

# **AGENDA**

Meeting: Calne Area Board

Place: Calne Hub and Library, The Strand, Calne SN11 0JU

Date: Tuesday 23 May 2023

Time: 6.30 pm

Including the Parishes of Bremhill, Calne, Calne Without, Cherhill, Compton Bassett, Heddington, Hilmarton.

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#### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Calne Rural Cllr Tom Rounds, Calne North Cllr Tony Trotman, Calne Chilvester and Abberd Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Calne South Cllr Ian Thorn, Calne Central

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	Items to be considered	Time
1	Election of the Chairman	6:30pm
	To elect a Chairman for the forthcoming year.	
2	Election of the Vice-Chairman	
	To elect a Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.	
3	Chairman's Welcome and Introductions	
	To welcome attendees to the meeting.	
4	Apologies for Absence	
	To receive any apologies for absence.	
5	Minutes (Pages 1 - 10)	
	To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2023.	
6	Declarations of Interest	
	To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.	
7	Chairman's Announcements (Pages 11 - 16)	6:40pm
	The Chairman will provide information about:	
	<ul><li>a. Cost of Living Support</li><li>b. Independent Visitor Scheme</li><li>c. Wiltshire Libraries – online support</li></ul>	
8	Partner Updates (Pages 17 - 40)	6:45pm
	To receive an update from the partners listed below:	
	<ul> <li>a. Wiltshire Police</li> <li>b. Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue</li> <li>c. Community First</li> <li>d. Healthwatch Wiltshire</li> <li>e. BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire Together – Integrated Care Board</li> <li>f. Calne Community Safety Forum</li> <li>g. Town and Parish Councils.</li> </ul>	
9	Area Board End of Year Report	7:05pm
	To receive updates from the Area Board Delivery Officer and Lead Councillors about the progress made towards the Area Board's	

priorities over the last year.

10 Area Board Priorities - Looking Ahead (Pages 41 - 44)

7:15pm

To set the Area Board's priority actions for the forthcoming year and appoint Lead Members to those priority areas.

11 Appointment of Representatives 2023/24 (Pages 45 - 54)

7:30pm

To appoint Lead Members to the Area Board's Outside Bodies and any Working Groups not already covered under the previous item.

12 **S106 Working Group - Meeting Update** (*Pages 55 - 56*)

7:40pm

To receive an update from Cllr Tony Trotman about the S106 Working Group meeting on 27 April 2023.

13 Area Board Funding

7:50pm

To consider three applications to the Community Area Grants Scheme, as follows:

- 1. Atwell Wilson Motor Museum requesting £1,100 towards a defibrillator.
- 2. Calne Food Bank requesting £2,278.50 towards relocation to new premises.
- 3. Friends of Marden Valley requesting £3,250 towards river quality measurement.

To consider four applications to the Youth Grants Scheme, as follows:

- 1. Calne Town Council requesting £1,220 towards 2023 Stake Series events.
- 2. Youth Adventure Trust requesting £4,000 towards supporting vulnerable young people on a resilience programme.
- 3. The RISE Trust Youth requesting £5,000 towards youth clubs.
- 4. The RISE Trust Youth requesting £4,960 towards detached youth outreach.

#### 14 All Things Roads

8:10pm

To receive feedback from the engagement event held on 15 May.

15 Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)

8:20pm

(Pages 57 - 112)

To consider the recommendations arising from the LHFIG meeting held on 28 April 2023 as follows:

To close the following Issues:

- 3-22-10 Calne Abberd Lane
- 3-22-19 Calne Silver Street
- 3-22-23 Calne Brewers Lane

To move the following Issues (with funding) to the Priority Schemes List:

- 3-23-4 Foxham Speed Limit Assessment (£2030)
- 3-23-7 Ratford Horse Warning Signs (£700)
- Old Derry Hill Road Narrows Warning sign (£350)

To move the following Issues (without funding) to the Priority Schemes List to enable feasibility studies / costings to take place:

- 3-23-4 Bremhill Parish Gates
- 3-23-5 Calne Parking Review
- 3-23-6 A342 Derry Hill speed limit roundels / HFS
- 3-23-8 Sandy Lane Gate and signs
- 3-23-10 A4 Old Derry Hill extension to safety barrier
- 3-23-11 Derry Hill Traffic Management Measures
- 3-23-12 Studley Village Traffic Management Measures

#### 16 Urgent items

Any other items of business which the Chairman agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.

#### 17 Close

8:30pm

The Chairman will set out arrangements for the next meeting scheduled for 5 September 2023.



# **MINUTES**

Meeting: Calne Area Board

Place: Calne Hub and Library, The Strand, Calne SN11 0JU

**Date:** 7 March 2023

Start Time: 6.30 pm Finish Time: 8.50 pm

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to:

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#### In Attendance:

#### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Ashley O'Neill (Chairman), Cllr Tom Rounds (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Tony Trotman and Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney

#### **Also Present**

**Cllr Ross Henning** 

#### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager: Ros Griffiths

Area Board Delivery Officer: Louisa Young

National Power Outage Project Officer: Camella Town Community Resilience Lead Officer: Chris Manuel

Technical Support Officer: Dominic Argar Democratic Services Officer: Matthew Hitch

Total in attendance: 30

Minute No	Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision					
60	Chairman's Welcome and Introductions					
	The Chairman welcomed everyone to Calne Area Board and introduced the Councillors and Officers present.					
61	Apologies for Absence					
	Apologies were received from:					
	<ul> <li>Cllr Ian Thorn</li> <li>Director of Legal and Governance, Perry Holmes</li> <li>Practice Manager at Northlands Surgery, Allison Ingham</li> <li>Alan Hill – Calne Town Council</li> </ul>					
62	<u>Minutes</u>					
	On the proposal of Cllr Trotman, seconded by Cllr Pearce-Kearney, it was resolved:					
	Decision					
	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2022 as a true and a correct record.					
63	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>					
	Cllr Pearce-Kearney declared that he would leave the room during the consideration of the Older and Vulnerable People's grant applications due to his work in the NHS and affiliation with the applicants.					
64	Chairman's Announcements					
	The Chairman drew attention to the written announcements included in the agenda pack.					
	a. The Coronation of King Charles III – 6 May, pg. 9-10 b. Post 16 Skills and Participation Offer, pg. 11 c. Family Help Hubs, pg.13-15 d. Cost of Living Update, pg.17-22					
65	Wiltshire Police					
	Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Philip Wilkinson OBE, Chief Constable Catherine Roper, Inspector Pete Foster and Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Mark Cook were in attendance to provide an update.					

#### PCC

The PCC was pleased to report that Calne Police Station would not be closing, but would be refurbished to become the home of the Rural Crime Team and be used by the local neighbourhood team. Similarly, the custody suite in Melksham was due to undergo a £3.5 million refurbishment to ensure that it met Home Office standards. Furthermore, he explained that discussions were ongoing about purchasing six acres of land near Old Sarum and Salisbury Park and Ride to set up a base in the south of the county. The PCC stressed that purchase of the land was not yet complete and that and proposals would be subject to planning. However, he was optimistic that he would be able to make an announcement in the coming weeks. He also noted that it might be possible to open a custody suite at the Salisbury site but that would be dependent on the operational requirements identified by the Chief Constable.

#### **Chief Constable**

The Chief Constable introduced herself to the Area Board, explaining that she was new to the role. She spoke about her experience serving in the Metropolitan Police and stated that she was here to listen and looked forward to working with local communities in Wiltshire. She then outlined three key areas of focus for her as she took on the role, safer public spaces, violence, and burglary. She stated that she was working hard to bring the force out of special measures and that lots of preparatory had been put in place.

#### Inspector Foster

The Inspector introduced himself to the Area Board, explaining that he had taken over responsibility for the local community police team, and local 999 response services, in January. He highlighted that a new management system was in place that improved accountability so that he was the line manager for six teams. He felt that the new system had already led to an improvement in the code of practice and investigative standards. He explained that he had a police officer for each town and that a sergeant was allocated to cover Calne and Corsham.

During the discussion, points included:

- The Area Board thanked the PCC, Chief Constable and Inspector for the update.
- The PCC noted that they had employed three new Speed Enforcement Officers to assist Community Speed Watch (CSW) teams and were making better use of the information from speed indicator devices. He highlighted that more tickets were issued in January than last year and that prosecution rates had gone up by 68 percent.
- Praise was given for the recent work undertaken to improve road safety given concerns about switching off the fixed speed cameras in the county in 2010 and the relatively low number of speed tickets issued

since when compared to other authority areas.

- Cllr Rees from Calne Wilthout Parish Council reported that he had received a letter explaining that they were ineligible for a CSW team in Derry Hill, but that they were receiving help from John Derryman, the PCC's CSW Co-ordinator.
- In response to a request for more bobbies on the beat, the Chief Constable noted that they were trying to increase the visibility of officers. She emphasised the importance of having people in the right place at the right time and of tackling anti-social behaviour across the county.
- Richard Tucker, Chairman of Bremhill Parish Council, raised concerns about increased traffic, caused by the closure of Lyneham Banks, leading to more speeding in the area. He explained that they were in the process of purchasing a speed indicator device. In response the PCC said that Bremhill Parish Council were welcome to contact his office for assistance with establishing a CSW team.
- Cllr Pearce-Kearney praised a local police office for helping to get a lost child he found back to their parents.
- In response to a query about what new initiatives were being put in place to improve mental health provision within the service, the PCC explained that had conducted a review of how they handled people with mental health issues. A team of mental health professionals were permanently stationed in the call centre and were able to advise officers out on patrol.
- Inspector Foster highlighted that the force was working more closely with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAHMS) and had improved training throughout the force.
- The Area Board's Older and Vulnerable People's representative, Diane Gooch, said she would welcome engagement with the police at their events, such as the dementia group on Tuesday mornings in the town hall.
- It was reported that PSCO Mark Cook helped to engage with younger people at school visits. Inspector Foster had also recently attended a community café in Chippenham where a knit and natter group was taking place.
- The Chief Constable stated that improving community engagement was one of her priorities, including talking to people and communities in places that they have not visited as often in the past.

#### 66 Emergency Contact Hubs

Camella Town and Chris Manuel from Wiltshire Council's Community Resilience Team outlined proposals for the creation of Emergency Contact Hubs, based on a model operated in New Zealand. The aim of the hubs was to draw upon community knowledge to help coordinate support in emergency situations. The hubs would build upon the lessons learnt during the Covid-19 pandemic and be supported by Police Community Support Officers. Information could be passed to and from the community from the blue light services, as well as key utility providers. The aim was to create around 150 such centres across Swindon and Wiltshire to improve community resilience. The officers were keen to stress that

the centres would be community led and encouraged interested parties to come forward and contact <a href="mailto:camella.town@wiltshire.gov.uk">camella.town@wiltshire.gov.uk</a> for further information.

During the discussion, points included:

- The Area Board thanked the officers for the update.
- The officers had already attended nine Area Boards and many parishes had been interested in joining the scheme.
- It was noted that the hubs did not have to be led by parish councils.
- The scheme could refresh existing emergency planning systems and would not require lots of additional paperwork.
- Muster provisions could be provided including wind up touches and glow sticks.
- The Chairman noted that this issue could be discussed at their next parish forum to establish the best way of implanting the scheme locally.
- Test events in three parishes would take place later in the month.

#### 67 Partner Updates

Written updates were available in the agenda pack from the following partners:

- Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue pg. 33-38
- Healthwatch Wiltshire pg.39
- BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire Together Integrated Care System pg. 41-42
- Community First pg.43-45
- Calne Town Council pg.47

Th Chairman highlighted that there Community First would be running the Chippenham Lions Club Auction of Promises on Saturday 15th April 2023 (7.30pm) at Sutton Benger Village Hall. He also noted that a link to a video about the Shared Lives scheme was available on the agenda front sheet.

