the future Local Development Framework.

Other Parish Councils – Farley, Laverstock, Winterslow, and Pitton/Farley – are exploring the opportunities presented to produce a Parish Plan encompassing the aspirations of their residents and achieve practical solutions involving the entire community

TRANSPORT

We here consider transport in its widest sense to include footpaths and pedestrian safety to public transport and road maintenance. “Looking after the Roads” is the top priority of the area. The main transport concerns are:

- Heavy goods vehicles using roads through village communities
- The upkeep of rural roads and maintenance of verges
- Road safety

The Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2006-11 consultation in our Community Area was held in 2004. Further consultation will take place in 2005. The specific concerns expressed related to:

- Drivers speeding at the Petersfinger bend on the Southampton Road
- Heavy traffic in Downton, creating difficulties parking and getting about
- The Harnham Relief Road diverting traffic towards Downton, increasing traffic through the village.

With only 9.3% of households without a car, this community area has the highest rate of car ownership in Wiltshire. West Dean station is on the Salisbury-Southampton rail route. Most settlements in the area have a bus service. Those on the 2 main roads have an hourly service whilst most of the others have a 2-hourly service. 51% of residents use the bus.

ISSUE	PARISHES	WHAT IS ALREADY HAPPENING?	WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?
PATHS			
Provision and maintenance of foot and cycle paths. Inadequate paths for access to Salisbury by Alderbury and Laverstock residents	Alderbury, Britford, Downton, Grimstead, Landford, Laverstock, Pitton & Farley, Redlynch, Winterslow, Whiteparish All parishes	Improved cycle and foot path links being negotiated as part of Downton Road and Duck Lane developments. Design work on cycle link from Harnham gyratory to Odstock Road. Lengthsmen visits.	Salisbury Joint Transportation Team recognises the need for the following schemes but there is currently no funding available: * A cycle and footpath from the dual carriageway to Tesco roundabout, with a crossing at the Petersfinger junction (work to be carried out in conjunction with the Highways Agency). * Improved walking and cycling link from Laverstock campus to Salisbury City. Duck Lane – off site footpath improvements.
Deterioration of Bridleways and Ancient Tracks	West Dean Winterslow	Overuse by four wheeled vehicles. Inadequate control.	

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ROADS			
Speeding through residential areas; using local roads as 'rat runs' at peak times.	Alderbury, Britford, Coombe Bissett, Downton, Firsdown, Landford, Laverstock, Odstock, Pitton & Farley, Redlynch, , West Dean Winterslow, Whiteparish	Traffic calming scheme for Alderbury implemented. Parish Council to work with Police and WCC to identify problem speeding areas.	Requests for traffic calming measures, including speed restrictions, to be put to WCC for consideration, who will assess and prioritise annually (usually based on accident records).
Local speeding black spots	Alderbury Coombe Bissett		Seek appropriate control measures through WCC
Heavy Goods Vehicles through Village roads	B3080 Downton-Redlynch- Woodfalls A30 Whiteparish Alderbury	Freight Study and consultation undertaken by Mouchel Parkman in 2004 for both routes.	Parish agreement on freight transport controls with the aim of implementation by 2006 for both B3080 and A30. Weight restrict sought
Improve signage and street signs	Alderbury, Downton, Laverstock, Pitton & Farley		Set up a working group in the community
Street lighting	Pitton & Farley, Downton, Grimstead, Laverstock, Redlynch, Winterslow, Whiteparish		
Parking – in villages and park & ride	Britford, Downton, Laverstock, Odstock, Winterslow	Britford Park and Ride opening in 2005. London Road Park and Ride. Plan to award contract by 2005 for completion by 2006. Petersfinger Park and Ride – planning permission to be sought in 2005.	

