

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (1)

Meeting: Southern Wiltshire Area Board

Place: Online Meeting

Date: Thursday 11 March 2021

Time: 7.00 pm

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COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM REPORT

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Key Updates

Prevention is better than Cure.

Covid continues to dominate the Policing picture with patrols and enforcement continuing. We now have a Road-Map to exit Lockdown, thanks to an impressive delivery of vaccination by our partners, but wanted to reinforce the message that we currently remain in Lockdown and all the dates provided by the Government are preceded with 'AND NOT BEFORE'. As much as we welcome projected dates, we all must take responsibility to not book fixed dates for events or gatherings until we are clear that they can be fulfilled. It is vital that we continue to follow the advice from the Government, in line with the scientific advice they are receiving, in order to keep our communities safe and not extend or return to future Lockdown periods.

The impact of Covid on our crime figures is clear, evident and welcome. However, we must all be cautious in any expectation that the current trends continue as we approach a period where we will spend more time outside of our homes than we have over recent months. History tells us that during periods of economic crisis and rising unemployment, acquisitive crime (theft and burglary) will rise. Now is the time to be reviewing our owns security and doing all that we can to prevent and deter future crime.

Community Messaging. This is an underused tool but I am encouraging greater use by my staff. One particular function is the ability to map private CCTV systems. The increase in numbers of security systems linked to doorbells is an opportunity that can support investigations. A database that provides the ability to email information that an offence has occurred in an area and we are looking for a person of a certain description, could be the vital link to locate an image nearby on such a camera. Please log in/sign up to Community Messenger and tick the CCTV box to help.

If you have one of these outside your home you could help Wiltshire Police by signing up to Community Messaging.

When we issue alerts and appeals in your area the CCTV you have may help us solve a crime or help find a missing person.

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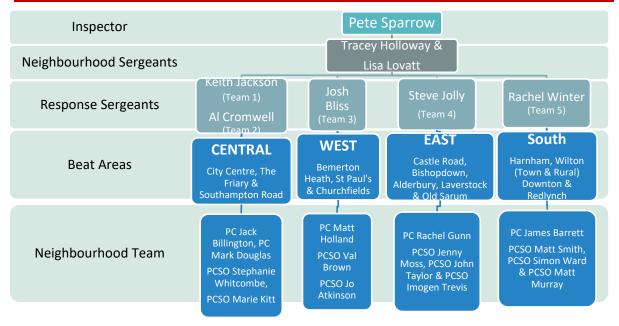




Community SpeedWatch is due to return on 29th March (subject to Government advice) – Welcome Back!



Salisbury CPT Structure



Change is constant in Policing and although there has been no change to my Team since the last report; there will be change before the next. A review of our Policing model will see the reintroduction of the Chief Inspector rank, and the replacement of Community Policing Inspectors with Duty Response Inspectors and Neighbourhood Inspectors. Although at the time of writing I am unable to identify who will be in these roles, the plan is for Salisbury and Amesbury Neighbourhoods to fall to the command of one Inspector, who will not manage the Response Teams.

Leaving Salisbury Neighbourhood Team is PC James Barrett, who has secured a post on our Roads Policing Team. James has been a key officer in the disruption of crime in the South Wiltshire and as sad as it is to see him leave Salisbury, he assures me he will continue his efforts, although in a more comfortable car!

Also leaving, after 30 years service to the Salisbury area is PC Matt Holland. He has spent his entire career in this one area. His knowledge of partnership working and understanding of rural communities is outstanding and I can only thank him for what he has quietly achieved over time.

We are currently running a selection process to identify the next Neighbourhood Officers.

Police Constable recruitment continues. Salisbury are due to receive 3 new student officers from the next intake arriving in April.

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Exception Reporting (Crime Trends)

This is an opportunity to understand crime trends over a 2-year period. This reporting method helps to assess crime trends based on seasonal trends and can assist identifying emerging trends. The central blue line is the 2-year average with the green lines representing the Upper and Lower Control Limits. For the statistically minded the One/Three/Eight markers are where we have consecutive data points that are above or below 1 standard deviation from the mean.

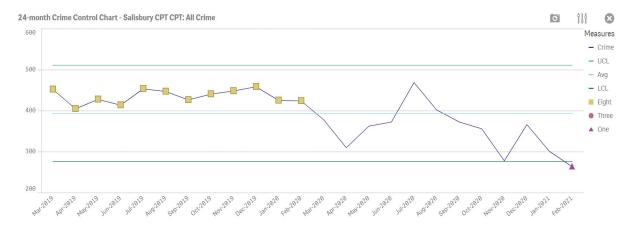
Wiltshire Police:

This chart is provided as a base line to provide context to the performance of Salisbury CPT. It is worth comment on the impact Lockdown 1, 2 & 3 have had upon crime figures. Also of note is that there are seasonal trends where crime is generally highest during the Summer and the Christmas/New Year period. The wider impact of Covid on these charts will have seen that central blue line average lower making the darker blue crime line appear higher. I hope this openness will provide some clarity over perception of crime.



Salisbury CPT:

Considering the entire Salisbury CPT area (Salisbury, Southern & Wilton), all reported Crime in February is currently at a 2 year low, There are clear comparators between the first 2 charts (Salisbury and Wiltshire), particularly the impact of the Covid Lockdown.