The following partners also provided verbal updates:

#### Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue

Watch Manager Tom Burns referred the Area Board to the written update included in pages 33-38 of the agenda pack. He was pleased to report that the new fire engine was working well with upgraded equipment. It was confirmed that the Calne station covered Bremhill.

#### Calne Without Parish Council

loan Rees reported that the parish council had part funded a consultant to look

at traffic and speeding issues on the A4. He believed that the speed limit should be reduced to 50mph, with 40mph zones around Derry Hill and Studley.

#### Hilmarton Parish Council

The parish council were considering purchasing their own speed indicator device (SID). The play park had now been completed and fly tipping was a local issue.

#### 68 Area Board Funding

This item was moved forward, ahead of the partner updates.

The Area Board considered the following applications for grant funding. Representatives from each applicant were invited to speak in support of their applications.

#### **Community Area Grants**

<u>Calne Town Football Club requesting £5,000 towards Calne Town Club House</u> refurbishment.

On the proposal of Cllr Trotman, seconded by the Chairman, it was resolved:

#### Decision

To award Calne Town Football Club £5,000 towards Calne Town Club House refurbishment.

#### Reason

The application met the 2022/23 Community Area Grant criteria.

#### The Lansdown Hall requesting £2,151 to replace their CCTV.

On the proposal of Cllr Pearce-Kearney, seconded by Cllr Trotman, it was resolved:

#### Decision

To award Lansdown Hall £2,151 to replace their CCTV.

#### Reason

The application met the 2022/23 Community Area Grant criteria.

<u>Sustainable Calne requesting £246.48 towards a thermal imaging camera loan</u> scheme.

On the proposal of Cllr Pearce-Kearney, seconded by Cllr Trotman, it was resolved:

#### **Decision**

To award Sustainable Calne £246.48 towards a thermal imaging camera loan scheme.

#### Reason

The application met the 2022/23 Community Area Grant criteria.

Marden House Centre requesting £5,000 towards structural repairs to Marden House

On the proposal of Cllr Trotman, seconded by Cllr Rounds, it was resolved:

#### **Decision**

To award Marden House Centre £5,000 towards structural repairs to Marden House.

#### Reason

The application met the 2022/23 Community Area Grant criteria.

Calne Clean Up Crew requesting £5,000 towards a town centre planter project.

On the proposal of Cllr Pearce-Kearney, seconded by Cllr Trotman, it was resolved:

#### **Decision**

To award Marden House Centre £5,000 towards structural repairs to Marden House.

#### Reason

The application met the 2022/23 Community Area Grant criteria.

#### Older and Vulnerable People's Funding

Cllr Pearce-Kearney left the room having declared an interest, due to his employment in the NHS and association with the applicants, so did not participate in the debate or vote on these items.

Wiltshire Community Care User Involvement Network requesting £500 towards administration support for Calne, Health, Social Care and Wellbeing meetings.

On the proposal of Cllr Rounds, seconded by Cllr Trotman, it was resolved:

#### Decision

To award Wiltshire Community Care User Involvement Network £500 towards administration support for Calne, Health, Social Care and Wellbeing meetings.

#### Reason

The application met the 2022/23 Older and Vulnerable People's Grant criteria.

Wiltshire Community Care User Involvement Network requesting £500 towards administration support for Calne Voices meetings.

On the proposal of Cllr Rounds, seconded by Cllr Trotman, it was resolved:

#### **Decision**

To award Wiltshire Community Care User Involvement Network £500 towards administration support for Calne Voices meetings.

#### Reason

The application met the 2022/23 Older and Vulnerable People's Grant criteria.

<u>Calne Seniors Reconnecting Group requesting £2,000 towards reconnecting group activities.</u>

On the proposal of Cllr Rounds, seconded by Cllr Trotman, it was resolved:

#### **Decision**

To award Calne Seniors Reconnecting Group £2,000 towards reconnecting group activities.

#### Reason

The application met the 2022/23 Older and Vulnerable People's Grant criteria.

### Youth Grant

The Open Blue Bus Trust requesting £4,400 towards the Open Blue Bus in Calne.

The Chairman confirmed that the amount being requested was £4,400, not £2,000 as listed on the agenda front sheet.

On the proposal of Cllr Rounds, seconded by Cllr Trotman, it was resolved:

#### **Decision**

	To award The Open Blue Bus Trust £4,400 towards the Open Blue Bus in Calne.  Reason The application met the 2022/23 Youth Grant criteria.
69	Fostering Recruitment Update
	Cllr Pearce-Kearney explained that 264 Children Looked After were living with foster carers within Wiltshire. He noted that there was a great shortage of foster carers in Wiltshire. He reported that there were 22 children in care in the Calne area but that they were still short of 15 fostering families. He then outlined the characteristics required to become a foster parent in Wiltshire and encouraged local councils to advertise the scheme and interested people to contact <a href="mailto:fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk">fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk</a> or look at <a href="mailto:www.fosteringwiltshire.uk">www.fosteringwiltshire.uk</a> .
70	Area Board Priority and Working Group Update
	Diane Gooch, the Area Board's Older and Vulnerable People's Champion, provided the following updates:
	<ul> <li>The connecting group was thriving, having 50 members as well as a waiting list.</li> <li>She thanked the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager and Area Board Delivery Officer for their help with the group. She also thanked Kingston House for providing refreshments and a warm space.</li> <li>Discussions had been going on about an initiative to tackle falls.</li> <li>The Dementia Forum were looking at running sessions in the town hall and a dementia awareness session was being run on 16 March.</li> </ul>
	In was noted that at the previous meeting it had been resolved for Cllr Rounds to approach Patford House Partnership to discuss the future involvement of Patford House Surgery and Beversbrook Medical Centre in the promotion of wellbeing and falls prevention in older and vulnerable people. Cllr Rounds suggested the Area Board fund further falls information cards to be used across the community area.
	Cllr Trotman reported that Calne charities had a hardship fund and that information about cost-of-living support was available on Wiltshire Council's website.
71	S106 Working Group
	Cllr Trotman noted that the next meting of the S106 Group would be on 27 April.
72	Local Highway and Footway improvement Group (LHFIG)
	On the proposal of Cllr Pearce-Kearney, seconded by Cllr Trotman, it was resolved:

	Decision
	1. To note the discussions and updates outlined in the report.
	2. To close the following issues:
	<ul> <li>6465 Curzon Street (on priority list)</li> <li>3-21-9 Quemerford (on priority list)</li> <li>3-21-10 Yatesbury, The Avenue</li> </ul>
	3. To add funding issue already on the priority schemes list:
	• 3-21-13 Calne Sandpit Road - £8,709.40
	4. To move the following issue to the priority list and allocate funding:
	• 3-22-17 Calne, The Strand - £595
73	<u>Urgent items</u>
	Cllr Ross Henning raised concerns about the speed limit at the A4 crossroads near Studley. He noted that he was a councillor on Chippenham Area Board and chaired their local Highway and Footway Improvement Group. The Chairman shared Cllr Henning's concerns about the speed limit in that area.
74	Close
	The next Area Board meeting would be held at 6:30pm on 23 May 2023. The Chairman announced that he did not plan to stand for re-election as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

### **Area Board Briefing Note - Cost of Living Crisis**

Service:	Executive Office
Date prepared:	24/4/23
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With inflation and energy costs still high, Wiltshire Council continues to provide support to people through the cost-of-living crisis. Wiltshire Council has a range of advice and support at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living.

#### **Energy Support**

The Government recently extended its energy price guarantee for an additional three months until the end of June 2023, which limits the amount suppliers can charge per unit of energy used. However, the £66/£67 monthly payments that most residents were receiving from their energy supplier since October 2022, as part of the Energy Bills Support Scheme (EBSS), recently came to an end. With this in mind, and in addition to the continuing high inflation, Wiltshire Council continues to provide a range of support to those most in need.

The council is continuing to allocate funding to those who were not eligible for payments through the EBSS. So far, the council has allocated £510,000 through the Government's EBSS Alternative Fund and a further £172,600 through its Alternative Fuel Payment Scheme for people who don't have a domestic electricity supplier. More information on this can be found at Overview - Wiltshire Council.

#### **Household Support Fund**

The council has allocated all of its funding from the 2022/23 phase of the Government's Household Support Fund, but recently had confirmation that it had received more than £5.4m to allocate during 2023/24. The Household Support Fund is provided by the Department for Work and Pensions and is in place to support households that would otherwise struggle to buy food or pay essential utility bills or meet other essential living costs to help them during the current cost-of-living challenges. The council is in the process of finalising its plans for the fund and will have more information soon.

#### Support in Libraries

Although the temperatures have risen, Wiltshire Council's libraries continue to be there for people who need them, providing anyone with a warm and friendly welcome. The council continues to work with Warm and Safe Wiltshire and The Rural Communities Energy Support Network to assist residents seeking basic energy advice and make referrals to experienced energy advisors in all but its smallest libraries. In total, 1,462 warm packs were handed out at libraries, which contained a thermal mug, a fleece blanket and a hot water bottle with a cover. More packs may be available later this year. All libraries can signpost people to community partners and agencies that can support people through the



rising cost of living. Wiltshire Libraries are also working with the Good Things Foundation to distribute free SIMs and mobile data to people in need. The <u>National Databank scheme</u> is supported by UK mobile networks including Vodafone, O2 and Three. More information can be found at <a href="https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-news">https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-news</a>.

#### **Interactive Directories**

Last year Wiltshire Council set up an interactive directory, which continues to be available, so people could easily find local food providers and warm spaces near to them at just a few clicks of a mouse. The council will soon be engaging with all the local groups that registered to be included on the directory to establish what support is still available in the county and what the plans might be for the future so that it has a clear picture of what might be needed.

#### Work of Area Boards

All 18 of Wiltshire Council's Area Boards have also been working on a number of projects and initiatives to support people in the county's community areas. Multiple Area Boards have hosted warm and safe community events, bringing together a range of partners to showcase what support they can offer to residents. They have coordinated the production, printing and distribution of local cost of living information leaflets to specifically targeted residential areas through officers, volunteers and councillors. Some have worked with community groups to draw in multiple sources of funding to develop small emergency hardship funds that agencies can refer suitable residents to. In partnership with food banks and community organisations, the area boards have also provided a range of useful products free of charge to suitable residents including slow cookers and electric blankets.

#### **Bus Passes**

The council also recently confirmed that all holders of Wiltshire concessionary bus passes can continue using their pass to travel at any time on local bus services during April. Normally, concessionary bus passes for older and disabled people cannot be used to travel before 9.30am on weekdays, but Wiltshire Council agreed with bus operators to temporarily lift this restriction from 1 September 2022. The offer is eligible on all local buses that operate within the Wiltshire Council area, or for any bus journeys that begin in Wiltshire. Concessionary passes cannot be used to board a bus within the Borough of Swindon before 9.30am on weekdays.

#### **Holiday Activities**

The council has been delivering the Holiday Activity and Food programme, known locally as FUEL during the Easter holidays and this will continue in the Summer and Christmas school holidays in 2023. The FUEL programme is funded by the Department of Education and will deliver camps in ten areas across the county where there is the greatest level of need. At FUEL camps children receive a nutritious lunch each day and are given the opportunity to take part in a range of practical, physical and hands on activities including robotics workshops, circus skills, sporting sessions, Olympic kit, talent shows, and arts and crafts.



### **Area Board Briefing Note – Independent Visitor Scheme**

Service:	Quality Outcomes for Children and Families
Date prepared:	08/03/2023
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The Independent Visitor Scheme needs more volunteers! Independent Visitors are adult volunteers who are matched with young people in care to visit, advise and befriend them. We currently have nearly 70 approved and matched Independent Visitors but with over 400 young people in care in Wiltshire, we need more to provide this vital and life changing service.