Traffic congestion at peak times into Salisbury	Downton, Charlton, Britford,	Britford Park and Ride opening in 2005.	JTT to introduce bus priority measures on A338 corridor into Salisbury
	Laverstock Winterslow	London Road Park and Ride. Plan to award contract by 2005 for completion by 2006.	Flexible bus services to meet local demand
	Alderbury	Use of village at peak times	Review access to Salisbury on A36
	All	Petersfinger Park and Ride – planning permission to be sought in 2005. WCC have launched Car Share Wiltshire, a service to match up people wanting to car share. See more on www.carsharewiltshire.com	More cycle/walking opportunities: Petersfinger route and Laverstock – Milford Hill route priorities through Salisbury Joint Transport Plan
PUBLIC TRANSPORT			
Safe transport to schools	Laverstock Downton	Laverstock Schools travel plan being produced. Travel Plan for 2005.	Flexible school bus service to meet changing school hours, to be negotiated by schools with bus companies and WCC. Reduction of school traffic by creating drop-off/pick-up points at, eg, P&R sites.
Improve public transport (including out of hours services and concessionary fares)	Alderbury, Coombe Bissett, Downton, Grimstead, Landford Laverstock, Redlynch Winterslow, Whiteparish	Additional funding for public transport at week-ends and evenings is not available from WCC. Salisbury District Community transport provides a weekly service to Salisbury from Whiteparish, Redlynch, Downton and Charlton.	Parish Councils to join with others to facilitate private transport schemes – eg minibus trips to and from Salisbury. Further publicity of existing schemes needed as well as more volunteer drivers.
	Chalke Valley Coombe Bissett Downton, Landford West Dean. Winterslow Whiteparish	Link Schemes are in place. Salisbury and District CVS provides minibus transport for the elderly, mobility impaired and disabled.	

CRIME AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION

Survey results show the second highest priority for the area is the need to reduce crime, vandalism and anti-social behaviour. Compared with other areas in the UK, our Community Area is relatively crime free. Nevertheless, crime, the fear of crime and the threat of anti-social behaviour are issues for community concern. A People's Voice survey in 2003 showed that 85% of residents wanted the police to tackle burglary as the most important crime. 59.1% felt that the amount of antisocial behaviour had increased in the previous year. 92.3% of respondents felt safe outside during the day (Wiltshire average is 88.1%) but only 55.1% of residents felt safe after dark (Wiltshire average is 52.5%).

Local Community Safety Partnerships have been shown to be an effective method of addressing crimes in other areas.

ISSUE	PARISHES	WHAT IS ALREADY HAPPENING?	WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?
Vandalism and anti-social behaviour, including noisy neighbours, bonfires and alcohol-related disturbances	Alderbury, Downton, Laverstock, Winterslow Whiteparish	<p>Targeted patrols following complaints of anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Complaints often misdirected to Parish Council rather than Police</p> <p>Community Bulletin from Alderbury Police</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch schemes</p> <p>ASK's Parenting Wiltshire Service provides support for parents of children and young people aged 8-17 who are experiencing difficulties with their behaviour.</p>	<p>Alcohol Exclusion Zones to be considered by police where need is shown</p> <p>Community to report all incidents to the police, to achieve a complete local dossier on anti-social behaviour</p> <p>More information on laws and by-laws relating to anti-social behaviour in police community bulletin.</p>
Greater Police presence	Alderbury, Downton, Grimstead, Landford, Laverstock Redlynch	<p>Police Station at Alderbury; targeted patrols.</p> <p>Partial coverage by Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>Mobile police unit</p> <p>Use of Alderbury Police Bulletin to inform on crimes and increase awareness (distributed to 3000 households in 2004 through Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators)</p>	<p>Police Office in Downton to open from 2006-07.</p> <p>Police to target resources to focus on maximising visibility and reassurance. Beat officer to be clearly identified and known to the local community.</p> <p>By 2006 complete coverage by Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators to act as conduits between Police and community. This will also extend distribution of Bulletin. Community planner to organise meetings in beat areas</p>

