

# AGENDA

**Meeting:** South West Wiltshire Area Board  
**Place:** Online (links below)  
**Date:** Wednesday 11 November 2020  
**Time:** 6.30 pm

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## Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Jose Green, Fovant and Chalke Valley (Chairman)  
Cllr Pauline Church, Wilton and Lower Wylde Valley  
Cllr George Jeans, Mere  
Cllr Tony Deane, Tisbury (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr Bridget Wayman, Nadder and East Knoyle

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	Time
1 <b>Welcome</b>	6.30pm
2 <b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
3 <b>Declarations of Interest</b>  To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.	
4 <b>Minutes (Pages 1 - 10)</b>  To confirm as a correct record and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held online, on Wednesday 30 September 2020.  To note any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.	
5 <b>Chairman's Announcements</b>	
6 <b>Partner and Community Updates (Pages 11 - 30)</b>  To receive any verbal updates from Partners and Community Groups present, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police – Neighbourhood Teams</li> </ul> To note the following written updates attached to the agenda: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Police <a href="#">Warminster CPT/Mere &amp; Tisbury</a></li> <li>b) Fire &amp; Rescue</li> <li>c) Community Safety Group</li> <li>d) Health &amp; Wellbeing Group</li> <li>e) NHS</li> <li>f) Healthwatch Wiltshire</li> </ol>	6.45pm
7 <b>Wiltshire Council Update on Covid-19 Response &amp; Recovery</b>  An update from the Community Engagement Manager, Karen Linaker.	
8 <b>Community Area Status Report (Pages 31 - 38)</b>  To discuss a report offering up to date information regarding population data for villages in South West Wiltshire, and regarding the local economy, health and wellbeing, education and a range of other key issues.  This paper will be used to steer discussions over the next 3 or 4 months with community groups, parish councils, businesses, schools, and others, with the aim of helping to shortlist which	7.25pm

community priorities should be taken forward in South West Wiltshire for funding and action.

*Officer: Karen Linaker, Community Engagement Manager*

9 **Area Board Funding** (Pages 39 - 44)

7.45pm

Fingerpost Funding Scheme

The Board is asked to agree a top up to the Finger Post Funding scheme (flyer attached) for 2020/21. There is currently £690 remaining in the pot. The recommendation is to set aside an additional £3310, to increase the balance available to a total of £4000.

Community Area Grants

The Board members will consider applications for funding from the Community Area Grants Scheme, as detailed in the report attached to the agenda, and listed below:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<b>Applicant:</b> Sedgehill Village Hall <b>Project Title:</b> Replacement Finger Post <a href="#">View full application</a>	£550.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Tisbury History Society <b>Project Title:</b> Tisbury History Society Website renewal <a href="#">View full application</a>	£600.00
<b>Applicant:</b> West Tisbury Parish council <b>Project Title:</b> Highways Finger Post - Barrows Hollow West Tisbury <a href="#">View full application</a>	£550.00

10 **Close**

8.10pm

The next meeting of the Board is on Wednesday 13 January 2021, at 6.30pm

# MINUTES

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Jose Green (Chairman), Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Tony Deane (Vice-Chairman) and Cllr Bridget Wayman

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer  
Karen Linaker, Community Engagement Manager

### **Partners**

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Pete Sparrow, Sargent Kevin Harmsworth  
Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner – Deputy PCC Jerry Herbert

**Total in attendance: 32**

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<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
18	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Cllr Jose Green, welcomed everyone to the first online meeting of the South West Wiltshire Area Board and invited Members and Officers introduced themselves.</p>
19	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police – Inspector Gill Hughes.</li> </ul>
20	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
21	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b>Decision</b>  <b>That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 June 2020 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</b></p>
22	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman made the following announcements:</p> <p><u>Area Board Boundary Review</u></p> <p>There were a number of changes proposed within the SWW Area Board Boundary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were no changes to the Mere area.</li> <li>• Nadder and East Knoyle would be renamed Nadder Valley. The division would lose Barford St Martin, Burcombe and Fonthill Gifford and gain Wylve and the Langfords.</li> <li>• The Wilton and Lower Wylve Valley would be renamed Wilton. The ward would lose South Newton and Stoford and gain Netherhampton.</li> <li>• Fovant and Chalke Valley division would lose Netherhampton and gain Barford St Martin and Burcombe.</li> <li>• Tisbury division would gain Fonthill Gifford.</li> </ul>

	<p><u>NHS Track and Trace</u> People were encouraged to download and use the app.</p> <p><u>New 'My Wilts' App</u> A replacement reporting app had been launched which could be used to report issues in Wiltshire, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abandoned vehicles</li> <li>• Fraud</li> <li>• Weather emergencies</li> <li>• Fly Tipping</li> <li>• Dog mess</li> <li>• Graffiti</li> </ul> <p>Over time more services would be added to 'MyWilts' making it simpler, quicker and easier to access services digitally.</p> <p><u>Tisbury Swimming Club – Update</u> Cllr Deane noted that the club which was mostly run by volunteers, planned to extend the opening period of the pool and to do so, was required to find funding to cover the running costs. The Chairman praised the fundraising which had already taken place and suggested that the Board gave its support by agreeing to contribute to the shortfall, by means of a grant which would be made under CEM delegated powers, following further discussions with the Club.</p> <p><b>Decision</b> <b>The South West Wiltshire Area Board agreed to support the Tisbury Swimming Club's extension to the provision of use, of an amount to be agreed by means of CEM Delegated Powers, in consultation with the Chairman, following further discussions to establish the amount of shortfall required.</b></p> <p>This would be reported back at the next Area Board meeting as part of the funding report.</p>
23	<p><u>Partner and Community Updates</u></p> <p>The Board noted the updates attached to the agenda and heard from the following partners who were present online:</p> <p><u>Police</u> Pete Sparrow – Wilton Area (Salisbury Team), spoke to the written report attached to the agenda.</p> <p>Cllr Church – there was some concern in Wilton relating to minor damage to shops, low level crime, would like to know that the police presence could be increased in Wilton.</p>