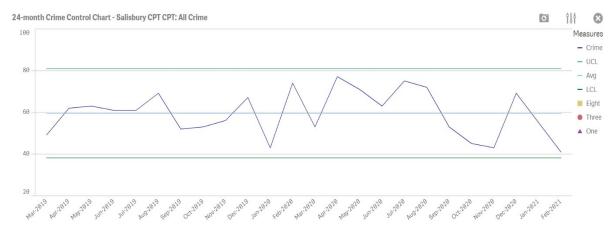


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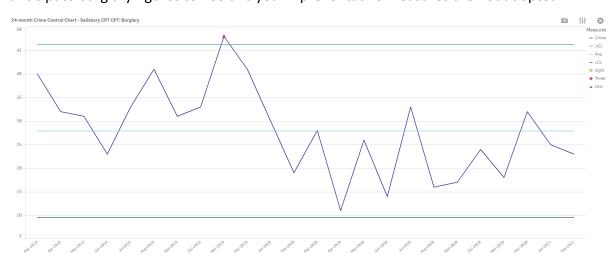




Domestic Abuse has been widely spoken with the clear message that you should not stay at home if it is not safe to do so. For Salisbury, although we have witnessed some peaks and troughs of reporting, crime appears to be low. This is always a difficult area to interpret as we try to encourage reporting and the blunt figures could be interpreted in many ways, including a safer community or a lack of confidence in reporting. January is a seasonally low reporting month.



The Burglary offences are being suppressed by Lockdown. People at home will deter houses from being targeted with attention to sheds and outbuildings more prominent. I anticipate burglary figures to rise this year if preventative measures are not adopted.

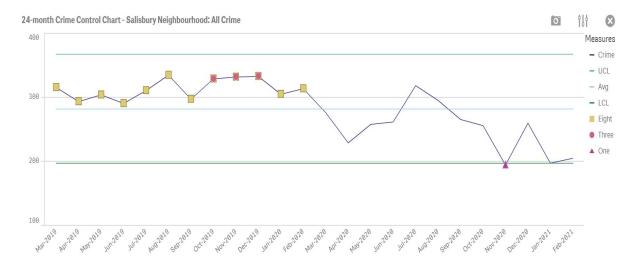


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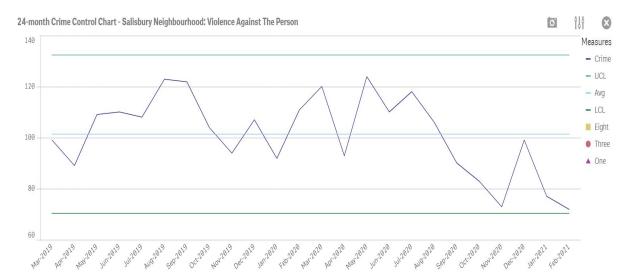
I have divided the next section into the Salisbury CPT data for the three Area Boards it serves.

Salisbury Area Board

All Crime reports remain low during the last 2 months.



What appears to be significant is the Violence Against the Person data which appear to mark the loss of the Night-time Economy with lower violent offences. It is important that as measures are released that we work closely with licenced premises in order to keep communities safe in a partnership approach.



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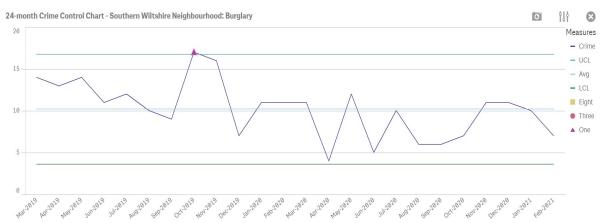


Southern Area Board

At the last Area Board there was comment made regarding unacceptable offences of burglary, criminal damage and ASB, particularly around Downton. The images of a trail of damage through this area as well as burglary offences created a feeling of being unsafe. We have worked closely with both Redlynch and Downton Parish Council to rebalance this matter and am pleased to report that the comments were based largely based on perceptions rather than facts, as can be seen by the next chart where all crime is at a significant low. Policing can sometimes be about simply winning 'hearts and minds' and absence of reported activity can be interpreted as the absence of policing. We have prioritised this area publishing regular updates of activity. We continue to have joint meetings with Hampshire and Dorset Police to share activity and intelligence around our border areas.

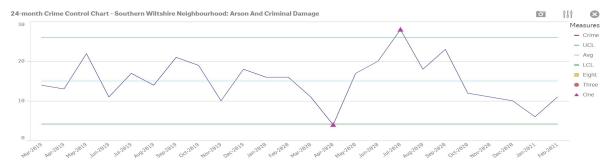


The picture of burglary and criminal damage demonstrate below average figures. However, the map suggests clusters of offences along the Hampshire border. We know that Hampshire are also experiencing similar offences and we continue to work with them on solutions.

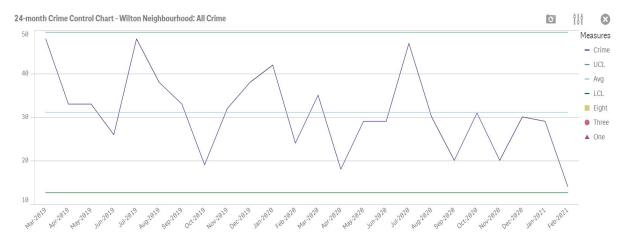


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There remains a strong link between criminal damage and the use of catapults. This is difficult area to police under current laws and we will continue to work with Wiltshire Council on the creation of a Public Space Protection Order that addresses this matter as well as representations to change the law to allow communities to be protected from these unregulated and dangerous weapons.



South West Wiltshire Area Board (Wilton)



Wilton continues to enjoy low crime rates and attention should be drawn to the offence of burglary which has now experienced 9 continual months below average. As previously highlighted, we need to do all we can to prevent crime as we come out of Lockdown.



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Priorities – Some of what are we doing to keep you safe?