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			<p>by June 2006.</p> <p>Increase number of visits from Mobile Police Unit where need is demonstrated.</p> <p>Wiltshire Fire Brigade to provide free advice on arson and deliberate fire prevention.</p>
Making People Feel Safer	All	<p>Mobile Police Unit</p> <p>All new housing and business developments will be assessed with a view to design out opportunities for crime</p>	<p>Community planner to explore the possibility of a Leisure Credit scheme for young people who help older residents.</p> <p>Police to communicate what is being achieved.</p> <p>Establish an active local Community Safety Partnership – by 2007</p> <p>Police to supply crime detail to parish newsletters to allay fears</p>
Domestic Safety. The need for personal help and re-assurance especially for the vulnerable, isolated and infirm	<p>All</p> <p>Coombe Bissett</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Watch contact with the elderly through coordinators and local beat officers.</p> <p>Lifelines available.</p> <p>Wiltshire Fire Brigade free “Safe and Secure” advice, including home safety checks.</p> <p>Wiltshire Police Bobby Van scheme that looks at programme of improving locks and household safety measures.</p> <p>Free smoke alarms to be fitted to all homes by Fire Brigade as parish is outside the 20 minute response area.</p>	<p>South Wilts Community Safety Partnership to extend publicity of agencies able to help and offer expert advice and support.</p> <p>Introduce doorstep camera scheme where appropriate with support from Community Safety Partnership.</p> <p>Salisbury Domestic Violence Forum to raise awareness of domestic violence in rural areas as an important issue and hidden crime, while recognising the difficulties victims/survivors have in seeking help and receiving services.</p>

Countryside and Land based Issues

Our area has a rich and diverse landscape, largely unspoilt by mass development. In parts it is heavily forested, with plantations and ancient woodlands. Langley Wood is a National Nature Reserve. Cockey Down is one of many Sites of Special Scientific Interest in the area. The southern Wiltshire boundary with Hampshire embraces some of the New Forest, to become a National Park under its own Authority in April 2006, after a year of transition. The Cranbourne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty forms part of the south-western corner of the Area. “Looking after the Environment” was rated the fourth priority on the community survey.

ISSUE	PARISHES	WHAT IS ALREADY HAPPENING?	WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?
Protecting Wildlife and the natural environment	New Forest, Special Areas of Conservation, Nature Reserves and Sites of Special Scientific Interest	Planning Controls and management by private/public bodies.	Carry out one long-term wildlife project for development in the community with support from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.
Maintaining our countryside industries Farming, Fishing, Forestry	All	Shortage of rural workers eg on Longford Estate	More affordable housing to attract labour in an area of low unemployment and high house prices
Disposal of Ministry of Defence Dean Depot	West Dean	Joint working party between local parishes, working with SDC and Test Valley Borough Council to determine future use	To set up a nature reserve managed by Hants and I. of Wight Wildlife Trust
Health and traffic implications of extraction and landfill sites	Brickworth Quarry	Sand extraction; possible landfill (no licence to date).	Community monitoring of licence conditions to be granted by Environment Agency and the extraction operation within those conditions Complete restoration of site by end of 2006
	Whiteparish Chalk Quarry	Landfill complete – resurfacing activity only	

Flooding - Continued support and maintenance	Downton- Avon valley	2003-4 Completion of £2.5m flood defence scheme, managed by Environment Agency	Environment Agency to monitor outcomes, especially efficiency of drains and pumps.
	Pitton – ground water	Agreed Flood Action Plan. Flood wardens appointed. Work by SDC in 2004	Flood wardens to monitor effects of work in place. Site for electric pump sought.
	Coombe Bissett	Flood wardens in place	
	Landford - groundwater	Ditch maintenance is a private responsibility.	
	All	Salisbury District Flood Steering Group set up for reporting problems	Climate change may make flooding worse. Free energy efficiency advice to be provided from 0800 512012.

HOUSING AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Our Community Area is about to see a significant rise in the new housing stock, with three developments at the Portway (Old Sarum), Duck Lane (Laverstock), and Wick Lane (Downton), identified in the current Local Plan. Consultation plays a major part in evaluating the impact on existing local communities and the provision of new facilities using ‘planning gain’.

The availability of affordable housing is a widespread concern with the rise of house prices in the area. The South Wiltshire Strategic Alliance has made tackling this a policy priority. From 2005 up to 40% of housing units in a development will be “affordable” (80% rented and 20% shared ownership).

Environmentally sensitive areas, especially close to the New Forest impose severe limitations on developments. Nevertheless, land is sought in appropriate locations for small scale affordable housing projects to assist balance in the demographic and social structure of villages.