	<p>PS – Damage from catapults is a difficult issue to tackle as it was not against the law to carry them unless used as weapons. We have spoken to the MP to ask that that aspect of the law was changed.</p> <p>Cllr Green – Nationally there is news on County Lines, was Wiltshire involved and were the gun licence renewal visits still taking place by police?  PS – Yes, we are very much involved and held a national operation last week with several warrants executed locally. I will find out about the gun licence renewal and feedback.</p> <p>In response to an email regarding a feeling that crime levels had gone up since Lockdown had eased, Inspector Sparrow confirmed that although crime levels had risen to a peak in July, that they were no where near as high as they had been last July in 2019.</p> <p>Kevin Harmsworth – Mere &amp; Tisbury Areas (Warminster Team), provided an update, for his areas.</p> <p>There had been a focus on theft from motor vehicles from beauty spots and have been working with the National Trust to see what measures could be introduced to prevent these incidents.</p> <p>In Mere we have been dealing with low level antisocial behaviour in the street in Kilmington. Holding weekly partnership meetings to help minimise the situation.</p> <p>We were also involved in the County Lines operation and continued to work with and support the Community Speedwatch schemes in the area.</p> <p>Other work included supporting a national operation in modern slavery and exploitation, however we are not aware of any people within the area that were being trafficked.</p> <p>Cllr Wayman was pleased to hear of the support for the Community Speedwatch schemes and reiterated a previous request for some data on the number of times that police attended to support a Community Speedwatch group and where.</p> <p>Inspector Sparrow and Sargent Harmsworth noted that the data should be available. They agreed to liaise with the PCSOs for each area and then provide the data to the clerk to circulate.</p>
24	<p><u>Police and Crime Plan Update 2020/21 and the Annual Report 2019/20</u></p> <p>Jerry Herbert, Deputy Police &amp; Crime Commissioner gave a presentation on the Police &amp; Crime plan for 2020/21 and the Annual Report for 2019/20.</p> <p>On the matter of Community Speedwatch, Jerry had also been out to support a volunteer team in Dinton. There should be a mobile enforcement unit available</p>



	<p>by the end of the year to help combat poor behaviour on the roads.</p> <p><u>Questions and comments received included:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police were in attendance for CSW in Tollard Royal, however they weren't allowed to stay because they had no mobile coverage. Is the force dependent on mobile phones or was there a superior coverage? <u>Answer:</u> The airwave system worked on mobile technology and as a result generally the coverage was good, however there would be dead spots in some parts of the county. There was something called the emergency services network and improved coverage was being looked at. Sargent Harmsworth noted that the Police radio system was going through an upgrade, one officer in Mere was trialling a new version. There were other options, but radio continuity must be maintained.</li> <li>• Had the nature of crime changed through the pandemic? <u>Answer:</u> We watch the trends generally there was a significant reduction in overall crime, partly due to there being a reduction in personal crime reduced. We have seen a steady increase in domestic abuse, which was to be expected due to the nature of being in lockdown. There had been a rise in crime to children, which was only coming to light now that children were back at school. There was also an increase in cyber-crime and quite a lot of low level antisocial behaviour. Inspector Sparrow added that in Wilton the only area of concern was around domestic abuse, everything else was the same or lower.</li> </ul>
25	<p><u>Now, Where were we?</u></p> <p>Karen Linaker, Community Engagement Manager recapped on some of the projects and areas of work prior to the Covid lockdown, these were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The launch of “Make A Friend Be A Friend” in Wilton and Barford St Martin was postponed – project to enable better engagement with older and vulnerable in the community</li> <li>• Began work to understand what eco-friendly projects and initiatives are operating locally</li> <li>• Employment fair at the Nadder Centre – would be picked back up when possible</li> <li>• We were about to run some flood warden workshops – these will be held online instead, from November</li> <li>• Ongoing focus on improving broadband connectivity</li> <li>• Ongoing focus to maximise potential of the Nadder Centre – Real Madrid football training camp did take place in August, hoped to return next year</li> <li>• Began to explore how to help young people facing mental health challenges – Youth Panel 29 Jan - look at how we may target this work whilst working with Seed 4 success – new mentoring service</li> <li>• Ongoing support for young people, including allocation of funds for</li> </ul>

	<p>positive activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing focus on transport schemes via the Community Area Transport Group</li> <li>• Ongoing focus on the needs of vulnerable older people and carers – Group would get back together in October</li> <li>• Ongoing focus on community safety, including speeding and neighbourhood watch</li> </ul>
26	<p><u>Update on the Covid-19 Response and Recovery Programmes</u></p> <p>Karen Linaker, Community Engagement Manager gave a presentation on the local response work around the pandemic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From day one 24 village support groups in SWW were set up.</li> <li>• People had continued to respond with all of the services that had been set up, the Board was keen to thank everyone involved.</li> <li>• The Wiltshire wellbeing hub was set up – a multiagency initiative providing support, advice, food, and goods and facilities for the most in need.</li> <li>• In the South West Wiltshire community area, 514 eligible businesses for the help, 330 of which applied and were successful.</li> <li>• The Nadder Centre was open and would be brought back in to use for the community.</li> <li>• Public health was available on the phone to provide advice.</li> <li>• Emergency Plan – Broadchalke and Bowerchalke had joined up to produce one plan.</li> </ul> <p>Larissa Tonkin from Wilton Help was currently under the umbrella of Wilton TC but had agreed initial funding to set up as a CIC.</p> <p>Wilton help would be able to respond rapidly and had a virtual call centre which had received 1991 calls. Delivering 997 medical prescriptions, 597 shopping trips and 311 errands.</p> <p>Angela Bridges, we support the view that the local level is sometimes the best way to identify who needs help. We are a small parish and were able to support our residents as we had a good group of volunteers.</p>
27	<p><u>Beginning to re-set local priorities</u></p> <p>Karen Linaker, Community Engagement Manager presented information gathered during lockdown and set out areas to focus on and how the Board may move forward in setting local priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There had been a show of strong neighbourhood support for the vulnerable and more/new people stepping forward to lend a hand during the crisis. How to keep that going for the long term?</li> </ul>

- There was now a greater dependence upon online communication, e.g. for home schooling/working, shopping, accessing GP appointments, parish council meetings, area board meetings, etc. Was this community area's broadband capacity fit for that purpose? How digitally inclusive are we?
- During the period where vehicle use was less, and more sustainable modes of transport prevailed. How could we take forward these benefits?
- Look at the impact upon our physical and mental wellbeing. Who amongst us needs help?

Karen ran through a range of notable findings under the headings of Health & Wellbeing, Housing, Children & Young People, Environment, Transport & Highways, Deprivation and Community Safety.

The Area Board was keen to know where it could help and where guidance could be directed. Members and community groups would need to go through an exercise to figure out which groups needed the support and where to prioritise work.

Once the priorities were established, there would be a series of mini workshop style events online.

Following the events, The Board would prepare the findings and proposals ready for the new Area Board in May 2021, offering a clear rationale for which priorities should be taken forward, how and by who.

A copy of the presentation slides are attached to these minutes.

Questions and comments:

- There was a large amount of people in Tisbury that did not want to look at things online so the only way we have to communicate with them was to letter drop throughout the village. We did this and one particular document that springs to mind, was an info sheet with links on every line. So that was a no-go area. They want hard copies or emails to download the data themselves.

Answer: Yes, we have to get the right balance – we can draw on examples from elsewhere, there does have to be an element of in person flyer drop or phone calls.