Volunteers are asked to give a long term commitment to visit a young person every 3-4 weeks, for a couple of hours, to have fun, try new things and build a strong and lasting relationship. Training and ongoing support is provided, with all expenses covered.

If anyone is interested, please could they get in contact with <a href="IVScheme@Wiltshire.gov.uk">IVScheme@Wiltshire.gov.uk</a> for more information on how to apply!



### **Area Board Briefing Note**

Service:	Library
Date prepared:	16/03/2023
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#### Wiltshire Libraries are supporting residents to stay online during the cost of living crisis

Wiltshire Libraries are helping residents to have the skills and internet access they need to get and stay online during the cost of living crisis.

All libraries in Wiltshire offer free Wi-Fi and computer access, plus printing for a small charge.

If residents want to learn more about using their smart phone, tablet, laptop or the library computers, they can contact Amesbury, Bradford on Avon, Calne, Chippenham, Corsham, Devizes, Malmesbury, Marlborough, Melksham, Royal Wootton Bassett, Salisbury, Trowbridge, Warminster and Westbury libraries to book a one-to-one digital support appointment with library staff or volunteers.

Wiltshire Libraries are also working with the Good Things Foundation to distribute free SIMs and mobile data to people in need. The <u>National Databank scheme</u> is supported by UK mobile networks including Vodafone, O2 and Three.

The free SIMs and mobile data are available from Chippenham, Devizes, Salisbury, Trowbridge and Warminster libraries.

To be able to access the National Databank recipients must be 18+ years old and from a low-income household. One or more of the following must also be true:

- They have no or poor access to the internet at home.
- They have no or poor access to the internet away from home.
- They can't afford their existing monthly contract or top-up.

Anyone who meets the criteria can be referred by their local library or can contact Chippenham, Devizes, Salisbury, Trowbridge or Warminster libraries direct to find out more and to book an appointment. The National Databank online application form is now live at <a href="National Databank">National Databank</a> - <a href="Wiltshire Council">Wiltshire Council</a>.

Up to six months of data can be provided at a time with a maximum of 12 months to one individual.

Further information about getting online at the library can be found at <a href="https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-accessing-computers">https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-accessing-computers</a>. Information about the National Databank appears on the cost of living support and advice pages at <a href="https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living">https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living</a>. An online referral form will soon be added.



# **Area Board Update**

WILTSHIRE POLICE

Calne Community Policing Team May 2023

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# Your Community Policing Team - Calne

# **Inspector:**



**INSP Pete Foster** 

## **Neighbourhood Sergeant:**



PS Michael Tripp

## **Neighbourhood Officer:**



PC Jonathan Bourke



PCSO Mark Cook



PCSO Nicole Sheppard

# **Calne Community Engagements**

## **Our Engagement Vision**

### Community Engagement impacts on everything we do

- We will use a range of techniques and channels to best connect with our communities to obtain their views on policing in the county, and ensure these techniques and channels are visible and accessible
- We will work collaboratively with a variety of partners to engage with communities where it makes sense to do so
- We will actively encourage and enable people to be part of our policing conversations to help shape our approach, response, policy, and delivery
- We will ensure our diverse and under-represented communities have a voice and are represented in conversations
- We will demonstrate where we have listened and where we have changed our service as a result of what our communities are telling us
- We will evaluate the success of our engagement activity and learn lessons to improve future engagement







# Community Engagements January - May 2023

# Between January and May 2023 the Neighbourhood Policing Team have completed 54 community engagements

- 15 School talks and presentations to over 300 children
- 7 Pub Licensing Checks
- 8 Community Consultations
- 2 Anti-Social Behaviour Surveys consultation with 40 local addresses
- 5 Speed Checks
- Attendance at coffee mornings, church groups,
- 5 Partnership visits with partner agencies
- Delivery of 10 Selecta DNA marking kits to victims of Burglary within the past 2 years
- 4 Youth Engagements including collaborative work with The Rise Trust
- Attendance of the Calne Safety Forum









# **Operations Conducted in 2023**

<u>OP Exit (Monthly)</u> – A joint operation between Wiltshire Police Licence representatives and Local Neighbourhood Policing teams. Together we are engaging with licensed premises to support and assist owners, managers, staff and members of the public in maintaining a safe environment and the prevention and detection of Crime.





Operation Clampdown (March – June 2023) – A joint operation between the Neighbourhood Policing Team, Rural Crime Team and Angling Trust Volunteer Bailiffs. Together we are carrying out pro-active and targeted patrols in areas where information suggests illegal fishing is taking place. We are using up-to-date technology including drones enabling us to scan wider areas, making patrolling our water ways so much easier. Clear video footage can be used as evidence to support prosecution.

Op Scorpion (March 2023) - Operation Scorpion, harnessed collective powers to disrupt drug crime in the south west by dismantling drugs supply networks, and arresting those who profit from them, and meant criminals will be under no illusion the south west is #NoPlaceForDrugs.



**Op Sceptre** - There have been several national Sceptre weeks of action since July 2015 in an attempt to counter a nationwide rise in knife crime.

All forces in England and Wales will take part in two weeks of action a year - Week 1: 15th to 21st May 2023







Supporting the Wiltshire PCC with his **Safer Nights Campaign** 

We are working in partnership with Wiltshire Police, Wiltshire Council, Swindon Borough Council and others to create safer nights in Wiltshire and 1 Swindon.

www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/your-pcc/campaigns/safer-nights









# **Town Centre Updates**

#### Anti-social behaviour-

Damage to The Pippin toilets on 15/03/2023

This matter is currently under investigation. A number of names have been given to us due to social media appeal. We are currently attending the home addresses of these youths to establish their involvement.

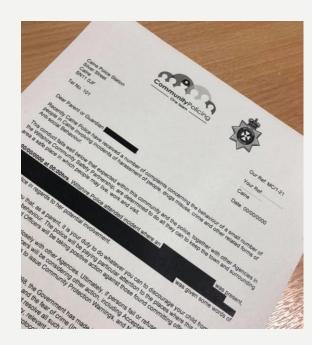
Youths gaining access to the Co-op building and the roof of Iceland.

Several youths have been identified regarding gaining access to the Co-op building. One youth attended the Calne police station in the company of his father to be given appropriate advice. Others involved have received home visits to be given some advice also in the company of their parents. All names are being collated and will be issued Anti-social Behaviour letters, which are recorded on our system for future reference.

<u>During pro-active ASB patrols</u> officers have identified locations where underage drinking is taking place. Alcohol has been confiscated from a small number of under 18-year-olds found in these locations.

<u>An Acceptable Behaviour Contact</u> has/will be issued to a 12-year-old boy due to his ongoing Anti-social Behaviour around Calne.

<u>3 formal Community Protection Warnings</u> have been issues to 3 girls who have repeatedly been engaging in underage drinking, crime, and Anti-social Behaviour in Calne.



# Useful Links

For more information on Wiltshire Police's performance please visit:

- PCC's Website <a href="https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/">https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/</a>
- HMICFRS Website -<a href="https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/">https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/</a>
- For information on what crimes and incidents have been reported in the Chippenham Community Policing Team area visit <a href="https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/">https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/</a>

# Get Involved

Keep up to date with the latest news and alerts in your area by signing up to our Community Messaging service –

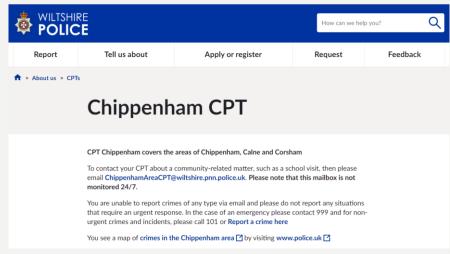
www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

# Follow your CPT on social media

- Calne Police Facebook
- Calne Police Twitter

Find out more information on your CPT area at: <a href="https://www.wiltshire.police.uk">www.wiltshire.police.uk</a> and here <a href="https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk">www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk</a>







# DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD REPORT

### **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 <a href="https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/">https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/</a>



#### **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 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 <a href="mailto:enforcement@dwfire.org.uk">enforcement@dwfire.org.uk</a>
- 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 60 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 <a href="www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/">www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/</a> or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.





#### **Recent News & Event**

#### Businesses encouraged to accept free fire safety checks

Local businesses are being encouraged to accept a free fire safety check if they are contacted by Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Business fire safety checks involve firefighters visiting selected premises, based on their detailed local knowledge, and meeting with the Responsible Person. The aim is to give simple advice on how to make the property – and the people within it – safer from the risk of fire or confirm that the right things are being done.

More on business fire safety, including how to complete a fire risk assessment, can be found at <a href="https://www.dwfire.org.uk/business-fire-safety">www.dwfire.org.uk/business-fire-safety</a>

#### National campaign supports Biker Down initiative

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service has joined forces with the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) to support its national Biker Down safety campaign, which runs between 3-9 April.

Biker Down is a free three-hour course that provides practical and potentially lifesaving advice. It gives riders an awareness of what to do if they are involved with or see an injured motorcyclist, and how to reduce their own risk of being in a collision. The sessions are suitable for riders of all experience levels, whether riding for work, pleasure, or both.

More information and advice can be found at <a href="www.dwfire.org.uk/biker-down">www.dwfire.org.uk/biker-down</a>

### Carbon monoxide safety reminder



We've been reminding everyone to make sure that they have both carbon monoxide and smoke alarms fitted at home.

It follows an incident last month when firefighters rescued a woman who had been rendered unconscious by carbon monoxide after a smouldering fire seeped smoke into her flat.

For advice on carbon monoxide and making your home safer, visit www.dwfire.org.uk/carbon-monoxide





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	RTC's					
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Calne	1	1	1	0	1	1

# **Incidents of note**

Dean Hoskins Station Manager

Email:.dean.hoskins@dwfire.org.uk Mobile: 07515187344



## **Update for Wiltshire Area Boards**

April 2023

### **Falls Work Programme**

Wiltshire ICA continue to prioritise the Falls work programme. This includes using short-term funding to purchase additional Raizer chairs with training support to ensure that staff are equipped and confident to respond to falls where appropriate.

This is targeted at the Community and Reablement teams, and Care Homes with the highest number of proportionate falls, to ensure support is meaningful and effective.

The programme is in the engagement and mobilisation phase. The short-term objectives are to reduce unnecessary falls resulting in calls to 999 where possible and contribute to a robust community and provider response to falls.

We have established a new strategy working group in partnership with Wiltshire Council and Public Health. The group aims to better understand the Wiltshire population needs and to develop a Wiltshire Falls strategy to enable a prevention and response, long-term approach.

#### **Spring boosters**

COVID-19 is more serious in older people and in people with certain underlying health conditions. For these reasons, people aged 75 years and over, residents in care homes for older adults, and those aged 5 years and over with a weakened immune system are being offered a spring booster of COVID-19 vaccine. Appointments will be offered between April and June with those at highest risk being called in first.

## Area Board Update May 2023



## Thank you to our Healthwatch Heroes

We're celebrating our 10th birthday by thanking everyone who has shared their story with us over the last decade. With your help, we've been able to help improve health and social care services for everyone.

Whether you spoke to us at an event, over the phone, or left a comment online – we want you to know it mattered. Because of you, we've raised awareness of some of the big issues, and championed change where it's needed. So to mark the 10th anniversary of Healthwatch, we're saying thanks to you, **our Healthwatch Heroes**.

We're also saying thank you to **our partners** – because only by working with incredible groups, charities and organisations have we been able to shine a light on what local people want and need from their care.

And to **health and care professionals** – your commitment to listen to what people are saying and striving to improve services for everyone has made all the difference.

But the biggest thank you has to go to **our amazing volunteers**, because without your passion and commitment, nothing would have been possible. We can't do it without you!