ISSUE	PARISHES	WHAT IS ALREADY HAPPENING?	WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?
Ensuring service provision is adequate to support communities where new developments are planned.	Laverstock	Old Sarum (630 houses planned – at design brief stage Jan 2005); Duck Lane (125 houses planned, 42 – ie 33% - affordable)	Provide shops, primary school, community centre, part time doctor’s surgery and areas for youths and small children using planning gain at Old Sarum. Village Hall extension, Laverstock
	Downton	Wick Lane (50 houses planned – at design brief stage Jan 2005); Tannery (50 houses/flats, 6 flats shared ownership)	Offsite highway improvements and education provision in Laverstock, including classroom and core primary facilities + secondary provision.
	All	Downton library is an example of ‘planning gain’.	Parish Plans to identify needs in all areas.

Affordable Housing - for local people, including the young, old and vulnerable	Downton Grimstead Landford, West Dean Winterslow Whiteparish	Affordable Housing currently forms up to 33% of large housing developments, to increase to 40%. Net loss of council housing through “Right to Buy”.	SDC encourages communities to promote Rural Exception Housing reserved for local people
	Laverstock, All	Affordable housing ratio to be 3:1 rental:shared ownership. All local people’s housing needs to be met. SDC agreement with Asset Trust Housing to provide affordable housing.	Laverstock Parish Council to be involved in allocation process. SDC to carry out district- wide Housing Needs Survey in 2005-06.
Updating and improving local housing stock	Pitton and Farley		
Waste, including community and kerbside recycling, reduction of litter and bins for dog waste	Coombe Bissett Charlton Downton Firsdown Grimstead Landford Laverstock Pitton & Farley Redlynch Winterslow Whiteparish	Mini - recycling centres in Downton, Redlynch and Whiteparish. Kerbside collections of newspapers/cardboard exist across the area. Kerbside collections of glass, textiles, aluminium Foil, metal cans and green waste in Laverstock from 2004. Waste audits carried out for new developments over 10 dwellings. Local consultation on the Wiltshire Waste Plan in 2004.	SDC to identify more potential sites for mini- recycling centres. Rural collection costs limit opportunities to expand the kerbside recycling service. The community to develop at least one waste minimisation project with the support of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

CULTURE AND ACCESS TO SERVICES

Culture refers to all activities that contribute to the quality of life, from arts to leisure, countryside, wildlife, architecture and history.

Settlement size is an indicator of the hierarchy of services and communal facilities to be found in a village. An increase in population size, however, does not necessarily protect services. The demand for playing fields and community centres may remain high, but the threat to small businesses remains, especially retail outlets like shops, Post Offices and pubs.

ISSUE	PARISHES	WHAT IS ALREADY HAPPENING?	WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?
Preservation and enhancement of local heritage	Alderbury, Downton, Landford, Pitton and Farley, Laverstock, Winterslow, Whiteparish	Downton Village Design Statement has been adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance. Parish Plan adopted by Redlynch in 2003. Alderbury preparing a Parish Plan in 2004-05. Millennium Green Trust, Downton Moot Preservation Trust	More parishes to identify their character, needs and term objectives through parish planning process. More parishes to prepare Parish Plans. Community to support Downton Moot Preservation Trust and Millennium Green Trust
Uncertainty of use of playing fields and sports grounds in the long term.	Laverstock, Alderbury, Odstock Laverstock Downton	Competing demands on playing field sites. An alternative cemetery site has been found to safeguard the existing Church owned sportsfield Downton School working with Downton Leisure Centre to share facilities	Local Development Framework to secure land for public use. Downton School to open its playing fields for community use. Create a multi-sports club offering a wide range of sporting opportunities
Establish or improve Children's Play Areas	Charlton Downton, Laverstock, Odstock, Redlynch Laverstock	Developer contributions collected by SDC for use by parishes to improve play facilities. Weekly inspections of existing facilities. Planning gain to be used to fund a playground for under-12s, an over-12s sports wall and a youth shelter.	Community planner to seek advice through Community First. Cooperation between parishes for best practice.