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AREA	PRIORITY	UPDATE
All Areas	COVID 19 Patrols	Engage, Explain, Encourage & Enforce the regulations. Police will respond when possible to reports of breaches of the regulations and have allocated staff to this role each day to proactively patrol populated areas based on intelligence to encourage social distancing, the wearing of masks and to discourage unnecessary travel away from the home.
	Library Walk	Patrols of the area during the provision of food to those in need. There has been reports of ASB and lack of Social Distancing. We have worked closely with Wiltshire Council and the Charity to find a more suitable location and pleased to report that this will move to the Coach Park.
	Wyndham Road	Repeated reports of ASB. We will work with Partners to find a solution.
Central	Street Drinkers and the Maltings	Ongoing effort to work with the City Security Officers in addressing the street drinking issues. A Partnership approach is reviewing how we are recording and tackling ASB with the Street Drinking issues a focal point of the discussions. Many of these issues are not specifically Police matters, but the resulting behaviour can be and so it is important that we all work together to improve this problem.
	Market Square	Skateboarders using the Guildhall steps and pedestrian areas. This is being accompanied with loud music and swearing. We are working on understanding their needs – why are they not using the designed skatepark and what can we do to find a resolution.
	Closure Order	A Closure Order is in place on a residential car park, prohibiting the use of the area for car repairs and sales. Neighbourhood Problem Solving with Partners.
West	St Peter's Place	Reports of ASB. Patrols to better understand and address the issues.
west	Drugs	Intelligence gathering and patrols in order to address the issues around drug supply and use. This also includes opportunities to engage and safeguard vulnerable youths susceptible to being drawn into County Lines issues.
East	Vulnerability Patrols	Officers conduct regular visits to our identified vulnerable people in an effort to both reassure them following reported concerns and also to deter visits by criminals who wish to exploit them.
		We are also working with Wiltshire Council Housing on evidence to support an injunction to protect a vulnerable person.

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	Theft from Motor Vehicles	These offences appear to be targeting vehicle parts from garage forecourts. Please pay attention to people acting suspiciously in these areas if seen.
	Burglary	Burglaries of outbuildings in village locations close to the Hampshire border. We have moved 2 PCSOs to the East Area (PCSO John Taylor and Imogen Trevis) who are working on community engagement and visibility.
	Closure Orders & Injunctions	Working in partnership with Wiltshire Council we have secured two Closure Orders and an injunction. One in Downton (closure order and injection) and the other in Harnham. Regular checks of the addresses are being conducted to ensure that only those persons permitted are within the address. Anyone present who is not named commits a criminal offence and can be arrested. These are powerful tools that we can use to address ASB originating from an address or location.
South	Speeding Vehicles	Community Speed Watch (CSW) have sadly been suspended during the Lockdown period, although plan to return on the 29 th March if permitted. Staff are being encouraged to conduct speed checks where possible, some of which are highlighted on Social Media.
	Non Dwelling Burglaries, Thefts & Criminal Damage	This work is focusing on the Downton, Lover, Redlynch, Landford and Nomansland areas where clusters of offences have been seen. PCSO Matt Murray has focused his efforts on Community Engagement in this area and working hard to restore confidence in local Policing. It is worth noting that cycles are hard to purchase and we have seen some high value thefts in this area. Crime Prevention is important and we will work with the local community on this aspect.

Highlights around Salisbury

False Report

A couple have been sentenced to just over two years in prison each after pleading guilty to fraud following a staged burglary.

Graham Mundy, 52, of Old Blandford Road, Salisbury, and Joanna Beames, 34, of the same address, have each been jailed for 26 months after pleading guilty to fraud by false representation and perverting the course of justice at Salisbury Crown Court in December.

Probation Office Assault

Police work closely with Probation Officers in Offender Management. During one such meeting mention was made of possession of a knife. The Officer prevented the offender from leaving the meeting with the knife resulting in physically detaining him, despite being repeatedly punched.

Mark Parker, aged 24, from Cherry Close, Salisbury pleaded guilty at Salisbury Magistrates Court the following day to assaulting an emergency work and possessing a knife in a public place and was sentenced to six months in prison.

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Drink Driver

Russell McBride, 40, of Silver Street, Wilton, pleaded guilty to driving a motor vehicle when alcohol level was above the limit at Salisbury Magistrate's Court. He was disqualified from driving for 29 months, given a community order to undertake rehabilitation activity requirement and 150 hours unpaid work and made to pay a victim support surcharge and costs.

The disqualification will be reduced by 220 days if McBride completes a driving course.

Chiko Time

A suspected drunk driver, who had abandoned her crashed vehicle on the A338 near Britford, was tracked down thanks to Police Dog Chiko and his handler.

A search was carried out by local officers, supported by specialist firearms and dog units which were naturally in the cross. PD Chiko who is trained to follow human agent was as

which were patrolling in the area. PD Chiko, who is trained to follow human scent. was set by his handler to track the occupants of the vehicle, following the trail over a field. The team quickly located the driver beside a road and a passenger who was hiding in a nearby garden.

Sadly, Chiko, who was due to retire in June, died 2 weeks later from a lengthy medical condition. He was a much-loved dog who loved his work.



Insp Pete Sparrow

Salisbury Community Policing Team

Report to	Southern Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	11/03/2021
Title of Report	Community Area Work Plan

Introduction

(1) All Wiltshire Council Area Boards are compiling reports to record the output from 'conversations' held since June 2020 as part of the local priorities resetting process. This process has drawn on the latest Joint Strategic Needs Assessment data, local Covid-19 response and recovery work, parish council consultations and the views of colleagues involved in health and wellbeing initiatives.

Recommendations

Councillors are asked to agree the following recommendations:

- (1) That the Area Board approves and adopts the attached Work Plan (appendix 1)
- (2) That the Area Board notes the results from the community communications survey in Appendix 2, and considers the key findings, with a view to agreeing key actions intended to strengthen communications within, between and for the benefit of parishes and the community area as a whole.
- (3) That the Area Board formally adopts the new local Eco Friendly Villages directory, which has been produced to help the community area increase activity associated with the target of Wiltshire becoming a carbon neutral county by 2030, and to proactively encourage all in their divisions to adopt some of the initiatives listed in the directory.
- (4) That the Area Board follows a similar rolling prioritisation process to that followed by the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) agreeing which top 5 pieces of work on the attached plan it will focus on in 2021/22.
- (5) That the Area Board will prioritise its resources including funding upon those issues identified in the status report.
- (6) That the Area Board requests the Community Engagement Manager to work with key partners, agencies and community groups to encourage them to consider where they are best placed to take actions around the priorities identified.
- (7) That regular updates are submitted to the Area Board on progress made in relation to its own action plan.
- (8) That the Area Board expresses its thanks to those who gave their time to help bring this report and its appendices together.