- I would like to thank Karen for her assistance in helping me to join this online meeting.
- The local areas know the people that need the extra support, they do need some financial support to help provide that support. It's how we circulate the information that is important, a wider approach was needed, as there was no one system that would capture everyone.
- The Parish magazine was a huge resource across the whole area. It was

	<p>one way where we could provide the written word and ask them to respond.</p>
<p>28</p>	<p><u>Youth Engagement Update</u></p> <p>Jaki Farrell from Seeds 4 success gave an update. They had been working with young people across SWW and during lockdown had moved its sessions online using Zoom. This meant that they were not able to reach as many of their usual members, but the transition to remote sessions had been quite positive.</p> <p>Lee Cherry was a newly recruited full-time member of staff. His main role was to set up and deliver a mentoring programme for young people.</p> <p>Lee explained that he was excited to have been appointed as the mentoring manager. His initial plan was to visit lots of mentoring programmes around the country, but due to lock down that was not possible so he had been researching online.</p> <p>Young people were sometimes in a situation where they needed some support, he noted that coming out of lockdown there may be more people that need quite a lot of support.</p> <p>Mentoring was a reliable and trusting relationship, meeting one to one, face to face once a week to enable the users to chat about their strengths and challenges. The goal was to help individuals get over their challenges and to be where they want to be with goals and challenges. A mentoring relationship may last around a year, but was flexible, sometimes more, or less.</p> <p>There were a lot of procedures and policies in place to ensure safety. As people come out of the imposed restrictions of lockdown, they would be more able to meet face to face again.</p> <p>We are looking for people that are 18+ that have the time and enthusiasm to work with a young person, and preferably able to drive. It was estimated to cost £500 - £600 a year per person to mentor.</p> <p>More information can be found online here: <a href="https://www.seeds4success.org.uk/">https://www.seeds4success.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Jaki introduced Lucy who was in attendance to speak on her experiences.</p> <p>I was a year 11 last year as we went into lockdown. I missed the opportunity to take my GCSEs and was extremely bored, so was really grateful that Seeds 4 success moved their sessions on to zoom as that gave me something to look forward to. I am now in Year 12 and attend Shaftesbury School where I can now proceed with other things.</p> <p><u>Questions and comments:</u></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would the mentors have a DBS check? Answer: Yes all have the enhanced DBS, first aid and 2 referees.</li> <li>• Jaki, are you involved with any work apprenticeship schemes. The Government initiative called Kick Start required a group of 30 young people to take it forward. Answer: I am part of the consortium of Building Bridges which was for all ages, where I am a partner. We were contacted by Kick Start and yes in order to make the 30 there was a partnership that would combine a group to get the required number.</li> </ul>
29	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG) Update</u></p> <p>The Board noted the report attached to the agenda and considered the recommendations as detailed therein.</p> <p>Cllr Tony Deane noted that at the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September, which was held online, there had been 19 people join remotely.</p> <p>He stated that one problem with CATG was that we tend to be resource limited and not cash limited, and that only small schemes could be put forward.</p> <p>It was reported to CATG that there was an issue with speeding in Tollard Royal. We offered to write to the director and to the AONB to look on their experience of similar issues in other parts of the county.</p> <p><b>Decision</b>  <b>The South West Wiltshire Area Board approved the recommendations of the CATG as detailed in papers attached to the agenda.</b></p>
30	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Board considered the funding requests as set out in the attached report. Applicants present were invited to briefly outline their project and answer any questions from Members.</p> <p><b>Decision</b>  <b>Our Time Project, was awarded £3000 towards the Crisis for elder's SW project</b>  <b>Reason</b>  <b><i>The application met the Community Area Grant criteria for 2020/21</i></b></p> <p>Note: The applicant agreed to provide feedback following the project.</p> <p><b>Decision</b>  <b>Mere Footpath Group, was awarded £480 towards the Healthy Mere walking website</b></p>

	<p><b>Reason</b> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant criteria for 2020/21</i></p> <p><b>Decision</b> Wiltshire Music Centre, was awarded £1500 towards Celebrating Age, Phase 2</p> <p><b>Reason</b> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant criteria for 2020/21</i></p> <p><b>Decision</b> Wilton Men’s Shed was awarded £1260.43 towards the Electric installation project</p> <p><b>Reason</b> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant criteria for 2020/21</i></p> <p><b>Decision</b> Chalke Valley Football Club, was awarded £742.58 towards the under 14s kit &amp; nets</p> <p><b>Reason</b> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant criteria for 2020/21</i></p> <p><b>Decision</b> Semley &amp; Sedgehill PC was awarded £1196.50 towards the SID project.</p> <p><b>Reason</b> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant criteria for 2020/21</i></p> <p><b>Decision</b> Hinton Hall Management committee was awarded £2000 towards exterior repairs</p> <p><b>Reason</b> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant criteria for 2020/21</i></p>
31	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the South west Wiltshire Area Board will be held online, on Wednesday 11 November 2020, at 6.30pm.</p>



## DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

### SOUTH WEST WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD REPORT OCTOBER 2020

#### Community Safety Plan

DWFRS Community Safety Plan can be found on the DWFRS website;

<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

#### Prevention

We are committed to making a real difference to the lives of people in Dorset and Wiltshire. Our aim is to reduce the level of risk and harm to our communities from fire, targeting those most at risk. We do this primarily through our Safe and Well visits.

A Safe and Well visit is **FREE** and normally lasts about one hour covering topics such as:

- Using electricity safely
- Cooking safely
- Making an escape plan
- What to do if there is a fire
- Keeping children safe
- Good practice – night time routine and other points relevant to you
- Identifying and discussing any further support the occupier may need

Are you or anyone you know:-

- Over the age of 65?
- Need a smoke detector?
- Have a long-term health condition?
- Suffer from poor hearing or sight loss?
- Would you struggle to escape in the event of a fire?

If you can answer yes to more than one of these questions, then please call us on 0800 038 2323 or visit <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>



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FIRE AND RESCUE

## Protection

On-going interaction by Protection Team members with Local Authorities, Private landlords and tenants regarding fire safety-related matters: external cladding systems; fire detection and warning systems; fire resisting doors (& self-closers); combustibility/fire resistance of construction materials; commercial and residential sprinklers systems and water-mist suppression systems

### General Enquiries

If you have a general fire safety enquiry regarding commercial property, please email [fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk) and the Fire Safety Team will respond in office hours.

### Fire Safety Complaint

If you wish to tell us about fire safety risks in commercial premises, such as locked or blocked fire exits, you have three options:

- You can email the fire safety department at [enforcement@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:enforcement@dwfire.org.uk)
- Call 01722 69 1717 during office hours (9am-5pm).
- Call our Service Control Centre on 0306 799 0019 out of office hours (5pm-9am)

## On Call Recruitment

Have you always wondered if you could join the fire service, but haven't had the opportunity to find out more? Have you found yourself seeking your next challenge, keen to give back to the local community or wanting to learn new skills including leadership and teamwork? Then becoming an on-call firefighter is for you.

As a paid position, on-call firefighters commit anywhere between 40 to 120 hours per week, during which time they must be able to respond to the station immediately.