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Ensuring leisure facilities are available and affordable	Downton	SDC supports Downton Leisure facility.	Continued support for the expansion of Downton leisure facility. Continued promotion and support for Wise Card.
Arts provision	Downton School	Enhancement of main hall for theatre use.	Creation of a dance and drama studio by early 2006
Delivery of Youth Services Programme	All West Dean	Downton Youth centre behind Memorial Hall - limited use ROMP (Rural Online Mobile project) Street youth workers Funding for skate park.	Boost participation rate – aim to involve 15% of 13 – 19 year olds. Local schools and the Youth Service to improve youth provision within the area, and seek funding for a purpose-built youth centre for 2006. Use of Community buildings in Area with a network of trained volunteers Promote community project in rural areas through partnership working
Maintaining local facilities (including village halls)	Britford Bodenham/Nunton Coombe Bissett, Downton, Laverstock, Redlynch (including Morgans Vale and Landford), West Dean, Winterslow, Whiteparish.	Planning policies in place to prevent the loss of facilities. Diversity of use Expansion in Laverstock from developer contributions at Duck Lane	Consultation with parishes through Community First on demands on village halls and local strategies to maintain facilities by 2006
Improve provision of child care facilities	Alderburry Coombe Bissett Winterslow Downton	Existing use of Village Halls Downton School negotiating with national provider	Downton School nursery facility from Sept 2006; after-school club from Sept 2005.

SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

The population of South Wiltshire enjoys relatively good health. Although “Better health” did not feature as one of the six top priorities in the 2003 Community questionnaire, issues have been raised by community groups. Many of the matters featuring in other parts of this Plan, such as improving transport and housing, and reducing anti-social behaviour, will have a positive impact on both physical and mental health. Community involvement in health care is assured through two Patient and Public Involvement Forums for South Wiltshire.

Local healthcare provision is limited, resulting in a strong dependency on Salisbury. The Southern Area includes Salisbury District Hospital at Odstock and Capio New Hall, the local private hospital at Bodenham. In many areas the Link scheme provides transport to the hospital.

All organisations involved in the Wiltshire Strategic Board have agreed to strive to make Wiltshire the healthiest county in England by 2012.

ISSUE	PARISHES	WHAT IS ALREADY HAPPENING?	WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?
Access to NHS dentists in the area. No dentist in Downton.	All	New dental surgery at Hampton Park.	South Wiltshire Primary Care Trust is taking over responsibility for dentistry from October 2005. As a high priority, it will seek to improve access to dental care in Downton.
No GP surgery in Laverstock	Laverstock	High dependency on Salisbury services. GP surgeries currently in Downton, Whiteparish and Hampton Park.	No funding available for this in next five years due to proximity to Salisbury. Part time GP facility could be provided at Old Sarum new development using planning gain.
Out of hours medical facilities are patchy throughout the Area	All	The introduction of the new out of hours service (October 2004) aims to improve access to medical staff.	PCT to conduct satisfaction survey after appropriate period of time.

Services for the elderly, including housing and care	Alderbury, Coombe Bissett, Downton, Laverstock, Pitton & Farley, Winterslow	<p>Suspected shortage of long term beds in Care Homes. Expansion of care homes hindered by lack of affordable accommodation for nursing staff.</p> <p>The introduction of new procedures to help health and social care professionals work together more efficiently will improve services for the elderly.</p> <p>Direct payments will increase the housing and care choices for older people</p> <p>Good Neighbour support for those in need.</p>	<p>Conduct a “Needs” survey, through PCT of care provision to establish how far local facilities available for the community.</p> <p>Community First to promote scheme</p>
Help for Long term Patients	All	The Expert Patient programme, designed to empower patients to manage their own healthcare. Classes can be set up locally where there is sufficient demand.	The Primary Care Trust will work with others, through the General Medical Services contract and initiation of a project in 2005, to develop services which support people with long-term conditions.
Length of Hospital Waiting Lists	All	The Hospital Alternatives Team (HAT), working with District Nurses, seeks alternatives to hospital admission in order to avoid inappropriate use of acute hospital beds, a prolonged and unnecessary stay in hospital or an inappropriate admission to long term residential or nursing care. The Government has undertaken for all hospital treatment to be delivered within 18 weeks of a GP referral by 2008, with a patient choice of any provider.	By the end of 2005 a patient will have the right to choose from at least 4-5 different providers. The NHS will pay. Managed
Realising the SWSA’s vision of equality of opportunity for all	All		SWAAP to identify social exclusion and poverty in our community and put in place measures to address them.