#### A decade of highlights

Highlights of the last 10 years include:

- Winning two national Healthwatch awards!
   The first one in 2018 for our Young Listeners project. The second in 2020 for helping to improve care and support for people living with dementia.
- Launching our <u>Community Cash Fund grant</u> <u>scheme</u> to help local health and wellbeing projects get off the ground.
- Setting up our <u>Wiltshire Mental Health</u>
   Open Forum which now has more than 80 members. They created a guide to local mental health support, which since its



launch in 2021 has been downloaded more than 500 times.

- Gathering your feedback and providing a trusted source of information throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Helping to improve online mental health services for children and young people.
- Showing how your views have been used to make changes at Great Western Hospital.

We've been so privileged to be able to talk to so many people over the years, including military families, people with autism, young people from the LGBTQ+ community, people living with dementia, people with mental ill health, carers, hospital patients, and care home residents. In the last year alone, we've heard the views and experiences of more than 2,500 people.

Thank you to everyone who shared their story with us over the last decade. Please continue to tell us what you think so we can champion your views both locally and nationally.

Here's to the next 10 years!

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## Community First Update - March 2023

## **Community Development – Project Updates**

Our Community Organising team has been working on a number of community engagements projects over the last few months. A summary of these projects is included below:

## The Friary Youth Engagement Project

The team recently completed a youth engagement project for Salisbury City Council which aimed to develop positive relationships and understand the needs and ambitions of young people who live on The Friary Estate in Salisbury. This project was delivered over 18 months with direct outreach and delivery with young people and their families. As part of the project the team delivered a skills-based training programme, co-produced a youth action plan and supported the provision of new youth activity. Young people took part in a six-week engagement project with fun games and group activities designed to understand how youth activity could be delivered locally.

10 young people received Community Organising and listening training, they also attended a residential at Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre and a reward trip to a trampoline park. As a result of the project, a new youth club called 'The Hangout' was created, with 22 young people signed up to attend regular activities. Young people who took part in the project reported improved self-esteem, confidence and wellbeing, as well as feeling more connected to the community.

### **Rural Youth Project**

The team has continued to deliver the rural youth project with door-knocking and engagement activity. Four pop-up events have been held so far in 2023, with 56 young people taking part in positive activities. As part of the project, the team has also supported the creation of a new youth club. This included governance advice and support for the newly formed youth club committee. 3 potential Young Leaders and 3 adult volunteers took part in First Aid training and will continue to receive support from YAW clubs.

## **Community Transport Association Project**

Outreach and engagement activity has continued across eight key areas in Wiltshire as part of a project funded by the Community Transport Association (CTA). The project aims to recruit new volunteers for Link Schemes and reduce loneliness and isolation. Through direct outreach, the team has recruited 46 potential new volunteers for Link Schemes. Our Community Organisers were also joined by volunteers from local Link Schemes who took part in door-knocking activity with our team.

#### **Community Engagement Services**

Our team has a wealth of experience in supporting and delivering community engagement projects. We work with Councils, voluntary groups, charities and partner organisations to speak to local people about issues which are important to them and their community. Our team works on the ground, at the grassroots by knocking on doors and talking to people in public places to find out what they have to say. This approach is very effective at identifying different views (including from harder-to-reach groups) and produces actionable insights and solutions to often complex problems.

In addition to listening activity through door-knocking, our team delivers bespoke training and youth engagement projects. We have also worked with a number of Town and Parish Councils to create online surveys for digital consultation on neighbourhood planning and community needs analysis.

For more information about how we can help you reach out and connect with local communities through door-knocking, community engagement initiatives or digital surveys in 2023, please see our information leaflet (included with this briefing) or contact Harry

Tipple: htipple@communityfirst.org.uk

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## **Community First Update**

#### **Link Schemes Audit 2022**

Each year, Community First gathers data from Link Schemes to prepare the annual Link Schemes Audit. The Link Audit is important because it demonstrates how vital local transport groups are to the health and wellbeing of Wiltshire residents, particularly those who live in rural areas. As well as collecting information about the number of miles travelled, tasks undertaken and volunteer hours given, each Link Scheme also collects data on the type of journeys carried out e.g. trips to local doctors surgeries, community hospitals and dentists. This helps us build up a picture of the important role Link Schemes play in helping people to access healthcare and other services that help them live fulfilling and independent lives, reduce isolation, manage health conditions and keep active.

#### **Summary of findings:**

- There are 1,620 volunteers involved in supporting local Link Schemes in Wiltshire, with an average of 38 volunteers per Link Scheme.
- The number of volunteers for Link Schemes increased by 3% in 2022.
- In 2022 Link Schemes travelled 689,661 miles, which is a 39% increase from 2021.
- There was a 38% increase in everyday tasks (34,125) completed by Link volunteers in 2022.
- Volunteers for local Link Schemes gave over 100,000 hours of their time in 2022. This is a 22% increase from the previous audit.
- 26,249 health related journeys were completed in 2022, which is a 27% increase from 2021.
- The economic value of Link Schemes is £1,262,102 based on ONS South West Average hourly pay (£12.48 per hour). This is a 22% increase from 2021.

The Link Schemes Audit shows that Link Schemes have gone above and beyond to support their local communities in 2022, with a significant increase in service delivery against a small increase in volunteer numbers. We hope you will join us in congratulating Link Schemes for their fantastic achievements and their commitment to supporting some of the most vulnerable people in the county.

A copy of the Link Schemes Audit 2022 can found on the <u>Community First website</u>, a PDF copy of the audit is also included with this briefing document.

## Support for Village Halls and Community Buildings (WVHA)

Wiltshire Village Halls Association (WVHA) is a membership network for village halls and community buildings in Wiltshire and Swindon. This is a specialist advisory and support service with opportunities for networking, training, promotion and help with local/national guidance. In addition to the support from our Village Halls Advisor Helen Akiyama, WVHA members also benefit from a profile on our dedicated WVHA website for members of the public who are searching for halls to hire.

Helen Akiyama has recently attended two re-opening events for Sherston Village Hall and Berryfield Village Hall. Both halls have received advice and guidance from WVHA. Before and after photos for these amazing renovations can be found on our <u>website</u>. It is fantastic to see funding and investment going to local halls in Wiltshire. Helen is currently working with member halls who have applied for grant funding through the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fund which is administrated by ACRE.

For more information and how to join our network visit: <a href="www.communityfirst.org.uk/village-halls/">www.communityfirst.org.uk/village-halls/</a> - membership fees are very affordable and many halls and buildings have offered positive feedback on our service.

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## **Community First Update**

## MiDAS - Minibus Driver Awareness Training

Community First offers accredited MiDAS (Minibus Driver Awareness) Training for organisations and groups, led by our fantastic Training Co-ordinator Martin Carter.

It has been a busy few months for MiDAS with over 50 drivers trained in the safe driving and operation of minibuses. Feedback from trainees has been very positive and we continue to enjoy a busy training schedule as we move into the Spring.

"Great session! Martin was so informative and helpful – thank you so much."

"Very efficient and thorough training from Martin."

MiDAS is taking new bookings for Spring/Summer 2023 and early booking is recommended to secure a training place. Please contact <a href="mailto:mcarter@communityfirst.org.uk">mcarter@communityfirst.org.uk</a> for more information about MiDAS and how to book your training.

# **Building Bridges Programme – Learning, Review and Reflection Event and Upcoming Impact Report**

The Building Bridges programme Lead Team and programme partners (including Key Workers) attended a Learning, Review and Reflection Event at Market Lavington Village Hall on Wednesday 1st March 2023. The event aimed to highlight the achievements of the Building Bridges Programme and those who took part. We are currently in the process of preparing a project impact report with highlights from the programme including outcomes, case studies and quotes from participants. This will be shared with joint funders The National Lottery Community Fund and The European Social Fund, as well as through the Building Bridges website. Since launch in 2016 the programme has delivered the following outcomes for participants and the wider region:

- 1,910 participants supported through the programme.
- A work or education outcome delivered every 1.9 days.
- £12.9m of economic benefit to the region delivered through the programme, with a cost benefit of £1.67 return per £1 invested (£1.71 pre-pandemic).
- 64% of participants have achieved a positive outcome through the programme.
- 27% of participants achieved employment, 30% moved into education (including 291 who were NEET or at risk) and 7% moved into job search.
- 59% of participants reported increased confidence, wellbeing and self-esteem upon leaving the programme.

Support was maintained to an average of 343 participants throughout the pandemic. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in delivering and supporting this fantastic programme in Swindon and Wiltshire. Work is ongoing to secure continuation funding for the programme.

## **Youth Action Wiltshire – New Fundraising Events for 2023**

The fundraising events calendar for Youth Action Wiltshire has been updated for 2023, with events including Auction of Promises (Chippenham Lions), a Golf Day at North Wiltshire Golf Course and our popular carol service Carols by Candlelight at Malmesbury Abbey. For more information about how you can support Youth Action Wiltshire by attending one of these fantastic events, please visit our website:

www.communityfirst.org.uk/yaw/fundraising

## **Community First Update**

# Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre and Linkenholt Countryside Adventure Centre – Book now for 2023

Community First owns and operates <u>Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre</u>, a not-for-profit activity and residential centre in the heart of the Wiltshire countryside. Oxenwood is the perfect setting for school, club and group residentials or day trips. We offer a bespoke package of historical enrichment, outdoor education and adventure activities, led by our friendly and experienced outdoor education instructors.

Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre is a heritage building located in an area of outstanding natural beauty near Marlborough, Wiltshire. During your stay, your group will have exclusive use of the Centre and access to variety of exciting activities including climbing, rifle shooting, archery, hiking, canoeing and mountain biking. We have a wealth of experience working with schools, clubs and youth groups to create memories for a lifetime.

We also work in partnership with The Blagrave Trust to manage <u>Linkenholt Countryside Adventure</u> <u>Centre</u> which offers a range of day activities and residential campaign experiences designed to meet your group's needs. The venue is located 6 miles from Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre and situated in a 2,000-acre estate near the Hampshire, Berkshire and Wiltshire borders.

Please see the links above for more information about each of our outdoor education settings, this includes updated pricing information for 2023. Copies of our information leaflets and pricing sheets for 2023 are included with this briefing pack.

To find out more about the bespoke packages on offer or to make a booking, email enquiries@oxenwoodcentre.com or telephone 01264 731274.

#### Briefing prepared by:

Ellie Ewing, Marketing and Communications Manager (Community First)

17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Calne Town Council Area Board Update



- The Annual Council meeting and Mayor Making took place on Monday 22 May in the Town Hall. The new Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor were elected for the 2023-2024 term of office. (details to be announced at the Area Board)
- New Leisure Area at the Recreation Ground opened on Saturday 6 May during the Coronation Event and will be open on weekends in June and July and throughout August.
- The Town Council has allocated £18,000 to The Rise Trust Youth team to deliver youth outreach, safe youth spaces and a youth club including free use of Bremhill View Community building.
- A new Community Orchard was unveiled at the Recreation Ground on 25 April.
- Building on the success of the Winter Warm Spaces there are lots of available Community Spaces throughout the week. If you need some company or a quiet space you will be most welcome. (see attached image)
- Town & Community Matters Committee met on 15 May to award community grants.
- Amenities and Facilities Committee met on 17 May to progress awarding the tender for a new Splash Zone at the Recreation Ground.
- Calne Summer Carnival is taking place on Saturday 24 June. The A4 will be closed between 12pm-6pm. Local groups are encouraged to enter the carnival procession. Floats are provided.
- Calne Town Crier Competition is taking place on Saturday 15 July with national and international entrants.
- Director of Council Services Mr Steve Nash leaves on Friday 26 May. Interviews are scheduled to recruit a replacement which will be announced in due course.

## Area Board Working Group Terms of Reference

#### May 2023

#### 1. Purpose

An Area Board working group is an excellent vehicle to drive forward a local priority theme. The Area Board will evaluate each priority, in respect of the actions required and the existing arrangements in place, prior to setting up a new working group. Where there is an existing community or partner led group addressing this priority, the Area Board should work in partnership with such community or group and not create a working group of its own. Where a working group is required, the exact purpose is set out by the Area Board using the table set out in Appendix A.