Many have 'normal' jobs during the day, then upon their return home make themselves available overnight or during the weekends. Some of our crew respond from their workplaces during the day, and we are very grateful to their employers for releasing them to perform their vital duties.

Anyone over 18 years old can apply (although you can also apply once you are 17½) you must be able to respond and attend the fire station within 5-8 minutes, you have a good standard of physical fitness (i.e. you are generally active), and you must have the right to work in the UK.

Further information on becoming an On Call Firefighter can be found at [www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/) or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.





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FIRE AND RESCUE**

## **Recent News & Events**

### **Businesses urged not to overlook fire safety by National Fire Chiefs Council**

Businesses across the UK which have had to make changes due to COVID-19 are being urged to make sure fire safety remains a top priority.

The call comes from the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) as many have had to implement new ways of working due to the current pandemic. The NFCC is reminding businesses about the everyday fire risks in the workplace – and there is both a legal and moral responsibility to ensure premises are safe from fire.

Many businesses had to respond quickly to the pandemic once they were allowed to reopen and while revisiting risk assessments, fire safety may not have been at the forefront of planning.

As part of NFCC's Business Safety Week – which runs from 7th- 13th September – Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service are encouraging business owners and Responsible Persons (RPs) to ensure they review Fire Risk Assessments. They should also seek guidance and advice to help them keep their premises and occupants safe from fire.

Businesses must consider the potential risks that the COVID secure measures – which are required to open some premises – may in some cases, compromise fire safety measures:

- New screens must not obstruct smoke detection or sprinkler heads
- Business must have enough trained staff to support evacuation procedures
- Ensure measures to support social distancing do not impact evacuation procedures, exit doors or the ability of emergency service to help you
- Protect your business from arson
- Help your fire service by reducing false alarms – which currently accounts for about 40% of all emergency calls

Group Manager Tim Gray, said: “The last few months have undoubtedly been difficult and challenging for many people and businesses. As such, we want to make sure that whilst businesses address the changes needed in response to Covid-19, they remain fire safe in doing so. Fire can have a devastating impact on businesses, with many never recovering after an incident.”

He added: “We are encouraging businesses to firstly review their Fire Risk Assessments, and to contact us for advice should they need any support. Our goal is to keep all businesses working safely.”

The campaign can be followed on social media using the #BusinessSafety2020. Additional advice from Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service can be found at <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/business-fire-safety/>



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## New digital approach for Safe Drive Stay Alive

### SAFE DRIVE STAY ALIVE



How are we delivering one of our most important education schemes in the 'new normal'? Road safety manager Christine Sharma reports: With the new academic year came the challenge of delivering our flagship educational roadshow Safe Drive Stay Alive. As we are still unable to deliver our shows in schools, we considered how we could ensure this next cohort didn't miss out on this life-changing education.

When we first entered lockdown, we realised Covid 19 would affect delivery for some time. We therefore considered using Microsoft Teams to run live shows, asking our speakers to deliver their accounts in real time. Whilst this would have mimicked the usual presentation, internet connectivity and technical expertise were factors that would be out of our control – so we decided against it. We were also concerned that a digital show would not be as impactful as a live performance, where you can feel the emotion of the speakers in the room. After we wrote our nationally acclaimed road safety education modules, we realised that 'business as usual' was still some time away, so we returned to our initial idea.

We chose to use prerecorded talking heads instead of live speakers to avoid the issue with connectivity. We also considered ways that we could make the presentation more impactful digitally to compensate for not having live speakers. We have therefore created some bespoke media and used some existing public media to create a powerful digital show. Over the past few weeks, we have conducted several trials with our road safety partners, our sponsors and you, our supportive colleagues. The feedback has been phenomenal - we are still refining the show, and we are ready to begin delivery with schools.

Around a dozen schools have already booked their time slots and they've only been back a few days! In addition, the Ministry of Defence loved our show so much, they want us to deliver our military equivalent, Survive the Drive, in the same way.

Looking ahead, we envisage shorter, interactive lessons to be delivered in schools before or after the show as part of a suite of education and part of the PSHE programme. For behaviour change to happen, more regular intervention is necessary, so we're currently undertaking some research - we hope to have an update for you soon.

## Face fit testing... what is it?



Since the start of Covid 19, a team of HSE accredited face fit testers have been carrying out qualitative face fit testing in both Dorset and Wiltshire as part of the tri-services agreement. The team included Service personnel from Prevention and Protection - Gareth Baker, Natasha Campbell-Bell, Martyn Jones, Gaynor Mant, Steve Mant, and previously Simon Carter, Kim Armstrong and Josh Williams. To date, the team has completed over 800 tests on staff from various agencies including paramedics; ambulance staff; doctors, nurses and practitioners from doctors' surgeries; care staff looking after the old, young and vulnerable; and even our own DWFRS personnel. Risk assessments had to be carried out at all 13 different premise locations - including care homes, a hospice and ambulance stations - before any testing was able to take place.

Facemasks are worn in various categories of medical intervention requiring a protection level of FFP3. These include Aerosol Generated Procedures such as CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure), minor surgical procedures to any part of the body above the clavicle, and general treatments to patients suspected of having Covid 19 infection. The FFP3 facemask provides the highest level of protection from a disposable facemask and is a two-way barrier to protect both wearer and patient. If the mask does not seal sufficiently on the face, both the wearer and patient will be at risk.

During the months of testing, the team have met, tested and made safer some incredibly selfless and caring people who have been so appreciative of our work, which we have found so humbling and rewarding. If you would like to find out any further information about face fit testing, please don't hesitate to talk to one of the team.





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Total Fire Calls for Wilton Fire Station for period October 2020

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	5
No. of Fires	3
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>

Total Fire Calls for Tisbury Fire Station for period October 2020

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	4
No. of Fires	1
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>

Total Fire Calls for Mere Fire Station for period October 2020

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	8
No. of Fires	2
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>



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The Chairman referred to this standard announcement at the start of the meeting, and all present agreed to its sentiment.

Area	South West Wiltshire				
Date	21/10/2020	Time	6.30 – 7.15pm	Venue	Online
Present	Cllr George Jeans (Wiltshire Councillor), Nigel Cooke (Swallowcliffe PC), Karen Linaker (Wiltshire Council), Frank Freeman (Hindon PC), Cllr Jose Green (Wiltshire Councillor – and Chairman of this meeting), Kevin Harmsworth (Wilton CA and Tisbury CA CPT Sergeant), Patrick Boyles (Chilmark PC), Richard Mitchell (Tollard Royal PC), Sandra Harry (Tisbury PC)				
<p><b><u>Decisions/Actions from this meeting:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Re-circulate response re requests for speed enforcement cameras</li> <li>b) Review and strengthen arrangements for neighbourhood watch</li> <li>c) Request speeding info from Pete Sparrow</li> <li>d) Chairman to write to the Chief Constable adding the group's words of support to Nick Bailey</li> <li>e) Invite Sarah Holden to the next meeting</li> <li>f) Write to the NFU about large agricultural vehicles driving at speed through villages</li> </ul>					
1.	<p><b><u>Speeding Issues</u></b></p> <p>(a) Sgt Kev Harmsworth referred to the following info that he had supplied following the last Area Board meeting re. the Tisbury &amp; Mere CAs:</p>				

Following the SWW AB on 30/09/20 a question was posed around evidencing how local policing is supporting active Community Speedwatch groups.