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Shaping health care provision: better decisions; better health	All	Patient and Public Involvement Forums. Regular public meetings	Assist patients in monitoring healthcare provision in the area through Primary Care Trust.
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EDUCATION, SKILLS AND LEARNING

Most of our villages have their own primary school. A real opportunity exists through the Extended Schools programme currently being pursued by Downton Secondary School with its feeder primary schools to provide additional community facilities.

Grammar School and Further Education is provided in Salisbury or Hampshire, resulting in considerable demands on transport. Four schools (including St Andrew's Primary school) are concentrated on the Laverstock campus, with 2000 pupils on roll in September 2004. The benefits of specialist educational facilities (Wyvern College for Technology and St Edmund's for Sports) have widened the catchment area and resulted in a growing school population.

The school facilities can be made available for use by the community outside school hours through the Extended Schools programme. This will enable more vocational training and recreational activity to take place. The widening availability of Broadband can provide greater opportunity for open learning courses accessed through IT facilities

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Limited community facilities in villages for learning opportunities	All Downton School catchment area Laverstock	High dependence on Village Hall for lectures, etc. Adoption of the Extended Schools scheme at Downton School	Facilities to be made available through the Extended Schools scheme would include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - meeting rooms - playing fields - assembly hall -specialist rooms eg computer facilities dance and drama
	Coombe Bissett Alderbury, West Grimstead, and Woodfalls	Salisbury College use of Downton Library for computer courses. Recreational courses	Salisbury College to promote further range of options for vocational and interest groups delivered through Adult Education and Youth activities.

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Increase in rolls projected in campus schools, with pressures on accommodation and traffic	Laverstock	Additional mobile classrooms on campus Extension to St Andrew's primary school	Enhance the quality of educational facilities with permanent buildings and modern teaching technology. Meet community wishes by exploring the possibility of further secondary school development on a separate site
	Downton	Building and modernisation programme	Continued development of Downton school site to meet demands for more community facilities.
Greater access to Downton Library	Downton	Limited opening hours	Extend hours of opening when not staffed by use of smart card for access from 2005.
Extent of Mobile Library	All except Downton	Visits limited to 20 -25 minutes, with near total coverage of Area on a fortnightly basis. Winterslow and Nomansland have Library Plus.	Extend use of Mobile Library Plus for weekly morning or afternoon visit with broadband access, but not scheduled in next two years

ECONOMY

Many of the themes already covered are linked to economy, from affordable housing to education, skills and training.

Local businesses support nearly 7000 jobs, with a higher than Wiltshire average in traditional rural industries, while employment in manufacture (9.2%) is only two thirds the County average. The unemployment rate of 1.9% is the lowest of all Community Areas in the County.

The Community Area falls within the Downton Market Towns Initiative. I don't understand this!

As a market town, Downton has its highly successful annual Cuckoo Fair with an estimated 15,000 visitors in Spring 2004. There is a W. I. market at Downton's Memorial Hall every Friday morning.

The change in status of the New Forest to administration by a National Park Authority in April 2006 will have implications for planning in those areas currently within the Southern Area of Salisbury District Council. Policies will emerge that impact on employment in industries associated with tourism and land use.

ISSUE	PARISHES	WHAT IS ALREADY HAPPENING?	WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?
Maintain and enhance, where possible retail units and services within villages	Whiteparish Alderbury Downton Winterslow Laverstock	The community area as a whole has one bank, five cash points, 14 Post Offices, 27 pubs and 18 convenience stores	Post Office Ltd required to maintain rural network as far as commercially viable, and seek alternative solutions Monitoring by Postwatch Parish Council involvement Business rate relief (up to 100%) available from SDC subject to certain conditions
Link between local businesses and education	Downton	Negotiations between local businesses and Downton School for mutual benefit. Modern and well equipped classrooms with computer facilities	Blue Skies Club to provide business networking, enhanced staff training and business awareness for students
Employment sites and environmental concerns – eg net loss of bio-diversity	Alderbury Downton	Possible extension to Whaddon Business Park Rapid expansion of Downton Industrial Estate	Parish to review plans when submitted Conditions on activities imposed by SDC on planning applications
Access to broadband	All		All exchanges in the area will be upgraded to enable access to broadband by end April 2005.