Work Plan Priorities

- (1) The work plan is structured according to the following priorities (set in no particular order):
 - Community Communications
 - Community Eco Projects
 - Tackling ASB
 - Health & Wellbeing:
 - a. Loneliness & Isolation of Older People
 - b. Rural Isolation of Families & Younger People
 - c. Physical Health & Wellbeing
 - d. Mental Health & Wellbeing
 - e. Dementia
 - Youth Engagement

Work Plan Projects & Initiatives

- 1) A corresponding list of projects and initiatives sit alongside those priorities, some of which have started, others of which will commence, covid-permitting, as soon as possible. These are either area board led or partner/community group led.
- 2) Appendix 2 is an update relating to the Community Communications work carried out so far
- 3) Appendix 3 is an update relating to the Eco Villages work carried out so far
- 4) The Plan also attempts to record ongoing tasks associated with each project, and some corresponding notes.
- 5) This plan will be presented to the new Area Board in May and then brought back quarterly for review.
- 6) As said previously, the area board certainly cannot do it all, and it is good to see that partners are leading on a number of the projects and initiatives.
- 7) Adopting a rolling prioritisation process, as successfully adopted by the CATG, will help the board, its partners, parish councils and colleagues, to maintain an ongoing focus and review mechanism that will ensure time and resources are being deployed to a top 5 set of tasks at any given time.

Conclusion

The Work Plan is a useful document for the Area Board to keep track of the different activities and projects occurring in relation to the latest set of local priorities, as derived from consultations and conversations held since June 2020. It is a dynamic document, to be revised, adapted and updated as matters change, needs arise, and projects are completed. The Work Plan will be drawn upon by partners, services, community groups, parish councils and many others, and will hopefully provide a useful resource to them for their own areas of activity in this Community Area.

Report Author: Karen Linaker, Community Engagement Manager

Southern Wiltshire Community Area: Work Plan

Priority	Project / Initiatives	Leads	Notes	Ongoing tasks
Strengthening arrangements for village and area board communications and improving their impact	Parish Clerk survey	Area Board (CEM and Chairman)	Majority of parishes have responded, summary report submitted to 11/3 Area Board	1. Take forward comments of 11/3 board
	Set up Area Board Facebook Page	Area Board (CEM and Chairman	Not yet started	Task not yet started, and requires discussion between CEM and Chair first
	Our Community Matters – encourage better use of this online interactive noticeboard	Area Board / Parish Councils	I think I am the main contributor to this platform, it would be much better if others could contribute	CEM to discuss with Chair what more she could do to maximise the benefits of this platform
Facilitate eco-friendly villages and projects	Produce and publish a directory of resources to support this priority	Area Board (Chairman and Rosie Wilkinson)	Directory complete and ready for publishing	 Directory submitted to 11/3 area board for formal adoption KL to arrange for publication of the directory through existing networks and contacts, including parish councils, and potentially collaborating with the Salisbury Transition City group and the Wiltshire Climate Alliance Need to consider if some milestones/dates need to be written into this part of the plan

Annual eco friendly villages events with objective of first event to promote the new directory and to help villages share ideas, support new initiatives, and collaborate with existing initiatives in Southern Wiltshire and beyond	Area Board	Yet to discuss	KL to discuss with RB
Laverstock Schools Travel Planning	CEM & Cllr Ian McLennan	Working group continuing to focus on what credible actions can improve the situation	 Schools to attend meeting with Home Run App manager in Feb / March to ensure they are getting the most from the APP KL working with WG to organise an open meeting in March to update on progress of WG so far WG to agree its list of interventions at the March/April WG meeting All interventions to be progressed, with ambition for improved behaviours/physical highway mitigations in place for Sept 2021 This list to form the core of the joint travel plan A review to be carried out as to the future of the WG and ongoing arrangements to ensure the school travel plan's objectives continue to be upheld/progressed

Tackling ASB	Contextual Safeguarding programme of dialogue with relevant partners and professionals and consequent action of connecting vulnerable young people with positive activities/community projects	CEM	Ongoing since early 2020. 8 interventions identified for Downton group of vulnerable teens	 KL to continue attending monthly VARMM meetings KL to secure final sign off from professionals of the interventions that need to be progressed and funded KL to assist and identify new interventions/community projects as and when required by the VARMM process for this existing group of teens and for any future individuals/teens
	Continuing dialogue with local CPT to remedy recent spate of vandalism/crime in Landford and surrounding areas	Area Board / Cllr Clewer / Inspector Pete Sparrow	Ongoing for a number of months, but escalated in recent weeks	KL to discuss with RB to understand what more can be done
Loneliness and isolation of older people	Make A Friend Be A Friend	Carer Support Wiltshire & Area Board	AB funded project in July 2019 – re- starting spring/summer 2021	 Project to re-start in spring/summer KL has met initially with the new CSW lead (Henry Street) officer, and is due to meet again next Thursday to discuss how to introduce the project to Downton and Redlynch and help its implementation during 2021 Ultimately, this project will have succeeded if more isolated older people have been connected/supported to continue engaging in village groups/activities, and some evaluation of the project indicates that they are happier and healthier as a consequence