The Mere area only has one active CSW which is East Knoyle. Last week was their first operational activity. PCSO Pete Tscherniawsky was present for that occasion.

The Tisbury area has two active CSW's, those being Tisbury and Hindon. Fovant also has a scheme but are not thought to be active any longer according to local PCSO Neil Turnbull. The Hindon CSW coordinator Mr Frank Freeman is content for police to attend their activities, but has stated that he prefers police conduct speed checks at alternative times. Tisbury CSW, although listed as active since January 2020, have not conducted any activities as of yet. COVID-19 lockdown claimed several months but post the easing of restrictions in July the Co-ordinator (Elizabeth Forbes) stepped down from the scheme and the Tisbury PC Clerk (Sally HARRY) has stepped in to cover. When Neil last spoke to Sally, he was informed that many of the existing scheme volunteers intended to leave. We have not yet received any further update from Sally.

Tisbury and Hindon CSW's have been supported a total of 9 times in the last three months, with local policing making speed checks independently but within the relevant CSW defined areas.

From records contained within the Community Policing Team's tasking and briefing system, independently of CSW but within CSW defined areas, there have been a total of 21 speed checks conducted across the Tisbury and Mere areas from July 6<sup>th</sup> (when CSW were allowed to return to activities as lockdown restrictions eased) to 30/09/20. That equates to 7 checks per month. These checks were conducted by members of our response policing teams in-between responding to other incidents. The checks resulted in 13 drivers being given a verbal warned/educated about their speed, 6 drivers receiving Traffic Offence Report tickets (for consideration by our Justice Traffic department of driving licenses being endorsed with penalty points) and 1 driver reported straight to court due to the recorded speed being well above the posted speed limit. 1 driver was also found to be driving with no license or insurance resulting in the vehicle being seized.

Elsewhere within the wider Warminster Community Policing Team area, for faster roads where the posted speed limit is in excess of 40mph, the CPT have received support from the Roads Policing Unit (RPU) to target areas of high concern and risk. Such support is acquired on a case by case basis, due to the RPU having to provide county wide coverage.

The Wiltshire Police Citizen's in Policing team have put in place an online platform 'Duty Sheet' allowing each active CSW scheme to show us and document their intended activities in advance. I assign each of my beat PCSO's to stay in regular contact with active CSW groups, working alongside them when their shift hours and the CSW activity times coincide. Such activity is then posted on our local police Facebook pages to highlight joint working and inspire others to setup their own CSW.

For those members of the Area Board who have parishes raising issues of excess speed, I recommend that constituents are signposted and encouraged to setup



	<p>their own CSW: <a href="https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/782/Community-Speed-Watch">https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/782/Community-Speed-Watch</a> which can then be supported by the Citizens in Policing (CIP) Team for administration and additionally by my team on the ground. <a href="mailto:sarah.holden@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk">sarah.holden@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk</a> from the CIP team has oversight to CSW county wide and can provide wider statistical information upon request.</p> <p>(b) KL to source a similar update from Inspector Pete Sparrow for the Wilton CA</p> <p>(c) Kev asked that parish representatives email him with any specific speeding concern in villages within the Tisbury or Mere CAs: <a href="mailto:kevin.harmsworth@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk">kevin.harmsworth@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk</a></p> <p>(d) Richard Mitchell repeated his and others frustration at the lack of enforcement in Tollard Royal, in part due to police officers not being able to access a mobile phone signal there and so unable to stay for meaningful periods of time. All noted that there were plans for a new emergency services mobile phone mast in the Chalke Valley that should help with this problem in the future</p> <p>(e) Repeated requests were made for periodic and regular communications to educate the public on speeding matters</p> <p>(f) Sarah Holden, Supervisor for Watch and Volunteers to be invited to a future meeting.</p>
2.	<p><u>Tisbury CA &amp; Mere CA Policing Update</u></p> <p>(a) Kev referred to points in the latest community policing update report, highlighting that the CPT will benefit from 3 new PCSOs and hopefully 4 new Police Officers (to be confirmed in Nov).</p> <p>(b) The group asked that the chairman write to the Chief Constable to add its message of support and thanks to Police Officer Nick Bailey as he moves on from the police force.</p> <p>(c) Sandra Harry raised concerns about large agricultural vehicles travelling at speed through Tisbury. Sandra was advised to raise these incidents with the police, and to try to make contact with the farm/contractor involved to remind them of the need to drive with more care. The group also made an undertaking to write each year at the right moment to the NFU asking that it remind all of its members of the need to drive with care through villages.</p>
3.	<p><u>South West Wiltshire Community Area – resetting local priorities</u></p> <p>The group was asked to share the slides discussed at the meeting with parish councils and to send back comments to <a href="mailto:karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk">karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk</a> so that these can inform the area board’s conclusions around its refreshed community priorities.</p>

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## Health & Wellbeing and Dementia Friends Champions Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1.30pm,

1. **Present:** Cllr Jose Green (Chairman), Liv McLennan, Anne Malleliue, Diana James, Rachel Demery, Liz Woolven, Eamon McClelland, Zoe Brew, Anne Ward-Ongley, Karen Linaker

### 2. **Where were we?**

The group re-capped from its February 2020, when it had scoped events to mark Dementia Awareness Week in May, which sadly was unable to proceed due to the lockdown. Karen mentioned that the application for funding to bring the Celebrating Age programme to South West Wiltshire had been approved since we had last met. We had previously suggested that a future focus should be on Wiltshire Council's Carers Strategy, and also on community transport. The group agreed that these were still important topics to discuss, but also appreciated that these needed to be considered alongside all the other issues since exacerbated by the pandemic.

### 3. **Where next?**

The group took time to consider the recent JSNA data and received updates on how the pandemic was impacting upon residents in South West Wiltshire and how this has been supported and responded to by the new neighbourhood support groups. The group felt that the following were of key importance to understand better and respond to :

- Young people's mental health – including that of young carers, and also those who struggle to progress from education to work due to the caring pressures they have to juggle and the lack of support they have from home, leaving some in real financial hardship
- The needs of the vulnerable and elderly that require support so that they can digitally engage and in turn manage their way through times of loneliness and isolation better
- Older people's mobility, bearing in mind the long periods of not being able to get out and stay active, and the consequent physical decline

#### **4. Digital Inclusion projects and initiatives**

All felt these to be of high importance, and mention was made of various initiatives by Age UK, Carer Support Wiltshire and others ongoing and since improved because of lockdown. Liv McLennan updated the group about her plans to develop in collaboration with other local CICs a digital inclusion project that will see the distribution of digital equipment to older people including those with dementia.