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

INFORMATION

Wiltshire County Council (WCC) County Hall, Trowbridge Wiltshire BA14 8JJ Tel: 01225 713000 www.wiltshire.gov.uk	Responsible for:	compulsory education, youth services, social services, libraries, transport, highways, pavements...
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Salisbury District Council (SDC) Council House, Bourne Hill Salisbury, Wiltshire. SP1 3UZ Tel: 01722 336272	Responsible for	refuse collection, environmental health, housing, planning
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Salisbury Library
Market Place, Salisbury
Tel: 01722 324145

Downton Library Church Leat Downton, Salisbury SP5 3PD Tel: 01725 511003	Opening times	Monday and Thursday Tuesday 10am – 1pm Friday Saturday 9am - 1pm	2pm - 7pm 2pm – 5pm 2pm – 5pm
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WEBSITES

Wiltshire and Swindon Intelligence Network Website www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk	For local data publications, including census data, local statistics, research reports...
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South Wiltshire Community Website www.southwilts.co.uk	Information on local government activities, societies and events in South Wiltshire, including parishes.
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This is Wiltshire www.communicate.co.uk	Information on organisations including charities throughout Wiltshire, local activities and parish meetings
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Wiltshire Community History www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community	Historical information of parishes within Wiltshire
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PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

Wiltshire villages	www.villages.co.uk
Alderbury and Whadden	www.alderbury.info.com
Britford Parish	www.coombebissett.com
Coombe Bissett Parish	www.downton.org.uk
Downton Village Parish	www.cuckoofair.co.uk
Downton Cuckoo Fair	www.landford.net
Landford	www.laverstock.org
Laverstock	www.southwiltshire.net/odstock
Odstock, Bodenham, Nunton	www.sp5.org.uk/westdean
West Dean	www.sp5.org.uk/grimstead
Grimstead	www.sp5.org.uk/winterslow
Winterslow	www.whiteparish.co.uk
Whiteparish	

Contact details for District Councillors and Parish Chairpersons and Clerks can be obtained from Salisbury District Council, Democratic Services – telephone 01722 434236

TRANSPORT

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Wilts and Dorset Bus Company 01772 336859
www.wdbus.co.uk

HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS

Salisbury Joint Transportation Team	01722 434325	The team is responsible for traffic measures in and around Salisbury.
www.salisbury.gov.uk/transport		
Wiltshire Highways Department	01225 713403	WCC is responsible for highways, paths, school transport outside Salisbury boundary.
Highways Agency	08457 504030	Responsible for the strategic national road network
www.highways.gov.uk		

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Wiltshire Rural Transport Partnership	01380 72247	The Partnership delivers transport for those unable to access conventional public transport services for a variety of reasons including mobility difficulties, lack of public transport, etc
Wyndhams, St Joseph Place, Devises SN10 1DD www.wiltshirecommunitytransport.org.uk		
Link Schemes		
Chalke Valley	01722 718780	Coombe Bissitt, Britford, Bodenham, Nunton, Odstock
Downton Link	01725 513807	Downton, Redlynch, Woodfalls, Hale, Morgans Vale, Charlton-All-Saints
Winterslow	01980 863287	Winterslows, Firsdwn
Whiteparish and Landford	01794 834390	
Salisbury District Community Transport	410123	Door to door rural community bus service to Salisbury Whiteparish - Mondays, fortnightly Redlynch, Downton, Charlton – Tuesday weekly
Salisbury and District CVS	01722 416363	Minibus transport for elderly, mobility impaired, and Disabled to day centres, and for leisure, recreation, and excursions.
WCC Rights of Way	01225 713875	
Open Spaces Society	01491 573535	
www.oss.org.uk		
Ringway Parkman	01335 756600	Contractors for WCC roadworks
Clarence	0800 232323	Clarence - Customer Lighting And Roads Enquiry Centre. If you spot a fault on the roads, pavements, street lighting, traffic lights or drains, call Clarence.

CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

POLICE

Wiltshire Constabulary	01380 735735	www.wiltshirepolice.uk
Salisbury Police Divisional HQ	01722 411444	
Alderbury Police Station	01722 710208	
Grimstead Road, Alderbury SP5 3EX		

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Community Safety Partnership		www.communitysafety.info/southwilt
Safety Inspector - Police	01722 411444	
Projects Manager. SDC	01722 434680	

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Neighbourhood Watch	01722 435213	www.nhw-wilts.org.uk
Wiltshire Bobby Van Scheme	01380 734055	
Wiltshire Fire Brigade (Salisbury)	01722 439300	

ENVIRONMENT AND COUNTRYSIDE

Environmental Agency	08459 713411	www.environment-agency.gov.uk
The Southern Area lies within the SW Agency, except part of Landford parish		

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust	01380 725670	www.wiltshirewildlife.org
Promotes and works towards a sustainable future for wildlife and people.		