	Silver Sunday Outreach	Salisbury Older People's Champion and Area Board	Began outreach in 2019, seeking to strengthen outreach in 2021	 KL in ongoing dialogue with Irene KL helping Irene to implement associated afternoon teas initiative in and around Laverstock KL to meet with Irene in Spring to understand how to maximise outreach opportunities for 1st Oct 2021 Silver Sunday and the hoped for programme of activities that will form that outreach work. This will need to inform stronger buy in from local older people groups/lead volunteers The goal is to achieve outreach to all villages in the CA
Rural Isolation of families and young people	Rural Youth Outreach Programme of Activities & Support	Partnership of Area Boards and Commissioned Youth Organisation	AB will be asked to fund this in Jan 2021 – likely start in spring 2021	 KL to work with CEM colleagues to secure final sign off of the project Request for Quote from youth providers to be issued following (1) KL to work with CEM /procurement colleagues to agree the selection process following (2) KL to work with CEM colleagues to develop robust steering group / governance arrangements for the project KL to work with Steering Group to agree the programme of work in 2021/22 KL to liaise with Area Board and Steering Group to ensure robust oversight KL to work with the programme manager to ensure the outreach programme for Southern Wiltshire is accurately tailored to need and is done in close collaboration with existing youth

				groups/leads/schools/young people/relevant others, i.e. using the new Landford Steering Group and NFPA collaborations as a good example 8. The programme will have succeeded if it is able to better highlight where need is, how it needs to be addressed, and if it is able to strengthen existing arrangements, start new ones where required and left a legacy of a strong network of accessible/affordable activities/support for more isolated young people than currently the case
	Family Fun Days and Youth Engagement Activity Days	Area Board in partnership with youth activity providers and village groups	Yet to start work, delayed by covid	KL to discuss initial ideas with RB and IM
Youth Engagement	A late spring online event with schools/youth groups	CEM / Ian / RB	To start plan	Meeting between Ian / RB and KL to discuss objectives / practicalities
	Ongoing support for village led youth clubs / activities	CEM / Ian	We need to review how to strengthen this support due to covid impact	Discuss this at same meeting with Ian and RB re spring event
Physical Health & Wellbeing	Southern Wiltshire Healthy Schools Initiative	Area Board with Healthy Schools Co- ordinator and	AB will be asked to fund this in Jan 2021 – likely start in spring 2021	 KL to meet with Nick Bolton to discuss next steps Aim to have 50% uptake of programme by end of 2022, with subsequent review and goal of achieving 100% uptake by 2025??

		partnership of Headteachers		
	Get Out Get Active (a new hub of free activities delivered in partnership with local clubs, organisations and village assets)	Wiltshire Council Sports Development Team	Stalled start due to covid – likely start in Spring/Summer	 KL has held initial discussions with Rob and Parish Clerk, with Redlynch as the village to base GOGA KL has connected Rob with the Redlynch Parish Clerk and updated him about other village assets/activities KL to invite Rob to a meeting with Richard to ensure all are fully clear as to this project's objectives
Mental Health & Wellbeing	Local Cultural Partnership – Social Prescribing Hub	Wessex Archaeology, Wiltshire Creative, Wiltshire Cultural Education Partnership, Salisbury Museum, Artcare	Salisbury Well-City partnership	KL to invite Leigh and Louise to a meeting with Richard to talk in more detail about the potentials of this partnership and outreach to southern wiltshire
	Programme of support and activities	Sarum Wellbeing Collective (GPs Hub Team)	AB collaboration with Sarum Wellbeing Collective has just begun	 KL to meet with the hub team and downton reps to discuss as a priority the directory exercise. Hub team will lead on the production of an area wide directory of services, support and initiatives KL to discuss all other HW related priorities with the hub team to explore the synergies and sparks
Dementia	Dementia Memory Group	Elizabeth & John Bartlett & Alzheimer's Support	AB support for transition of Laverstock Memory Gp to new	To continue ongoing dialogue with Elizabeth as the group transitions temporarily to the Glebe Hall in Winterbourne Earls and to continue supporting this

		set up in Salisbury with Alzheimer's Support	transition work through until being re-based to the Alzheimer's Support new base in Salisbury
Local assessment of needs to ensure future projects are shaped well to those living with dementia and their carers	Elizabeth Bartlett and Harry Theobald		 KL to continue dialogue with Elizabeth and Harry as they assess needs of people living with dementia in Southern Wiltshire From this assessment, KL to work with the memory group to ensure it is impacting positively upon people living with dementia in our villages This work to be linked also with the Sarum Wellbeing Collective's work
Possible Dementia Online Cafe	Sarum Wellbeing Collective (GPs Hub Team)	CEM working with hub team to develop	KL to meet with hub team in March to understand more about this initiative and its benefits for Southern Wilts.



Appendix 2

Community Communications Update

Introduction

On consulting with Parish Councils in October 2020 about what they felt to be important local priorities for the Area Board to focus on and tackle together in collaboration with parish councils, community groups and partners, the topic of community communications came up. The conclusion recorded was that work was needed in some parishes to improve communication, whether hard copy, online or both, with the overall aim of improving parish council and area board reach and dialogue with residents.

Recommendation

Councillors are asked to note the results from the community communications survey and to discuss the key findings, with a view to agreeing key actions intended to strengthen communications within, between and for the benefit of parishes and the community area as a whole.

Survey Findings

The detailed findings of the survey questions posed to parish councils (as below) are attached.

- 1. How does your Parish Council communicate with residents?
- Please explain how your Parish Council consults residents when it needs to seek public opinion on key issues such as budgets, significant development proposals etc
- 3. Please tell us what intra-community communications exist in your village
- 4. Please tell us what inter-community communications are distributed or are available in your village.
- 5. Do you think the community you serve feels well informed about parish council, and other community news? Please provide a couple of sentences to describe your views
- 6. Are there any aspects of communications where you think there would be some benefit in collaborating with other villages? Please describe as fully as you can.

Key Findings

 All parishes are using a combination of hard copy and online communication tools, some are led by the parish councils, others are led by village newsletter editors or social media site administrators.