Some example functions of an Area Board working group are set out below in relation to their respective theme. A group could be asked to:

- Research and review key data, intelligence and information related to the specific priority theme, to develop an in-depth understanding of the issue and opportunities;
- Democratically consider issues, projects and initiatives that could be developed and identify risks;
- Engage with the relevant partners to advance objectives, empowering the wider community to lead where appropriate;
- Provide regular information to the Area Board for review and further guidance; and/or
- Address any conflicts of interest that may arise as part of the local decision-making process.

## 2. Membership

The membership of a working group will be set by the Area Board but may include representatives as follows:

- City, town and parish councils;
- Voluntary and community sector organisations (regional, countywide and local level);
- Wiltshire Police:
- Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service;
- Ministry of Defence;
- Bath, Swindon and Wiltshire CCG, Healthwatch, Local Health Representatives;
- Local businesses, Chambers of Commerce:
- · Schools:
- Housing Associations;
- · Residents and resident action groups; or
- Other organisations, agencies and individuals that have a genuine interest in promoting the respective theme issue.

The Area Board should consider whether membership is fully representative of the local community by carefully considering the diversity and inclusion of the group. Consideration must be given where appropriate to the safeguarding procedures that must be followed (set out in Section 4 below)

## 3. Roles of all members of the Area Board working group

All members will be required to:

- Agree to the terms of reference as set out within this document;
- Take an active part in the development of the working group and its aims;

- Ensure that their organisation is represented by a person of appropriate experience/competency (or his/her appointed deputy) who has full authority within the relevant organisation to speak on behalf of the organisation and contribute fully to all discussions;
- Take responsibility for sharing information relevant to their organisation/ stakeholders/sector;
- Contribute any information that may have a bearing on positively achieving agreed objectives;
- Be mindful of the needs of the community area as a whole when providing input or making decisions;
- · Be open and honest and work collaboratively;
- Work to promote equality and non-discriminatory practices;
- Respect all members of the working group and invited representatives; and
- Work to ensure high quality safeguarding practices are followed where appropriate.

#### 4. Structure and operation

A working group will generally comprise of no more than ten members, to keep conversations and actions focussed. If nominal membership of the management group exceeds ten members, attendance at meetings should be sought by those most appropriate to the agenda. Additional attendees can be brought in as required when invited by the Chairperson.

The Chair of the group will be agreed locally and could either be the Area Board Councillor lead or another member from within the group. A vote of members can determine the Chair where required. Further Area Board Councillors can be appointed to the group as required and as deemed appropriate by the Area Board.

An assigned Wiltshire Council Officer will support each working group, however their role and involvement will vary. Brief notes with key actions and decisions will be recorded and reported back to the Area Board business meeting. The Area Board Councillor lead or the assigned Officer will provide verbal updates to the Area Board business meeting.

Decisions will usually be reached by consensus, however, if necessary, these can be agreed by a majority vote of all group members. The Chairperson would have the deciding vote in cases of a tie. This may be required if for example, the group is providing a funding recommendation to the Area Board.

Working groups must be culturally and socially considerate when focussing on themes that affect vulnerable or underrepresented groups of people (e.g., older people, young people, LGBTQ+, BAME and those with SEND). Ensuring a diverse and representative working group membership will support the safe and appropriate engagement with the respective groups to ensure voices are clearly heard.

The frequency, location and format of group meetings and activities should be determined locally, however, it is advised that groups do not formally meet more than quarterly and complement the timings of the Area Board business meeting.

#### 5. Safeguarding

The Area Board and its working groups have a key role in ensuring the safeguarding of all residents. Effective safeguarding involves organisations working together to prevent the risks and experience of abuse or neglect, while ensuring that the views and wishes of an individual are at the heart of decisions that affect them, wherever possible.

Effective safeguarding is critical when groups are working towards objectives that support children, young people or vulnerable adults. It is critical that each group minimises all safeguarding risks and is aware of the relevant local agencies to escalate any concern.

If someone is in immediate danger you should contact the appropriate emergency service immediately by calling **999**. If you believe a child or young person is at risk of significant harm, neglect or injury, you should report your concerns to the Wiltshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub **(MASH)** by calling **0300 456 0108** during weekdays or on **0300 456 0100** at evenings or weekends. If you are concerned that an adult is at risk of neglect or abuse, please contact Adult Social Care's Advice and Contact Team by calling **0300 4560111** during weekdays or **0300 456 0100** on evenings and weekends please contact the Emergency Duty Service on **0300 456 0100**.

When entering into agreements with voluntary and private sector organisations, working groups, under the umbrella of the Area Boards, need to be assured that the successful individual/organisation has the following in place:

- 1. Safer recruitment processes, including DBS checks; induction and supervision;
- 2. Identified designated lead(s) for safeguarding with appropriate relevant training;
- 3. Safeguarding policy, allegations management processes and policy, code of conduct policy; and
- 4. Child protection (where applicable) and Safeguarding training at the level appropriate to posts and roles.

#### 6. Media Relations

Members of the working group may not issue media statements on behalf of the Area Board. Any media statements about the work of the group should be agreed with between the group and Chair of the Area Board.

#### 7. Review

These terms of reference are subject to change and may be reviewed from time to time by the Leader, and at least annually.

## Appendix A – Terms of Reference table

This table is to be completed and agreed by the Area Board when establishing/ re-establishing a working group.

Task	Area Board agreed response
Name of working group:	
Priority theme it is linked to:	
e.g., Environment, social isolation, young people	
Councillor lead(s):	
Assigned Officer lead(s):	
Date of set up:	
Date of review:	
Specific scope and remit for the working group:	
What are the specific objectives?	
Any particular data or intelligence the board would like considered/investigated?	
<ul> <li>Any partners, residents or other groups it should specifically link with?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Is the group being asked to review relevant grant funding applications?</li> </ul>	
Proposed membership (up to 10):	
This does not need to be an exhaustive list. The Cllr lead and local Officer can review as needed.	
Any specific safeguarding guidance? Meeting directly with young people or vulnerable adults?	

# Calne Area Board 23 May 2023

## **Appointments of Representatives 2023/24**

## 1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. To appoint Councillor representatives for the Area Board. This will include appointing to Outside Bodies and to reconstitute and appoint to any Non-Priority Working Groups and the LHFIG for the year 2023/24.

## 2. Background

- 2.1. Area Boards are invited to appoint Councillors to be their respective lead for particular Outside Bodies, Non-Priority Working Groups and the LHFIG. The following guiding principles are in place for Councillors when taking on one of these roles:
  - To be the main Area Board point of contact for local Officers within their respective area
  - To attend (and often Chair) relevant working groups of the Area Board
  - To work collaboratively with relevant local partners and community groups
  - To provide regular updates back to the Area Board in relation to their Group/Outside-Body including providing feedback on the success or limitations of previously funded Area Board grants (if applicable)
- 2.2. The Area Board is invited to appoint Councillor representatives to the Outside Bodies or Non-Priority Groups (which do not fall under one of the Area Board Priority areas) listed at **Appendix A**. These appointments will continue for the duration of Councillors' terms of office, and will be reviewed annually, unless the Board determines otherwise.
- 2.3. Similarly, the Area Board is invited to appoint a named Older Persons and Carer Champion to work with the Area Board and Health and Wellbeing Group for 2023/24.

#### 3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. The Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) operates as an informal working group making recommendations to the Area Board for approval. Terms of Reference are set out in **Appendix B** for information. The Area Board are invited to appoint a Lead Councillor on an annual basis.
- 3.2. Any amendments to the currently appointed Representatives on Non-Priority Working Groups can be agreed by the Area Board here or at any future scheduled business meeting.



- 3.3. If a new Non-Priority Working group is required, the Strategic Engagement & Partnerships Manager will work with the Board to set out the exact purpose and Membership, which would then be agreed by the Area Board at its next scheduled business meeting.
- 3.4. A key role within some Health and Wellbeing Group's is that of a local 'Champion' who works with the Area Board to address priorities for older people and carers, further details on this role can be obtained on request from the Strategic Engagement & Partnerships Manager.

## 4. Financial and Resource Implications

4.1. None.

## 5. Legal Implications

5.1. Some appointments carry responsibilities and duties, for example, those which involve becoming a trustee. Councillors are advised to seek advice on individual appointments if required. Protocol 3 of the Council's Constitution sets out Guidance to Members on Outside Bodies.

#### 6. Safeguarding Implications

6.1 Processes are in place to ensure Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are undertaken as appropriate.

### 7. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

7.1 None.

#### 8. Equality and Diversity Implications

8.1 None.

#### 9. Delegation

- 9.1 By convention, appointments to Outside Bodies which operate within the boundary of a community area are made by the relevant Area Board.
- 9.2 The appointment of Councillors and other representatives to Non-Priority working groups operating under the Area Board is a matter for the Area Board to determine.

#### 10. Recommendation

10.1 The Area Board is requested to:



- a. Appoint Members as Lead representatives to the Outside Bodies and any new Non-Priority Working Groups set out at Appendix A;
- b. To Appoint a Lead representative to the LHFIG (listed on Appendix A) and to note the Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix B.
- c. To appoint a Carer and Older People's Champion for the Area Board.

### **Matt Hitch, Democratic Services Officer**

## Appendices:

Appendix A – Appointment to Outside Bodies & Non-Priority Working Groups Appendix B – Appoint to the LHFIG & note the Terms of Reference

Unpublished background documents relied upon in the preparation of this report None.



## Appendix A

## Representative Appointments 2023/24

Appointments on Outside Bodies and Non-Priority Working Groups will continue for the duration of Councillors' terms of office, and will be reviewed annually, unless the Board determines otherwise.

Outside Body	Councillor Representative
Calne Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	Cllr Tom Rounds (incumbent for 2022/23)
Calne Marden House	Cllr Ian Thorn (incumbent for 2022/23)

Non-Priority Working Group	Councillor Representative
Calne Area Parish Forum	Cllr Ashley O'Neill (incumbent for 2022/23)
Air Quality Action Group	Cllr Ian Thorn (incumbent for 2022/23)
Calne S106 Working Group	Cllr Tony Trotman (incumbent for 2022/23)

	Cllr Sam Pearce-
LHFIG Councillor Representative	Kearney (incumbent for
Note: This position is appointed annually	2022/23)
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## Appendix B

# LOCAL HIGHWAY & FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENT GROUPS (LHFIG) TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### Membership of the LHFIG

The LHFIG will normally be made up of:

- Members of the Area Board
- Town and Parish Council representatives
- Community / Stakeholder representatives

It is recommended that the groups do not normally consist of more than 10 representatives, but for larger community areas this may not always be feasible.

Representatives should act as a conduit between their organisations and the LHFIGs by putting forward the views of the body they represent and providing feedback to its members regarding the work of the LHFIGs. The group members will also need to be mindful of the needs of the community area when making their recommendations, as not all councils and groups may be represented on the LHFIGs.

Recommendations to the Area Board will usually be reached by consensus, but if necessary, these can be agreed by a show of hands by those representatives present at the meeting.

The group will normally be chaired by a Wiltshire councillor. Membership of the LHFIGs will cease when a member ceases to hold the stated office as first appointed, or when a parish/town council or group choose to nominate an alternative representative.

The LHFIGs may invite representatives from local organisations to its meetings to give technical advice or to share pertinent local knowledge on projects in the area.

#### **Appointment of LHFIGs members**

Appointment of Wiltshire Council members to the LHFIGs will normally be agreed at a full meeting of the Area Board. Membership may be varied, with the agreement of the Area Board Chairman, subject to approval at the next full Area Board meeting.

Where required for flexibility, the Area Board may appoint an unnamed representative of an organisation to the LHFIGs (e.g. town/parish council or Community Area Partnership) to ensure that the organisation is always represented at meetings. However, it is preferred that the same representative attends if possible to ensure consistency of membership.