English Nature	01733 455190	www.english-nature.org.uk
Government agency that champions the conservation of wildlife and geology throughout England.		
Southern Water	0845 2780845	www.southernwater.co.uk

Longford Estate Office	01722 411616	
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S.D.C. Environment Services 01722 434319/320
Kerbside collections, recycling, flood issues

WCC Environment Services 01225 713411
Waste management

Energy Efficient Advice Line	0800 512012	
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Countryside Commission		www.countryside.gov.uk
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Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs		www.defra.gov/wildlife-countryside
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Campaign for the Protection of Rural England		www.cpre.org.uk
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Salisbury DC Forward Planning	01722 434391	
Planning Office, 61 Wyndham Road, Salisbury SP1 3AH		

HOUSING AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Salisbury DC Forward Planning (see above)	Local Plan and Local Development Framework
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Salisbury Housing Services	01722 434386	
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Aldbourn Consultancy	0800 243994	Tenant advisors
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Salisbury Civic Society	01722 329311	www.salisburycivicsociety.org.uk
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EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Wiltshire Education	01225 713000	
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Salisbury College	01722 344344	www.salisbury.ac.uk
Southampton Road. SP1 2LW		

SECONDARY SCHOOLS		
Downton Secondary School	01725 510610	www.downton.wilts.sch.uk

Laverstock – Church Road SP1 1RD		
- St Edmunds CE	01722 328565	www.st-edmundsgirls.wilts.sch.uk
- Wyvern College	01722 500700	www.wyverncollege.wilts.sch.uk
- St Josephs RC	01722 335380	

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Alderbury /West Grimstead	01722 710464	
Britford CE	01722 327292	
Coombe Bissett CE	01722 718380	
Downton CE	01725 510556	

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Farley All Saints	01722	712313
Greentrees	01722	340596
Morgan's Vale / Woodfalls	01725	510740
Odstock	01722	329701
Pitton CE	01722	712322
Redlynch CE VA	01725	510455
St Andrews, Laverstock	01722	503590
Winterslow CE Aided	01980	862446
Whiteparish All Saints	01794	884420

YOUTH

WCC Youth Development Service

Salisbury Youth Development Centre 01722 410963

Youth Development co-ordinator 07919 881176

Parish room, rear of Downton Memorial Hall, The Borough, Downton.

WCC Learning Services

Library 01225 757517

Adult 01225 713000

Salisbury Playgroups / Childminders 01722 333552

Pre-School Nurseries

Alderbury Playgroup 01722 711226

Downton Community 01725 511178

Pepperbox Pre-school 007870 919842

Whiteparish Teddy Bear Club 01794 884644

Alderbury School

Gravel Close, Downton

All Saints Primary school

Whiteparish Village Hall

HEALTH

South Wiltshire Primary Care Trust 01722 341319

42 –4 Chipper Lane Salisbury SP1 1BG

Community Offices Avon Approach

Salisbury SP1 3SL 01722 329404

Capio New Hall Bodenham 01722 422333

Salisbury, SP5 4EY

www.southwiltshirepct.nhs.uk

www.capio.co.uk/Hospitals/NewHall.htm

Downton Surgery 01725 512154

Moot Lane SP5 2JP

Whiteparish Surgery 01794 884269

Common Road. SP5 2SU

Bishopdown Dental Surgery 01722 412290

28 St Clements Way

SP1 3FF

Alderbury – Gibbs 01722 711025

White House, Southampton Road

Whadden. SP5 3EA

Downton Pharmacy

3 High Street Downton 01725 510388

ECONOMY

Chamber of Trade and Commerce 01722 322708

Federation of Small Business 01458 241613

www.salisburychamber.org

ro.western@fsb.org.uk

South Wiltshire Economic Partnership 01722 434329

www.southwiltshire.com