- 2. The CEM needs to create and maintain a list of all the village newsletters/free papers/other publications (including social media sites), and the editor contacts, to strengthen effective overview/connection with local news and news contacts
- 3. Could each unitary cllr be tasked with keeping an eye on the various websites, parish newsletters, social media sites etc in their division and email the CEM each week any notable issues/matters relevant to the Area Board work plan?
- 4. What does the Area Board need to do to get a bolder/more consistent presence on village noticeboards/newsletters/social media sites etc?
- 5. More could be done to optimise the effectiveness of <u>Our Community Matters</u> and the new <u>Wiltshire Together</u> online platform
- 6. We could look to provide training to strengthen communication methods
- 7. Is there scope to ask village hand copy deliverers to deliver flyers for Area Board projects/events?
- 8. Start up collaborative networking online meetings between parish councils to take time to discuss their shared issues of concern, which area board meetings can't always spend detailed time on, for example on issues of crime and community safety where this often occurs in one parish area but impacts on a neighbouring one
- 9. As we start to strengthen our schools' collaborations, maybe in time we could nurture some school gate village champions (for flyer distributions etc)?

Conclusion

There is a lot happening within and across parishes in terms of communications, and the area board's news and messages are also being conveyed and received well, generally.

There are opportunities to strengthen communications, as indicated in the above key findings, which the CEM will continue to work on over the coming months – offering an update report to the new area board in May 2021.

Report Author: Karen Linaker, Community Engagement Manager



Appendix 3

Southern Wiltshire Community Area – Eco Villages Initiatives Directory

Introduction

This area board is committed to work to the Council's target of Wiltshire becoming carbon neutral by 2030. As a first key step towards that, the attached directory has been carefully compiled by local resident Rosie Wilkinson, supported by the Chairman.

Recommendation

Councillors are asked to formally adopt the new directory which has been produced to help the community area increase activity associated with the target of Wiltshire becoming a carbon neutral county by 2030, and to proactively encourage all in their divisions to adopt some of the initiatives listed in the directory.

Future Work

This directory is a great piece of work, and the area board will want to record its thanks to Rosie for all her work in researching the many and varied links and resources.

We hope to reconfigure the listings into a colourful and eye catching document complete with suitable images and features.

Our hope is that this directory will inspire villages, community groups, families and individuals to adopt, follow, and start the many good practices and initiatives it lists.

We also will look to work with the Salisbury Transition group and the Wiltshire Climate Alliance to not only keep this directory up to date, but also to ensure future initiatives and events are well supported by partners and learning and best practice is shared within and beyond this community area's geographical boundary.

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A directory of eco-friendly ideas and initiatives for families and communities

Make your community greener and more sustainable Contribute to Wiltshire's carbon-neutral ambition Involve your children and have fun

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We have all become increasingly aware of the key issues facing humanity: global warming, climate change, pollution and environmental degradation. It is a common misconception that there is nothing individuals can do to address these problems and that the solutions lie with governments and supranational organisations.

Instead of collectively shrugging our shoulders in defeat, we can begin acting on the MANY initiatives large and small that will make a difference: in villages; across Wiltshire and, cumulatively, globally. Locally they can make villages greener and possibly even nicer places to live in. Wiltshire has declared a climate emergency and set the goal of becoming a carbon-neutral County by 2030 – everyone can play their part to achieve that ambition.

Every little individual action helps and community eco-projects are interesting and fun, especially for young people who are rapidly becoming the key movers and shakers of eco-protection.

This Directory compiles lots of practical ideas which can be undertaken by families, community organisations and Parish Councils.

Things you can do at home

The way we farm and eat can make a world of difference. Choosing what you eat based on a lower carbon footprint can help reduce negative impacts on our climate, our environment and our health. Eat locally, seasonally and organically.

• Buy half your food locally (within 30 miles of where you live) and organic if your budget allows
Support local producers and farmers. The shorter the food chain, the lower the carbon emissions. Organic
farming has higher animal welfare standards and avoids the use of man made fertilisers and pesticides. It is
therefore better for nature and wildlife and better for humans too.

www.findlocalproduce.co.uk

www.landworkersalliance.org.uk

www.slowfood.org.uk

https://www.soilassociation.org/organic-living/30-ways-to-join-the-organic-movement/

https://kissthegroundmovie.com/

Eat less dairy products and intensively farmed meat

Be inventive: make small amounts of meat last for a few meals and let wholegrains and vegetables take centre stage. Add lentils to mince mix, bulk up stews with veg, stretch out a chicken for three meals. Buy the absolute best quality meat you can afford. Buy sustainable fish marked with the blue MSC label.

https://www.rivercottage.net/recipes-in/much-more-veg

https://melissahemsley.com/category/vegetarian-mains/

https://www.msc.org/what-you-can-do/eat-sustainable-seafood/fish-to-eat

Don't waste food – 6.6m tonnes thrown away every year in the UK

Be creative with leftovers. Compost scraps or find a neighbour with a compost bin or chickens. Buy a discounted food waste composter from Wiltshire Council. Compost on the go too: take your lunchtime apple cores and crusts home with you. Use the lovely fertile compost on your garden and vegetable plot.

www.sharewaste.com

https://www.foodcycle.org.uk/

https://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/

https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/reducing-your-waste-and-composting

Grow your own fruit and veg

Home grown produce is fresh, tasty and wholesome and has the lightest of carbon footprints as it is transported from plot to plate.

https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/grow-your-own

https://www.gardenersworld.com/plants/vegetable-crops-for-beginners/

The Five Rs of waste management are: Reuse - Repair - Refuse - Reduce - Recycle. Adopting this mantra in life takes a bit of effort but will go a long way to reduce your impact on the environment. The rate at which we consume plastics has become unimaginable and the plastic crisis is one of the world's greatest environmental challenges.

Refuse...