The key aims of this collaboration were to help older people to gain more confidence and skill in using the equipment for all the things that would help them (shopping, ordering prescriptions, accessing services etc), whilst also increasing the volunteer base in South West Wiltshire of people that can support and coach older people into better use of the digital equipment.

An added bonus to this work would see Liv being able to offer older people creative sessions online to enhance their sense of health and wellbeing.

Karen will circulate the crowdfunding link set up to help Liv's project secure the funding it requires.

#### **5. Supporting Carers**

(a) Carer Support Wiltshire: Carers Counsellor initiative had been working with 7 carers (online) over the past 4 months, and in addition a new telephone support service had reached over 50 carers during lockdown

(b) The Make A Friend Be A Friend initiative had been paused because of lockdown, but Rachel and Karen would consider how to restart it over the coming months, including through the set up of a new Face Book page to stimulate interest and better understanding.

#### **6. Isolated Older People this winter**

The group discussed how they understood isolation was being addressed, including the various initiatives of services and charities to regularly telephone and check in on older people, the plans from

Celebrating Age, and the local covid-safe activities that community groups and parish councils had planned. Karen agreed to circulate an email to the wider Health and Wellbeing Group and to the C19 support group leads to build a clearer picture regarding isolation during winter

## **7. Local Support Groups**

We discussed which of the South West Wiltshire CA's community groups had been able to get back and up and running (pre the second lockdown), and noted that the following were known to have restarted:

- Broadchalke community hub has reopened for restricted activities and café
- Bowerchalke and Broadchalke Emergency Plan group
- Fovant Village Hall coffee morning
- Bishopstone coffee morning and plan for a Christmas lunch, moviolola, exercise and creative activities, toddlers
- Berwick St John village support groups

Karen to further investigate this at the right time following the end of the second lockdown period.



## Update for Wiltshire Area Boards

November 2020

### **Increasing the numbers of Social Prescribing Link workers**

Primary Care Networks (PCNs) in Wiltshire are working to increase the number of Social Prescribing Link Workers with support from NHS England and Improvement funding for additional roles in primary care.

Eight of the PCNs are working with Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living (Wiltshire CIL) who are recruiting the link workers on their behalf. Wiltshire CIL call them 'Community Connectors' and they are providing vital, non-medical support for people in their local areas. The Community Connectors work closely with other similar roles such as Local Area Coordinators and Community Engagement Managers to provide a network of community support and guidance for those people that need it.

### **Increasing care home capacity across Wiltshire for winter**

We completed work to provide an additional 40 care home beds for rehabilitation and discharge across Wiltshire ahead of the expected increase in demand this winter.

This is a joint initiative with Wiltshire Council and the CCG with funding coming from the Hospital Discharge Programme in 2020/21.

### **Our Health Our Future citizens panel – latest survey results**

We have completed our third survey with members of our citizens panel – Our Health Future – made up of almost 900 people from B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire.

Survey Three was carried out in July and August and asked questions about the impact of COVID-19 on current and future use of health and care services.

You can see the results of this and previous surveys on [our website](#).

## **Professional Leadership Network**

Wiltshire held its first Professional Leadership Network (PLN) event on 6 October 2020, led by Dr. Edd Rendell the Wiltshire Locality Clinical Chair and Elizabeth Disney the Locality's Chief Operating Officer.

The aim of the event was to pull together people who would not normally meet from all around the county virtually to join in conversations about how we can all work more closely together. More than 100 people joined on the day from all areas of health, Wiltshire Council, charitable and voluntary sector organisations, police and many other local and community organisations.

The event was a huge success and we are planning another event in early in the new year.



## More young volunteers wanted for mystery shopping project

Healthwatch Wiltshire is looking for more young people to help us review online mental health services in Wiltshire.

We would like people aged 16-25 to take part in our mystery shop focusing on what's good and what could be improved about mental health support available locally for young people.

**Julie Brown**, Healthwatch Wiltshire Manager, said: "We're asking young people to help us with this project so we can understand how well online mental health support works for them and what changes they would like to see.

"Anyone can be a mystery shopper, but we'd particularly like to hear from young men, and members of the LGBTQ+ and BAME communities, so we can get their perspectives on these services.

"Sharing your views can make a real impact on how these services are developed, and even if you can only spare a small amount of time, your feedback will be invaluable in ensuring young people's voices are heard.

"A group of young people have already taken part in our project and we'd like to thank them for taking the time to tell us what they think."

### Sign up today

If you would like to become a mystery shopper, please email Jo Woodsford, Volunteer and Partnerships Lead at [joanne.woodsford@healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk](mailto:joanne.woodsford@healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk)

All volunteers will receive full training and

support from the Healthwatch Wiltshire team.

### Why volunteer with us?

- Make a difference to your community
- Meet new people
- Boost your skills and knowledge
- Get training and support
- Add valuable experience to your CV - we can even give you a reference
- Do as much or as little as you like, whatever you can give.

### What can I do as a young volunteer?

- **Storyteller** - create a blog or video about your experiences of health and care.
- **Listener** - listen to the experiences of others.
- **Young Ambassador** - spread the word of Healthwatch Wiltshire and empower others to speak out.
- **Media Guru** - help create promotional materials and help us reach more young people on social media.
- **Influencer** - come to our meetings and talk to us about what we should be working on.

### What else can I do?

Follow us on social media:

- Facebook - [HealthwatchWiltshire](https://www.facebook.com/HealthwatchWiltshire)
- Twitter - [@HWWilts](https://twitter.com/HWWilts)
- Instagram - [healthwatchwiltshire](https://www.instagram.com/healthwatchwiltshire) and [younghealthwatchwiltshire](https://www.instagram.com/younghealthwatchwiltshire)

And sign up to our news alerts to find out more about our work.

Find out more on the [Young Healthwatch Wiltshire page](#) on our website.



## **South West Wiltshire Community Area Status Report** **“What Matters in South West Wiltshire”**

### **Executive Summary**

- (A) This paper captures the most up to date information about communities living in South West Wiltshire, including data associated with the economy, environment, housing, education, health and wellbeing, community safety, transport and recovery from Covid-19
- (B) Compared to the rest of the county, South West Wiltshire has the highest population of over 65s, with many young people choosing to leave the county for Higher Education
- (C) On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being the most, and 10 the least, South West Wilts ranks 5 in terms of deprivation, with pockets ranked 4 in Mere and Wilton
- (D) Covid-19 is impacting upon our physical and mental health, and we are seeing rising hospital admissions due to self harm and misuse of alcohol
- (E) Children and young people are unable to take part in the usual positive activities that the area board ordinarily funds, and childhood obesity is on the rise, along with anxiety in young people
- (F) Unemployment is rising for South West Wiltshire’s young people population (18-24yr olds)
- (G) The area board resets its focus on local priorities every 3 years, and is in the process of doing this over the next 6 months, in conversation with parish councils, community groups, schools, businesses and residents. It is vitally important that the issues summarised above, and the further detail below is used to inform how those priorities are reshaped, and even more importantly, how they are tackled
- (H) This status report is a dynamic document and will be amended according to feedback. All in South West Wiltshire are strongly encouraged to engage in this priority resetting process, and in helping us to collectively tackle these issues.