#### **Media relations**

Members of the LHFIGs must not issue press statements on behalf of the Area Board.

Any press statements about the work of the LHFIGs should be agreed between the Chairman of the LHFIGs and the Chairman of the Area Board, and in consultation with

Wiltshire council's communications team. You can contact the communications team at <a href="mailto:communications@wiltshire.gov.uk">communications@wiltshire.gov.uk</a>.

#### **Meetings**

It is recommended that the LHFIGs meet four times a year. Ideally the meetings should be 2 to 4 weeks in advance of the Area Board meetings. Meetings are intended to be limited to the membership set out above and is open to other members of the Area Board who wish to attend. It can be open to public if the LHFIG chair wishes, and by invitation. It should be noted that LHFIGs are advisory bodies and do not exercise delegated decision-making powers. All decisions are to be ratified by the Area Board.

#### Officer support

Meetings will be attended by relevant officers from Wiltshire Council, including a Senior Transport Planner, a Senior Traffic Engineer, Local Highway Maintenance Engineer and the local Community Engagement Manager. Attendance by officers of other expert knowledge may be arranged when necessary.

Additional support will be provided outside of the meeting by the Corporate Office Business Support unit as currently for Area Boards, for the purpose of arranging meetings, venues, and the production of meeting action notes.

#### Terms of reference

The LHFIGs have no formal decision-making authority on operational matters or budget expenditure but act as an informal discussion forum making recommendations to the Area Board. Recommendations must be agreed at a full LHFIG meeting before being brought to the next Area Board for approval.

The LHFIGs terms of reference are set out at Appendix A:

Examples of projects the LHFIGs can and cannot fund are set out in Appendix B:

#### **Terms of Reference**

### 1. Small-scale transport schemes – discretionary funding

To make recommendations to the Area Board to determine priorities and levels of expenditure required for small-scale transport schemes in the community area. A discretionary highways budget has been allocated to the board by the Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste, Street Scene and Flooding. The funding allocation is a mixture of highways and council capital funding and can only be used to provide new and improved highway infrastructure. It is suitable for schemes that improve safety, increase accessibility and sustainability by promoting walking, cycling and public transport and improve traffic management.

It cannot be used to fund revenue functions, such as routine maintenance schemes or the provision of passenger transport services.

A list of schemes which the groups can fund in contained in Appendix B

Schemes considered by the LHFIGs must have first been raised through the highway improvement request system and endorsed by the relevant town or parish council.

The LHFIG's can be directed to look at issues identified by Highways Officers when considered appropriate. For example, when an issue is raised for which other centrally held resource does not exist.

In choosing their local transport schemes, Area Boards will need to be mindful of the priorities of the Local Transport Plan and the likely availability of future funding for implementation.

#### 2. Small scale transport schemes – substantive funding

To submit bids for funding from the centrally held substantive funds. A scheme qualifies as substantive if the estimated cost is more than the total discretionary amount available as part of the group's annual allocation.

#### LHFIGs can fund the following:

**Pedestrian improvements**: including dropped kerbs, new footways, substantive improvements to existing footways, pedestrian crossings (including assessments).

**Cycle improvements**: new cycle paths, cycle parking / storage.

**Bus infrastructure:** new and replacement Shelters (subject to agreement on future maintenance liability), bus border kerbs, bus stop road markings.

**Traffic signing:** new and replacement signs (including signposts), street name plates, village gateways.

**New road markings:** new and replacement of existing markings.

**Speed limits:** assessment and implementation.

Waiting restrictions: assessments and implementation.

**Footpath improvements**: styles, gates, surface improvements to rights of ways (council maintainable only).

**Drainage**: minor improvements, new gullies.

Street lighting: new installations.

Traffic management measures: including Sockets and posts for SID (Speed

Indication Device) equipment.

As a general rule, an asset should exist at the end of the project, i.e. something new that wasn't there beforehand.

#### LHFIGs cannot fund:

**Routine maintenance:** such as gully emptying, ditch clearing, hedgerow cutting, pot hole repairs.

Service subsidy: bus services
Promotional campaigns
SID equipment

Improvements for individuals and properties

As a general rule, activities that repair, clean, tidy or remove something that is already present are likely to be considered routine maintenance and cannot be funded by LHFIGs.

Notes to Sect 106 virtual meeting held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

Those present: WC Officers: Mark Stansby, Steve Hinds, Fiona Stevens.

Cllr Tony Trotman, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Tim Havenith.

Anne Henshaw, Celia Stevens.

- Abberd Brook Phase 1; New contractors in place now Milestone have done trial holes to test for tree roots and some trees to remove.
   Any single tree removed will be replaced by two appropriate trees.
   A conversion order is being sought from Footpath to Dual Use Cycle/Footway designation.
   Construction to take place and to be completed by September 2023.
   Discussion on rights of way continuing over the old COOP site toward the Town centre and bridges toward Church St.
- 2. Whitehorse Way / Wenhill Lane Cycle way; This route includes Dual Use access from the A3102 pedestrian crossing into Town Centre through Fynamore Gdns estate onto Wenhill estate and Station Rd. although completed more signage was requested from and to the Town. Mark S to look into unspent funds from this project.
- 3. Future developments; Spitfire Road 100 houses PL/2022/07893. £100k requested by Fiona S for improvements to Dual Use path extending North along Sandpit Rd.

Discussion and concern with inadequate connectivity with the proposed other site PL/2022/04358 of 340 dwellings off Abberd Lane and Dual Use Pathways through these estates and beyond toward Tesco and newly permitted Lidl store.

Members requested talks with Wiltshire Councillors, Senior Highways Officers and Planning Director Nic Thomas and Cabinet Member for Planning to look at ways to bring this forward before any decisions are made.

4. Discussion took place on the £6.7m funding by Government for safety improvements along the A3102 encompassing villages and Calne along the route from Swindon to the A350. Calne TC Planning and Licensing suggested that one of the areas of concern was at the White Hart roundabout.

Members discussed the NDR or Beversbrook Road and the entrance to TESCO that needs improving as accidents have occurred since opening.

Date of the next meeting Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 14.00hrs.



	Item		Update		Who			
	Calne LHFIG -	Calne LHFIG – Notes of meeting held on 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 10:00 hrs, Harris Room, Calne Library						
1.	Attendees and	Attendees and apologies						
	Attendees:  Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney (Chair / Area Board) Jeff Files – Hilmarton Parish Council loan Rees – Calne Without Parish Council Richard Tucker – Bremhill Parish Council Mark Stansby – Snr Traffic Engineer  Apologies:  Cllr Ashley O'Neill (Chair Calne Area Board) Peter Szceziak – Compton Bassett Parish Council Dave Denny – Heddington Parish Council Martin Purslow – Cherhill & Yatesbury Parish Council Anne Henshaw – Calne Community Transport			AB				
2.	Becky Chivers – Area Highway Engineer  Notes of last meeting							
	The notes of the previous LHFIG meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2023 were presented to the Area Board on Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March, passing all recommendations.			To note	All			



3.	Financial Position					
		The balance for 2022/23, less previous commitments, stands at £48,573.81 (see Appendix 1).  £24,930.00 has been allocated for expenditure during 2023/24, the same amount as the previous year.  The opening balance for 2023/24, less previous commitments and underspend from last year, stands provisionally at £37,616.22 (see Appendix 2).	To note	All		
4.	Priority Schemes			L		
a)	Active Travel Issue A3102 Calne Silver Street – alternative pedestrian / cycle route to and from town via Station Road	Scheme has been progressed via Fynamore Gardens and Wenhill Heights using Section 106 funds. Work on the ground has been completed.  A cycle tracks Order is to be advertised to cover sections not already designated as shared use footways.	Highways to progress	Highways		
b)	Issue 3-20-11 Calne Anchor Road area – request for a 20-mph assessment.	Issue submitted by Cllr Thorn & Calne Town Council  Following public consultation, two objections have been received along with comments of support. Objections to be considered in a cabinet member report.  Report slightly delayed due to end of contract / financial year obligations.	Highways to draft report	Highways		
c)	Issue 3-20-9 A4 Calne / Quemerford – Request for crossing point to enable	Issue submitted by Calne Town Council  Exploratory trial holes were due to be dug on 12 <sup>th</sup> April.	Highways to investigate moving the crossing point by approximately 8m towards the town, to align with drop kerbs to a	Highways		



	access to Quemerford Post Office from Stockley Lane	Unfortunately underground services were discovered close to the footway surface meaning that the kerbs cannot be dropped where planned.	driveway on the opposite side of the road.	
d)	Issue 3-21-8 C15 Compton Bassett – request for speed limit review	Issue submitted by Compton Bassett Parish Council  The results of the speed limit assessment were reported at a previous meeting. Whilst no changes were recommended, officers were minded to support an extension of the 30 mph (Section 2 of the assessed area). At Section 4, officers recommended consideration of other measures such as white gates, a review of warning signs, and provision of road markings to encourage lower speeds.	Item deferred to enable more time for discussions between Cllr O'Neill and the Cabinet Member.	Cllr O'Neill
e)	Issue 3-21-11 Goatacre A3102 – request for speed limit review	Issue submitted by Hilmarton Parish Council  The results of the speed limit assessment were reported at a previous meeting. No changes have been recommended and this is perhaps not surprising as there have been no environmental changes along this route since the last review in 2009/10. The criteria for setting speed limits has not been updated since that time.	Item deferred to enable more time for discussions between Cllr O'Neill and the Cabinet Member.	Cllr O'Neill
f)	3-21-13 Calne Sandpit Road – Request for footway improvements and drop kerbs from York Road / Comet Crescent, ROW CLAN62	Issue submitted by Calne Town Council  The alternative route through Britannia Drive crosses unadopted land and the landowner(s) intend to close this route.  Proposals were agreed at the previous meeting and work is to commence on the ground on 15 <sup>th</sup> May, with completion anticipated on 26 <sup>th</sup> May.	Area Board to note	AB



g)	<b>3-22-1</b> A4 between Forest Gate and Black Dog – request for simultaneous traffic surveys	Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council  The results of a speed limit assessment were reported at a previous meeting. The review has recommended a reduction from National Speed Limit to 50 mph on the sections either side of Studley Crossroads and this is supported by the Parish Council. However the Parish wish to see the section between the gates at Studley Crossroads lowered to 40 mph.	Item deferred to enable more time for discussions between Cllr O'Neill and the Cabinet Member.	Cllr O'Neill
h)	3-21-14 Calne Mill Street Proclamation Steps – Request for a bollard to deter cyclists	Issue submitted by Cllr Thorn & Calne Town Council  Work has been completed at a cost of £575.00. This is an underspend of £425 against the estimate of £1,000.  Town Council had committed to paying 30% of costs and will be billed on this basis.	Highways to invoice for 30% of actual costs	Highways
i)	3-22-2 Derry Hill / Studley – Request to provide a suitable shared use path between Studley and Derry Hill and an onward link to the Calne/Chippenham National Cycle route NCR 403.	Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council  Whilst the right to cycle along the former Right of Way has been established, this only covers the width of the old path and does not extend the full width of the desired construction area, to meet current standards.  The legal issues concerning land ownership remain ongoing, and Highways has requested a meeting with the legal team, to be attended by Parish representatives, to give a full explanation as to the problem.  A provisional date to commence construction has been pencilled in for 13 <sup>th</sup> November.	Highways to arrange meeting with legal team and Parish Council	Highways