....to buy non-recycable products or those wrapped in unnecessary packaging. Use your spending power to tell companies what you want/don't want. Refuse a disposable coffee cup in favour of a re-useable one. Refuse a carrier bag and use a Bag for Life instead. Have milk and fruit juice delivered in glass bottles. www.milkandmore.co.uk

Reduce

Reduce plastic by your seeking out refill stations for milk, washing up liquid, laundry detergent, shampoo etc. Take a water bottle with you when you are on the go. Shop wisely and plan meals to reduce food wastage. Stop the amount of junk mail coming through your letter box but signing up to the Mailing Preference Service.

https://www.blueberryden.co.uk/

https://thelittlegreenvillageshop.co.uk/

www.mpsonline.org.uk

Reuse

Register with your local freecycle group to get rid of unwanted items rather than throw them away, or donate to charity shops. Reuse envelopes and plastic pouches by sticking a new label on them. Use glass jars and cardboard boxes for storage. Keep plastic plant pots and use to grow plants and vegetables from seed. www.freecycle.org

https://www.gumtree.com/

Repair/Repurpose

Try and get your broken possessions mended before discarding and replacing. Repair cafes are springing up around the country. Have clothes altered or mended by a seamstress. Upcycle items by altering their practical use.

https://www.repaircafe.org/en/

http://www.redlynch.org.uk/lover-repair-cafe/

https://forestrow.gov.uk/repair-cafe

https://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk/

Recycle (everything you can)

Recycling should be treated as a last resort after attempting the other 4 Rs. Seek out free TerraCycle recycling programmes in your area; plastic recycling at big supermarkets; electricals recycling; plant pot recycling at garden centres etc. Almost everything can be recycled if you know where to look.

www.terracycle.com

https://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk/

Heating our houses accounts for a third of the UK's overall emissions, however household emissions must reduce by 95% by 2050 to reach net zero targets. The UK needs a revolution in how we heat our homes. Even if we can't all swap to a greener heat source yet, we can still cut our homes' carbon footprints and might reduce energy bills too.

Opt for green energy suppliers and reduce your electricity consumption

The Energy Saving Trust identifies four suppliers who clearly list the renewable sources of their energy on their websites: Green Energy UK, Good Energy, Ecotricity and Octopus Energy. Switch to low energy lightbulbs, turn off lights and don't leave TVs and computers on standby for long periods. https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/energy-at-home/

Improve insulation for a warm, eco-friendly home

Save energy and money by draught-proofing windows, doors, letterbox, fireplaces and loft hatches. The government is offering a Green Homes Grant offering homeowners up to £5,000 to pay for a variety of energy efficiency and heating measures such as double glazing and solar panels. https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/advice/draught-proofing/

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-green-homes-grant-scheme

Smart heating controls

These allow greater control of your central heating by giving access to the thermostat via your mobile or laptop. They can be retro-fitted onto most existing heating systems. https://www.bestheating.com/info/the-ultimate-guide-to-smart-home-heating-controls/

Things you can do in the garden

The world is also facing an ecological emergency and huge declines in biodiversity and our wildlife. A third of UK wild bee and hoverfly species are in decline and butterflies have declined by 76%. 11 native mammal species are threatened by extinction, including hedgehogs. Birds too have suffered a gradual, yet serious demise. Wildflowers, plants and fungi are under threat: 97% of UK wildflower meadows have disappeared since the 1930s. But there are simple steps we can take in our gardens to help reverse these declines.

Create a wildlife pond

The very best thing you can do to attract wildlife to the garden, no matter how big or small. https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-build-pond

Plant for pollinators

Butterflies, bees, moths and hoverflies all need sources of nectar and pollen to thrive. Plant large clumps or 'drifts' of single species to optimise each foraging trip.

https://www.gardenersworld.com/plants/plants-for-bees/https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?PID=649

Make your garden a little wilder

The more vegetation in your garden, the more carbon you are storing. So the more plants, the better. Don't be too tidy: embrace the 'mess'! Leaf and log piles provide winter shelter. Dead wood is an amazing insect habitat. Leave hedge cutting until February.

https://www.rewildingbritain.org.uk/explore-rewilding/where-can-you-rewild/rewilding-on-a-smaller-scale/15-ways-to-a-wilder-garden

Think like a bird

Plant at mix heights for different species. Put up man-made nest boxes in different positions on buildings and around the garden. Don't dead-head all your plants – ummanaged seed heads will benefit many in winter. https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/how-you-can-help-birds/

Give your mower a rest

Letting your grass grow longer between cuts not only saves energy, but also encourages wildlife into your garden. Longer grass is more drought-resistant, too. Try cutting every 3-4 weeks and let the flowers on your lawn bloom. Leave some areas to grow longer and create a meadow area.

https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/about-us/news/no-mow-may-how-to-get-ten-times-more-bees-on-your-lockdown-lawn

Ditch the poisons

Avoid using dangerous chemicals that harm wildlife as they can kill the pests **and** their predators. Ensure your garden has as much variety as possible so that no one species can gain control. Encouraging birds and insects will keep pests down naturally eventually. Grow companion plants alongside vegetables. https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=1023

Community projects

Here are some ideas of what other communities have set up.

Community fridge and larder

Collect surplus food from shops and outlets and make available to all.

https://www.hubbub.org.uk/the-community-fridge

https://bhfood.org.uk/directory-hub/community-fridge/

Community apple day

Create a mixed 'community juice' from spare apples that would otherwise be left to rot.

https://applepressing.co.uk/

http://www.sustainabletiverton.org.uk/appleproject/

Plastic Free community

Join the fight against avoidable single-use plastic.

https://www.sas.org.uk/plastic-free-communities/

https://www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/your-community/resilience/plastic-free/

https://www.cockermouth.org/going-green-in-cockermouth/

Repair Café

Put together a team that can fix, glue or sew broken household items. Recycle anything that can't be fixed. 'Don't Bin It. Mend It!'

http://www.repaircafe.org/

http://www.redlynch.org.uk/lover-repair-cafe/

https://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk/

http://www.theseam.uk/findaseamstress

Clothes swap

Organise a swap event or nearly new sale. Refresh wardrobes without breaking the bank and stop good clothing going to waste.