## 1. Background and Context

The overarching aim of this document is for the South West Wiltshire Area Board to understand how to support local responses from communities, businesses and organisations and link this to the work of Wiltshire Council, it's partners and agencies, so that collaboratively we can tackle issues including those arising from Covid-19.

The South West Wiltshire community area has seen an incredible response to the COVID19 pandemic with volunteers leading the response and strategic partners working collaboratively to support our communities. Every person within the area has access to support from one of the many community groups that were set up, some of which are continuing to offer additional support.

As we now look ahead, this short document provides a summary of information that can be utilised to help inform the local community response. It brings together the differing data and information sources from across the community area that will help us to understand the state of our community and the impact of COVID-19. It also highlights communities that may have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic and it considers how the actions, projects and plans that are emerging will be collated and supported.

Over time this document will be regularly updated in response to changes, new information and actions undertaken.

Through a mutual exchange of support and facilitated dialogue since the start of the pandemic, town and parish councils and neighbourhood volunteers and Wiltshire Council continue to work together to rebuild our local communities. Whilst the impact of COVID-19 is considerable, it is recognised that some local issues already existed and that these will need to be tackled as well.

The South West Wiltshire Community Area currently consists of Alvediston, Ansty, Barford St Martin, Berwick St John, Berwick St Leonard, Bishopstone, Bowerchalke, Broadchalke, Burcombe, Chicklade, Chilmark, Compton Chamberlayne, Dinton, Donhead St Andrew, Donhead St Mary, East Knoyle, Kilmington, Mere, Netherhampton, Quidhampton, Sedgehill, Semley, South Newton, Stourton, Stratford Tony, Sutton Mandeville, Swallowcliffe, Teffont, Tisbury, Tollard Royal, West Knoyle, West Tisbury, Wilton, Zeals, and from May 2021, may have Steeple Langford and Wylke within its area board boundary. A key requirement is to ensure that all within the community area have the same opportunity to engage with this work.

Whilst it is natural to focus on the negative impacts of COVID-19, it is important to recognise and build on any positives that have occurred. These include the closer working between organisations, increased community cohesion, new volunteers, wider use of the internet / social media, and perhaps an even sharper appreciation of the need to stay fit and well, and of the need to work better with and protect the environment.

## 2. Community data and information

Local data is being collected from a range of sources to provide an overview of the current situation within our community. This is being combined with the outcomes of discussions on the impact of COVID-19 to inform the key issues emerging and where resources should be focussed.

- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) local data sets – (collected in winter 2019) <https://www.wiltshireintelligence.org.uk/community-area/south-west-wiltshire/> (considered at the 30<sup>th</sup> Sept Area Board meeting)
- COVID19 support groups discussions – (April - July 2020)
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment October 2019 survey findings
- South West Wiltshire Area Board discussion (30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020)
- JSNA Population, Indices of Deprivation, Life expectancy, Mortality (Oct 2020)
- Consultation with Town and Parish Councils- (Nov & Dec 2020)
- Meeting of COVID19 support group leads in Nov 2020
- Online Survey to everyone in South West Wiltshire (Jan 2021)
- Additional Partner organisation data
  - I. Business Community
  - II. Link scheme data
  - III. Wiltshire Money
  - IV. Citizen's Advice Wiltshire
  - V. Wiltshire Community Foundation
  - VI. Town and Parish Council plans / Neighbourhood Plans
  - VII. Carer Support Wiltshire
  - VIII. Age UK
  - IX. Alzheimers Charities
- Discussions with key groups including:
  - I. Young People, including Seeds4Success
  - II. Health & Wellbeing Group (2/11)
  - III. Main Surgeries
  - IV. Faith Leaders
  - V. Community Safety Group (21/10)
  - VI. Community Area Transport Group
  - VII. Schools (Multi Agency Forum / Heads Group / Youth Councils)
  - VIII. Nadder Centre Steering Group

### 3. Understanding the emerging themes and the impact of COVID-19

The impact of COVID-19 has affected some groups in the area more than others and exasperated some pre-existing issues. Further investigation will be required in some cases to ascertain who needs what support. Possible groups may include:

1. *Young people* – They face challenges such as finding employment, poor mental health, lack of support (including transport support) or positive activities, as well as disruption to education. A perceived opinion of a lack of parental support.
2. *Older and vulnerable people* – The need to self-isolate more has had a negative impact on mental health, and an increase in loneliness and depression. Those living with dementia have been one of the most vulnerable groups. Whilst ever growing reliance upon things digital offers advantage to some, to others this is a real challenge.
3. *Families on low income* – We have seen an increase in debt and consequently the demand for supporting services. This is linked to employment, housing, mental health, loan sharks and other issues.
4. *Minority and BAME groups* – South West Wiltshire has the lowest number of BAME groups residing when compared to other community areas – just under 4% of the population (Mere: 0.86%; Wilton: 1.4% ; Tisbury: 1.54%). However, better awareness about what minority groups reside in South West Wiltshire, and better understanding about their needs is something worth taking the opportunity to explore and assist, where possible.

Analysis of the data so far suggests the following issues are emerging as notably worse than the Wiltshire average. This list may increase and change after further consultation and as new data arises.

Possible Emerging Issue	Impact of COVID-19	Supporting evidence source
High hospital admissions (accidental, self-harm and alcohol related)	Covid is impacting upon mental health. Self harming and alcohol dependency are often associated with mental ill-health	JSNA 2020 data
Mortality rate from preventable illness high in Wilton Community Area (CA)	Significant impact	JSNA 2020 data
Highway infrastructure and maintenance	No significant impact bar some backlog	CAJSNA 2020 Community survey results