j)	3-22-5 Calne Bremhill View – request for dropped kerbs and a review of the safety barriers to provide inclusive access to the open green space	Issue submitted by Calne Town Council  The estimate has also been revised and now stands at £4,000 against an original ball park estimate of £6,000.  A gap in the construction programme has enabled this project to be done as a "walk and build" scheme with construction to commence on 21st April.	Highways to pursue completion of work	Highways
k)	3-22-8 C50 South of Blacklands Crossroads – request for Horse and Rider warning signs for Bridleway crossing of CALW38	Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council  Work has been completed at a cost of £521.48. This is an underspend of £678.52 against the estimate of £1,200.  Parish Council had committed to paying 30% of costs and will be billed on this basis.	Highways to invoice for 30% of actual costs	Highways
I)	<b>3-22-14</b> Calne Prince Charles Drive / Ramsay Road – request for drop kerbs	Issue submitted by Calne Town Council  A gap in the construction programme has enabled this project to be done as a "walk and build" scheme with construction taking place on 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> of April.  Final expenditure expected to be around £2,500 as quoted.	Highways to chase final bill.	Highways
m)	3-22-9 A3102 Mile Elm – request for "safety measures" and a speed limit review	Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council  The signs have been installed but Ringway were unable to provide the road markings by the end of their contract. These will be done as part of an ad-hoc road marking programme in late Spring / early Summer.	Area Board to note	AB



n)	3-22-16 Compton Bassett – request for length of footway in the vicinity of the war memorial	Issue submitted by Compton Bassett Parish Council  Following concerns raised direct to the Parish Council, the Parish no longer wish to pursue a footway but have requested edge of carriageway markings.  Length is approximately 90 metres (both sides of carriageway). Based on a measured rate as a stand alone exercise the estimate is £922.70. If done as part of an ad hoc order (on a done, when done basis) the estimate is £600.	Item deferred as the Parish representative was unable to attend the meeting	
0)	3-22-17 Calne The Strand – request for direction signs to Recreation Ground, Rugby Club and Bowls Club	Issue submitted by Calne Town Council  The signs agreed at the last meeting have been ordered and installation is anticipated at the end of May.	Area Board to note	AB
5.	New Requests and ongoing Issues			
a)	3-22-4 Cherhill Marsh Lane – request for speed limit review and construction of passing places.	Issue submitted by Cherhill & Yatesbury Parish Council  The lane is rural in nature and is unlikely to meet the criteria for a lower speed limit. Passing places would need to be constructed to full carriageway specification to accommodate heavy agricultural vehicles. A ball park figure to construct one passing place is likely to be somewhere between £15K and £20K.  Warning sign provisions were reviewed as part of a previous CATG project approximately 5 years ago and are in good order. Signs are provided to warn of horse and riders and double bend signs are positioned on approach to River's Brook. There are no signs provided to warn of Pedestrians in the Road.	Item deferred as the Parish representative was unable to attend the meeting	



		This issue remains a concern to the Parish Council and they requested more time to consider their options.		
b)	3-22-10 CALW56 Abberd Lane, section leading from Sand Pit to Hills Site – request for speed limit	Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council  Parish representatives have discussed this issue with Hills Waste. Hills will remind their drivers to observe low speeds. Additional signs can be placed as a reminder and further discussions will take place.  With permission by Highways, Parish reps were to ask Hills to remove the national speed limit signs at the junction of Sand Pit Road / Spitfire Way. Signs now removed.	To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue be closed	Chair
c)	3-22-15 Calne Eastern Bypass / Beversbrook Sports Facility – request for bus service and infrastructure	Issue submitted by Calne Town Council  The Town Council have requested the creation of a lay-by on the North side of the A3102, to allow the bus to pull off of the main carriageway. A length of new footway would also be needed to link to the entrance to the sports centre.  Bus Operators are no longer in favour of stopping within lay-bys due to delays encountered when exiting. Nowadays, new stops are developed within the running carriageway. This also helps to slow other vehicles when the bus is present, reducing risk of collisions. A site visit has been made and the presence of mains water, drainage and electricity supply has been noted in this area. Street lighting is also present.  Highways support this request but would encourage an oncarriageway stop, but to include infrastructure such as raised kerbs, an extended footway and a shelter. All of this could be provided at a much reduced cost when compared to the creation of a lay-by.	Item deferred as the Town Council representative was unable to attend the meeting	



		Following a discussion the group were generally in favour of Highway's recommendations.		
d)	3-22-18 Calne Tern Close – request to consider staggered barriers or other measures to reduce speed of cyclists	Issue submitted by Cllr Ian Thorn and Calne Town Council  At the last meeting, the group were against erecting signs and suggested some form of temporary barrier, but to retain access for pedestrians / pushchairs etc be trialed.	Awaiting update from Town Council	Town Council
e)	3-22-19 Calne A3102 Silver Street – Speeding concerns	Issue submitted by Calne Town Council  Customer has suggested SID deployment and / or physical traffic calming measures. In addition, the Town Council are concerned about the corner close to the Methodist Church where the footway is narrow.  Highways have visited the site as requested and reported that alterations to the footway (width and or camber) is not possible due to the narrow carriageway and private accesses. It was noted that the concern was about speeding vehicles and the Town Council should consider deployment of a SID in this vicinity.	Town Council to consider monitoring of speed by deployment of a SID.  To recommend to the Area board that this Issue is closed.	Town Council Chair
f)	3-22-20 A4 Cherhill (various roads) – request for drop kerbs	Issue submitted by Cherhill & Yatesbury Parish Council  Request for drop kerbs at Park Lane junction with A4 and to consider requirements at Middle Lane, Maiden Lane and Olivers Hill to create an accessible route for pedestrians along the A4 between the village and Quemerford.  The kerbs are lowered at Maiden Lane and at the junction to Lower Compton but not at Park Lane, Middle Lane or Oliver's Hill.	Item deferred as the Parish representative was unable to attend the meeting	



		A ball park estimate to undertake this work is £11,000.		
g)	3-22-21 A4 Cherhill junction with Middle Lane – Request to close Lay-by	Issue submitted by Cherhill & Yatesbury Parish Council  Parked cars causing visibility issues when joining the A4.  A site visit has been made by Highways and the issue is acknowledged.  Options to "close" the lay-by include the provision of a full height kerb to create a wide footway area, the placement of bollards and planters with the area hatched out, or to simply hatch the area in the first instance, and monitor the situation.	Item deferred as the Parish representative was unable to attend the meeting	
h)	3-22-23 Calne Brewers Lane, Shelburne Road, Anchor Road area – request for height and weight limits	Issue submitted by Calne Town Council  Height restriction cannot be imposed as there are no low overhanging structures. LHFIGs are prevented from imposing weight limits until a new freight policy for Wiltshire has been drafted. Advisory "Unsuitable for HGVs" signs can be considered.  It was suggested that signs could be placed as part of the Anchor Road Speed Ilmit project, but the LHFIG requested that Highways consider the best positions for these signs to be placed.  Highways recommend placement at the junction of Brewers Lane with Churchill Close and at Mill Street, close to the entrance to the former supermarket car park.	Signs to be included as part of the 20 mph speed limit project.  To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is closed	Highways



i)	<b>3-22-24</b> A4 Curzon Street Calne – request for Traffic	Issue submitted by Calne Town Council	Item deferred as the Town Council representative was	
	Calming Zone and / or part time 20 mph limit during school journey times	Springfield Academy has raised concerns about road safety by the school on the A4.	unable to attend the meeting	
	journey times	Traditional calming measures such as humps and chicanes are ruled out due to the strategic nature of the route, and the amount of freight traffic using the route. Only realistic option is to consider a part time 20 mph speed limit, imposed by signing and flashing wig-wags. These would operate during normal school journey times only.		
		Town Council to engage with the school to establish their true concerns.		
j)	3-22-25 Calne Quarr Barton – upgrade of road surface to enable better access for wheel chair users	Issue submitted by Cllr Trotman and Calne Town Council  Traffic Engineer has met on site with Area Highway Engineer. Curerent conduition of path does not meet intervention levels for routine maintenance.  Work to upgrade the surface would include:  Weed treatment.  Sweep and removal of detritus  Some patching  Milling of current surface  Provisin of slurry seal to form new top surface	Item deferred as the Town Council representative was unable to attend the meeting	
		A ball park estimate to undertake this work is £10,000.		
k)	3-23-3 Foxham village – request for a speed limit review	New Issue submitted by Bremhill Parish Council	To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is added to the Priority Schemes List and to allocate a sum of £2030.	Chair



		Request for a speed limit review to reduce the current 40mph limit to 30 mph. Speed Ilmit assessments are now charged at £2,900.  Highways are content to support an independent assessment against the current criteria. The group were in favour of moving this item forward and the Parish offered a 30% contribution to fund an assessment.		
1)	3-23-4 Bremhill Parish – request for village gates at 3 sites in Parish	New Issue submitted by Bremhill Parish Council  Request for gates at: <ul> <li>East Tytherton (Western approach)</li> <li>Foxham (West End)</li> <li>Tytherton Lucas (Eastern approach)</li> </ul> <li>A pair of gates is estimated at between £1,500 to £2,500.  Parish also request Traffic Surveys at these locations but these must be ordered direct without the involment of the LHFIG.</li> <li>Parish requested a more robust estimate before committing to this work. Group recommended that this be added to the Priority list without funding to enable investigative work and costings to be produced.</li>	To recommend to the Area Board that this be added to the Priority Schemes list without funding.	Chair
m)	3-23-5 Calne – request for Parking Review (various sites)	New Issue submitted by Calne Town Council  Request to undertake parking reviews at the following locations:  • Station Road  • Shelburne Road (junctions of Churchill Close & Brewers Lane  • Dakota Drive	To recommend to the Area Board that this be added to the Priority Schemes list without funding.	Chair



n)	<b>3-23-6</b> A342 Derry Hill Devizes Road – request for road surface gateway features.	<ul> <li>Harris Road (Calne Business Centre)</li> <li>Stanier Road</li> <li>Wessington Court</li> <li>Castlefields</li> <li>Woodhill Avenue</li> <li>Horsebrook Park</li> <li>Stockley Lane to The Croft</li> <li>Anchor Road (entrance to Bentley Grove)</li> <li>Thomas Court</li> <li>Lake View</li> </ul> The group were in favour of prioritising this work for consideration. New Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council Request is to reinstate red High Friction Surfacing / rumble	To recommend to the Area Board that this be added to the Priority Schemes list without funding.	Chair
0)	<b>3-23-7</b> Ratford Bremhill Lane – request for Horse & Rider warning signs	strips and carriageway roundels and to provide addition HFS patches and roundels.  Highways advised that the use of red HFS, other than at Gateways was no longer pursued due to concerns over maintaining these areas. Highways were content to consider the other requests and the group were in favour of prioritising this work to establish costs.  New Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council  Lack of Bridleways means that riders frequently use the lane.  A ball park estimate to supply and install 2 warning signs is £1,000. The Parish were content to offer a 30% contribution.	To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is added to the Priority Schemes List and to allocate a sum of £700.	Chair



p)	3-23-8 A342 Sandy Lane – request for village gates and warning signs	New Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council  Concerns about speeding and the pinch point at the southern end of the village, where large vehicles struggle to pass each other.  The group were in favour of prioritising this work to establish costs.	To recommend to the Area Board that this be added to the Priority Schemes list without funding.	Chair
q)	3-23-9 A342 Old Derry Hill – request for road narrows sign (Southbound)	New Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council  There is currently no warning of the "pinch point" where retaining walls are situated on each side of the carriageway.  Whilst the road width is sufficient to retain a centre line, it is accepted that larger vehicles tend to steer away from the retaining walls and can staddle the centre line.  A ball park estimate to supply and install one warning sign is £500 and the Parish are content to contribute 30% towards this.	To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is added to the Priority Schemes List and to allocate a sum of £350.	Chair
r)	3-23-10 A4 London Road / nr Old Derry Hill – request to extend safety barrier	New Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council  There are concerns that the existing barrier did not restrain the vehicle which left the carriageway heading towards Calne, entered private property, and resulted in a fatal collision. It should be noted that the purpose of the barrier is to restrain vehicles heading in the opposite direction.  The request is to extend the barrier by approximately 30 metres.  The group were in favour of prioritising this work to establish costs.	To recommend to the Area Board that this be added to the Priority Schemes list without funding.	Chair



s)	3-23-11 Derry Hill Church Lane and Studley Road – request for Traffic Management (calming) measures.	<ul> <li>New Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</li> <li>Parish are concerned that the features provided within the 20 mph Zone are not fully effective and request the following measures, as detailed in their Road Safety Feasibility Study (Appendix 3):</li> <li>DH3 Shop (Sketch SK01) - contrasting material (muted buff coloured surface dressing) across the carriageway, augmented by string courses of granite setts highlighting the pedestrian crossing point.</li> <li>DH5/6 Bus Stops and School (Sketch SK02) - relocate the existing pedestrian crossing point at the bus stops and highlight in buff coloured surface dressing; adjust the bus cages and highlight the existing speed table outside the school with four posts shaped like pencils in primary colours.</li> <li>DH7/8 Church and Layby (Sketch SK03) - introduce a new dropped kerb on the southern site of Church Road opposite the church and highlight the crossing point with buff coloured surface dressing. Demarcate parking spaces in the layby using single granite setts to improve parking efficiency.</li> <li>DH10 War Memorial (Sketch SK04) - introduce concentric circles using the same muted buff surface treatment. This</li> </ul>	To recommend to the Area Board that this be added to the Priority Schemes list without funding.	Chair