https://www.nct.org.uk/local-activities-meet-ups/nct-nearly-new-sales

Eco bricks

Organise an eco brick learning workshop and build something out of the plastic blocks.

https://www.ecobricks.org/

Establish a mini recycling centre

Set up collection points for items that can't go in the blue bin and send to TerraCycle: crisp packets, confectionary wrappers, cosmetics, batteries, water filters, printer cartridges, inhalers, pet food pouches etc www.terracycle.com

https://wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/media/1615/recycleinfopack.pdf

http://www.downtongreengroup.org.uk/

Switch school/village hall/church/sports club to green tariff

Choose an energy supplier with a strong shade of green: Green Energy UK, Good Energy, Ecotricity and Octopus.

https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/energy-at-home/

Start up a nature/wildlife/vegetable growing club

Link up with existing local groups and conservation charities.

https://hazelhill.org.uk/

https://www.pittonandfarley.co.uk/clubs/charitable-3/friends-of-bentley-wood/

https://www.wiltshirewildlife.org/langford-lakes-steeple-langford

http://www.redlynch.org.uk/friends-of-langley-wood/

• Set up a Hedgehog Highway

Hedgehogs have declined by 90% and are now vulnerable to extinction. They need space to forage and find mates: ensuring our gardens are less fortress like so that they can pass freely through gardens is the most effective way to help them.

www.hedgehogstreet.org Kirtlington Hedgehog Highway

Parish Council projects

Friends of the Earth has produced this Climate Action Plan for Councils:

https://takeclimateaction.uk/sites/files/climate/documents/2020-

06/Climate%20Action%20Plan%20for%20councils%20June%202020.pdf

Here are some examples of what other Parish Councils are doing in response to the Climate Emergency.

Wage war on litter

Arrange community litter picks and promote individual 'wombling' and 'plogging'. Purchase litter picking kits for residents to use.

http://www.ruytonxitownsparishcouncil.org.uk/litter-picking-kit-for-the-community/

https://planetpatrol.co/

https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean

Recruit a dedicated Recycling Parish Warden

Provide support for individuals who are uncertain about how and what to recycle; raise awareness of changes to recycling services; engage with local residents to encourage more recycling, https://www.helmdonparishcouncil.gov.uk/recycling.html

Start up a solar power Co-op

Enable the community to invest in renewable energy projects that reduce carbon emissions and energy costs.

https://freco.org/about-us/

https://www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/your-community/resilience/solar-streets/

Install electric car charging points

Help enable a shift to electric cars by installing charging points that can be added to the national network. https://www.harborough.gov.uk/news/article/1175/electric_vehicle_charge_point_installed_in_kibworth https://www.islandecho.co.uk/bembridge-welcomes-islands-first-electric-vehicle-charging-point-on-the-public-highway/

https://www.zap-map.com/live/

Assess and improve Parish Council green spaces

Transform land by managing it for wildlife. Features can include mini wildflower meadows or borders; wildlife pond creation; native hedge planting; planting schemes for pollinators.

https://www.wiltshirewildlife.org/wildlandscapes

https://stanleyandstanleycommon-pc.gov.uk/news/wildflower-planting-2020/

http://www.elkesleyvillage.org.uk/community/elkesley-parish-council-13416/greenwood-trees/

https://www.camparishcouncil.gov.uk/nature-reserves-and-open-spaces.html

https://www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/media/8491/The-Holton-le-Clay-Green-Plan-2017-

2029/pdf/The_Holton_le_Clay_Green_Plan_2017-2029.pdf

Plant a community orchard or woodland

Identify a derelict piece of land or purchase farmland that can be transformed into a fruit orchard for the benefit of future generations.

https://www.nalc.gov.uk/library/our-work/tree-charter/3213-east-ilsey-parish-council/file

https://www.kentonline.co.uk/deal/news/councils-woodland-counter-plan-to-stop-new-homes-development-238343/

• Trees for Tomorrow: plant native trees and hedges

The Woodland Trust gives free trees and hedge packs to community groups including Parish Councils. Volunteers are needed to take on the planning, planting and care of the saplings.

https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/

http://www.rudbyparishcouncil.org.uk/trees-for-tomorrow.php

https://saddind.co.uk/saddleworth-parish-council-commits-to-charter-for-trees-woods-and-people/

Manage verges to benefit wild flowers

Change the cutting regime. One late summer cut and removal of grass clippings will keep a verge open, safe and thriving with interesting wildlife. (Some verges must be cut regularly to maintain safe clear sight lines). https://plantlife.love-wildflowers.org.uk/roadvergecampaign

http://wsbrc.org.uk/wildlife-recording/survey-schemes/protected-road-verge-scheme/

Projects from other community areas in Wiltshire (ongoing work to complete)

- Zero Chippenham Chair: Nick Murry drnickmurry@yahoo.co.uk
- XR Chippenham Lead: Myla Watts pysmad@bath.ac.uk
- North Wilts Friends of the Earth Chair: Stephen Eades stephen.marinet@btinternet.com
- Mad About Waste Chair Sue Cassell <u>cassellsue@hotmail.com</u>
- Off the Ground Lead: Elaine Massung hello@off-the-ground.org
- Sheldon School Eco Council: Contact: Mr Spiers, Head of 6th Form
- Avon Needs Trees Chair: Nikki Jones; Chippenham based trustees: Pete Williams/ Nick Murry
- Chippenham Cycle Network Development Group: Chair Nick Murry drnickmurry@yahoo.co.uk
- Chippenham Neighbourhood Plan: Steering Group and Climate Change Topic Group AConroy@chippenham.gov.uk

Wiltshire Council's Climate Change Web Pages

What you can do as an individual - Wiltshire Council

What you can do as an organisation - Wiltshire Council