Accessible positive activities for young people	Fewer activities available due to COVID restrictions and projects on hold	JSNA 2020 data Discussions with partners
Fly tipping especially in Wilton CA	Increase due to restrictions on recycling centres	CAJSNA 2020 Community survey results JSNA 2020 data
Child Obesity for 10-11 year olds is higher than Wiltshire average	Possible increase due to more time spent at home	JSNA 2020 data
Support for older people and carers, including those with dementia. South West Wiltshire has the highest population of older people in Wiltshire.	Significant impact	Previous area board / health & wellbeing group discussions
Higher than average house prices	Impacts on affordability for health/care workers. Impacts upon financial capacities during a time of job insecurity and economic downturn	JSNA 2020 data
High no. road traffic collisions	Speeding incidents have increased	JSNA 2020 data
Lower educational achievement in Wilton CA	Disruption in education due to closures and isolation	JSNA 2020 data
Debt – Average estimated personal loan is £923.81 (Tisbury) and £1,205.63 (Wilton) compared to £796.23 as Wiltshire average	Loans and debt are increasing significantly	JSNA 2020 data Wiltshire Money data
Business support and Employment – 51 apprenticeships per 10,000 16+ year olds compared to 139 as Wiltshire average	Unemployment rising steeply and fewer apprenticeships. Some businesses struggling	JSNA 2020 data
Library use – Only 6% of residents are members compared to 34% as Wiltshire average	Libraries currently closed. Opportunities to explore as reopening commences	JSNA 2020 data
Broadband Capacity / Digital Inclusion	Increased use but not all people can access it, whether because of connectivity	Area Board has previously looked at this, and would like to pursue this further

	weaknesses or because of financial/other barriers	
Poor mental health	Deterioration in mental health caused by COVID including isolation and loneliness	Data from local agencies. Discussions with C19 volunteers, area board and parish councils
Keeping people active	Principle is accepted – more active we are, less ill we will be	Area Board to consider
Community Safety	Cyber crime has increased, perception of safety has suffered because of long periods of isolation amongst many vulnerable groups, media reporting risks more divisive outlooks and behaviours, e.g. how the old perceive the young...	Community Safety Group to consider
Protecting the environment and promoting eco-friendly lifestyles	Significant impact	Previous area board discussions
A new focus on disadvantage, however that is manifested, particularly regarding rural disadvantage for the individual and family, and how this also relates to use of facilities, i.e. libraries.	Significant impact. <i>(on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being the most, and 10 the least, South West Wilts ranks 5 in terms of deprivation. We have pockets ranked as 4 in Mere CA and Wilton CA and others ranked as 6/7 in Tisbury CA)</i>	Discussions are needed to analyse what is meant by this and where we can add value
Support for village groups to get back up and running	Significant impact	Councillors, volunteers and parish councils discussions
Facilitating more sustainable modes of transport	Significant impact	C19 volunteers discussions

It is important that this is an inclusive process as possible with special attention to ensure that the villages and minority groups have equal opportunity to feed in and partake in this recovery work. However, it is recognised that some may choose not to engage, and that work will take place that is not captured in this document.



#### 4. How local actions can be supported

The local response within the South West Wiltshire Community Area is one of co-production recognising that to rebuild our communities, it is important that we work together, sharing information and resources where appropriate.

The Area Board covers the whole community area and is responsible for this document. It links local delivery to Wiltshire Council, the Police, Public Health and other partners. It is an accountable body with influence and powers. It has its own funding to help support local initiatives. The Area Board will use this document to support local recovery and also encompass issues that were existing prior to COVID-19.

Wiltshire Council's thematic approach to the county's recovery is structured around the following 4 themes, and it will be helpful to use these as we progress our local recovery in South West Wiltshire :

- I. Economy and employment**
- II. Health, well-being and adult care**
- III. Community Resilience**
- IV. Young people, education and children**

The Area Board, working with existing and new sub groups, leads from parish councils, community groups and organisations, will carry out further investigation on the community issues, themes and priorities from the table at section 3 above, bringing together work currently happening and identifying gaps.

The Area Board will have updates of how this work is progressing as a standing item at its meetings.

#### **Next Steps**

- I. Discuss this document and agree approach at Area Board meeting (11<sup>th</sup> Nov)
- II. Engage and consult with all Town and Parish Councils (Oct and Nov 2020)
- III. Engage and consult with partner organisations (Nov and Dec 2020)
- IV. Engage and consult with specific groups (Nov, Dec 2020 and Jan 2021)
- V. Update this document as a result of engagement (ongoing)
- VI. Bring this document for discussion and agreement at AB meetings (Jan / Mar 2021 meeting)
- VII. Review this document regularly in response to changes and celebrate completed actions (At least every 2 months or as required) (from May 2021)



# Agenda Item 9

<b>Report to</b>	South West Wiltshire Area Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	11/11/2020
<b>Title of Report</b>	Community Area Grant funding

## **Purpose of the report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<b>Applicant:</b> Sedgehill Village Hall <b>Project Title:</b> Replace Finger Post <a href="#">View full application</a>	£550.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Tisbury History Society <b>Project Title:</b> Tisbury History Society Website renewal <a href="#">View full application</a>	£600.00
<b>Applicant:</b> West Tisbury Parish council <b>Project Title:</b> Highways Finger Post - Barrows Hollow West Tisbury <a href="#">View full application</a>	£550.00

## **1. Background**

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance](#)

[The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

## **2. Main Considerations**

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2020/2021 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

## **3. Environmental & Community Implications**

Grant Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

#### 4. Financial Implications

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

#### 5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

#### 6. Human Resources Implications

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

#### 7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.

#### 8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

#### 9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3916</a>	Sedgehill Village Hall	Replace Finger Post	£550.00
<b>Project Description:</b> Replace damaged and worn finger post within the parish of Sedgehill Semley.			
<b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b> The Area Board updated its policy regarding finger post funding in July 2019, asking applicants to submit before and after photos, a quote, and to apply on the basis that the board would consider contributing up to 50% of costs, to a maximum of £400.			
<b>Proposal</b> That the Area Board determines the application.			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3881</a>	Tisbury History Society	Tisbury History Society Website renewal	£600.00
<b>Project Description:</b> The project will modernise and update the Society's website <a href="http://www.tisburyhistory.co.uk">www.tisburyhistory.co.uk</a> which is now outdated and lacking in functionality.			

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

The Tisbury History Society is a popular local asset and is in need of improved means to enhance the way it communicates with its members and the wider community.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3917</a>	West Tisbury Parish council	Highways Finger Post - Barrows Hollow West Tisbury	£550.00

**Project Description:**

To replace damaged and worn finger post with a new finger post.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

The Area Board updated its policy regarding finger post funding in July 2019, asking applicants to submit before and after photos, a quote, and to apply on the basis that the board would consider contributing up to 50% of costs, to a maximum of £400.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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# Finger Posts

Every parish has them!



The Members of South West Wiltshire Area Board recognise the contribution of finger posts to the AONB and our communities.

In fiscal 2019-2020 the Board is considering making funds available to each Parish Council which wants to upgrade a decrepit finger post in their domain.

The Area Board will use community funds to subsidise up to £400 of the cost of each post. Parishes will be obliged to provide a meaningful contribution.

The work must be carried out to the Wiltshire Council specification, a detailed work plan & target timeline must be submitted with each

grant application, including a before photograph, invoices and a photograph of the new post in place. Timber is to be from renewable sources, letters & figures on the finger post will be standard and Wiltshire Council will point parishes towards a suitable source. No changes of names on the finger posts will be countenanced (any changes etc need Gazetting to comply with regulations)

Specifications will be available at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways/fingerposts](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways/fingerposts)

Funding requests need to be submitted to the Community Area Manager [karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk) 6 weeks before the area board meeting.