		<ul> <li>would provide further "spill out" onto the street and reinforce the nature of the village with drivers.</li> <li>DH11 Gateway (Sketch SK05) – provide muted buff coloured surface treatment to highlight the existing crossing point and village gateway; provide planter with mounted 20mph signage at gateway.</li> <li>The Parish requests that a scheme is developed so that a bid for substantive funding may be submitted in the Autumn of this year.</li> <li>The Parish also request that this project is merged with Issue 3-23-12, to enable both projects to be submitted as a single substantive scheme.</li> <li>The group were in favour of prioritising this work to undertake a full feasibility study and to establish costs.</li> </ul>		
t)	Issue 3-23-12 Studley Village  Request for a 20 mph Zone and Traffic Management (calming) measures.	<ul> <li>New Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</li> <li>Parish request the introduction of a 20 mph Zone (village is currently subject to the National Speed Limit) and also request the following measures, as detailed in their Road Safety Feasibility Study (Appendix 3):</li> <li>St1 Gateway (Sketch SK05) - highlight the existing pedestrian crossing using muted buff surface treatment and granite setts to provide a threshold to the 20mph Zone; planter and 20mph signs.</li> <li>St2 Throttle (Sketch SK06) – double string course of granite setts and 20mph roundel at natural throttle to the north of the timber yard.</li> </ul>	To recommend to the Area Board that this be added to the Priority Schemes list without funding.	Chair



- St3 Methodist Church (Sketch SK07) double string courses of granite setts to highlight village environment; dark grey surface treatment to informal car parking area to provide further visual thinning.
- St4 Studley Junctions (Sketch SK08) remove the road markings and highlight the junctions using double courses of granite setts around the junction radii. This will highlight the junctions for drivers but will also appear to narrow the carriageway and reduce the junction radii, thereby reducing vehicle speeds at the same time as removing urbanising road paint.
- St5 Gateway (Sketch SK09) planter with 20mph sign and double string course of granite setts at western gateway to Studley.
- St6 Gateway (Sketch SK10) 20mph sign and double string course of granite setts at northern gateway to Studley.
- St7 Norley Lane Visual Thinning (Sketch SK11) 500mm wide strip of dark grey surface treatment on the northern side, adjacent to the hedge, to enhance the visual thinning provided by the hedge.
- St8 Gateway (Sketch SK12) highlight the existing pedestrian crossing using muted buff surface treatment and granite setts; planters with 20mph signage.

The Parish also request that this project is merged with Issue 3-23-11, to enable both projects to be submitted as a single substantive scheme.



		The group were in favour of prioritising this work to undertake a full feasibility study and to establish costs.		
6.	Other items			
a)	Sustrans Route 403 - Calne to Avebury	<ol> <li>Update from the working party:</li> <li>We've completed the installation of new and replacement signage following our review last year.</li> <li>We're waiting on the diversion to the east of Yatesbury (from bridleway CHER15 to byway CHER19) to be reflected on Sustrans' official route map. In the meantime, we are arranging for new signage to reflect the diversion on the ground.</li> <li>We're struggling to get much traction with Hills and Valencia Waste Management on improvements through their land.</li> <li>Big thanks to Wiltshire Council for their work last Wednesday in mud-scraping along the track near Black Dog Halt and Hazeland Bridge. We're hoping to get more work organised to improve the surface.</li> <li>We're working on a range of accessibility improvements. As a start, Wiltshire Council have filled in the cattle grid at the exit from Castlefields Park.</li> <li>We're developing some information boards to publicise the route.</li> </ol>	To note	All



	A3102 Safety Project	Wiltshire Council has been granted £6.98m from the		
		Department for Transport's Safer Roads Fund to help make the		
		A3102 from the M4 to the A350 at Melksham safer for all road		
		users. The money will be spent on a range of safety measures,		
		such as re-designing some junctions, improvements to signing		
		and pedestrian crossing facilities.		
b)		Details will be released in due course as we look to establish the	To note	All
ŕ		most effective way to use the funding to reduce the risk of		
		collisions.		
		Suggestions for improvements are welcome, but these must be		
		focused on improving safey.		
		Item to remain on LHFIG Agenda until the Project has been concluded.		
	Deadline for submitting LHFIG Requests.	All requests are to be submitted two weeks prior to a meeting taking place. Requests received after the deadline will be held until the following meeting.		
c)		Highway Improvement Requst forms should be sent to our dedicated mailbox, LHFIGrequests@wiltshire.gov.uk	To note	All
		The deadline for our next meeting is 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2023.		
8.	Dates of future meetings:	· ·	I	1
ō.		October and Friday 40th January 2024		
	Friday 28" July, Friday 13"	October and Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.		



All meetings to be held at the Harris Room, Calne Library, commencing at 10:00 hrs.

**Calne Local Highways & Footway Improvement Group** 

**Highways Traffic Officer – Mark Stansby** 

**Area Highway Engineer – Becky Chivers** 

**Community Engagement Manager - Ros Griffiths** 

#### 1. Environmental & Community Implications

1.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the LHFIG during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

#### 2. Financial Implications

- 2.1. All decisions must fall within the Highways funding allocated to Calne Area Board.
- 2.2. If funding is allocated in line with LHFIG recommendations outlined in this report, and all relevant 3<sup>rd</sup> party contributions are confirmed, Calne Area Board will have a remaining Highways funding balance of £34,205.17

#### 3. Legal Implications

3.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

#### 4. HR Implications

4.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

#### 5. Equality and Inclusion Implications

5.1 The schemes recommended to the Area Board will improve road safety for all users of the highway.

#### 6. Safeguarding implications



6.1 There are no specific Safeguarding implications related to this report.

#### 7. Recommendations to Calne Area Board

- 7.1 To close the following Issues: 3-22-10 Calne Abberd Lane, 3-22-19 Calne Silver Street, 3-22-23 Calne Brewers Lane
- 7.2 To move the following Issues (with funding) to the Priority Schemes List: 3-23-4 Foxham Speed Limit Assessment (£2030), 3-23-7 Ratford Horse Warning Signs (£700), Old Derry Hill Road Narrows Warning sign (£350)
- 7.3 To move the following Issues (without funding) to the Priority Schemes List to enable feasibility studies / costings to take place.
  3-23-4 Bremhill Parish Gates, 3-23-5 Calne Parking Review, 3-23-6 A342 Derry Hill speed limit roundels / HFS, 3-23-8 Sandy Lane Gate and signs, 3-23-10 A4 Old Derry Hill extension to safety barrier, 3-23-11 Derry Hill Traffic Management Measures, 3-23-12 Studley Village Traffic Management Measures

Scheme	Estimate	LHFIG Commitment	Expenditure	Projected Spend
Calne Silver St to Station Rd – Pedestrian access	£2,900.00	£nil	£3,559.57 Final	£3,559.57
C15 Compton Bassett – Speed limit assessment	£2,500.00	£2,000.00	£2,500.00 Final	£2,500.00
Curzon St Narrowing Phase 2 – bollards	£1,000.00	£700.00	£1,049.61 Final	£1,049.61
A3102 Goatacre – Speed limit assessment	£2,500.00	£2,000.00	£2,500.00 Final	£2,500.00
A4 Quemerford Lane – edge markings	£600.00	£420.00	£600.00 Final	£600.00
A4 Forest Gate to Black Dog – speed limit review	£2,500.00	£1750.00	£2,500.00 Final	£2,500.00
Calne Proclamation Steps – installation of bollard	£1,000.00	£700.00	£575.20 Final	£575.20
Derry Hill Shared Use Path - Topo	£2000.00 (ball park)	£1,400.00	£2,350.00 Final	£2,350.00
C50 South of Blacklands Cross – warning signs	£1,200.00	£840.00	£521.48 Final	£521.48
Totals	£16,200,00	£9,810.00	£16,155.86	£16,155.86

Budget £57,680.10

Projected Spend £16,155.86

Balance £41,524.24

Plus Contributions (details below) £7,049.57

#### Current Balance £48,573.81

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Calne Silver St to Station Rd	£3,559.57	Section 106 monies
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Compton Bassett Speed assess	£500.00	Compton Bassett Parish Council – invoice issued
Curzon St Narrowing Phase 2	£300.00	Calne Town Council – invoice issued
A3102 Goatacre speed assess	£500.00	Hilmarton Parish Council – invoice issued
Quemerford edge line	£180.00	Calne Town Council – invoice issued
A4 Speed limit review	£750.00	Calne Without Parish Council – invoice issued
Calne Proclamation Steps Bollard	£300.00	Calne Town Council – contribution to be discussed by LHFIG
Derry Hill Shared Use Path Topo	£600.00	Calne Without Parish Council – invoice issued
C50 South of Blacklands signs	£360.00	Calne Without Parish Council – contribution to be discussed by LHFIG
Total contributions	£7.049.57	·

Scheme	Estimate	LHFIG Commitment	Expenditure	Projected Spend
Calne Anchor Rd area – new 20 mph speed limit	£8,600.00	£6020.00	£0,000.00	£8,600.00
A4 Quemerford Footway improvements – surveys	£1,362.89	£954.03	£0,000.00	£1,362.89
Calne Bremhill View – drop kerbs, hedge clearing	£6,000.00 (ball park)	£4,200.00	£0,000.00	£4,000.00
Calne Ramsey Road – drop kerbs	£2,500.00 (ball park)	£1,750.00	£0,000.00	£2,500.00
Calne Quemerford Footway – construction	£14,870.23	£10,409.17	£0,000.00	£14,870.23
A3102 Mile Elm – signing and road markings	£7,500.00 (ball park)	£5,250.00	£3,267.17 interim	£7,500.00
Calne Sandpit Rd / Comet Cres – Footpath work	£12,442.00	£8709.40	£0,000.00	£12,442.00
Calne The Strand – direction signs	£850.00 (ball park)	£595.00	£0,000.00	£850.00
Totals	£54,125.12	£37,887.60	£3,267.17	£52,125.12

Budget £73,503.81 (prov)

**Projected Spend** £52,125.12

£21,378.69 Balance

Plus Contributions (details below) £16,237.53

Calne Sandpit Rd / Comet Footpath £3,732.60

#### **Current Balance** £37,616.22

Calne Anchor Road 20 limit	£2,580.00
A4 Quemerford Footway survey	£408.86
Calne Bremhill View kerbs	£1,800.00
Calne Ramsey Road – drop kerbs	£750.00
Calne Quemerford footway – build	£4,461.07
A3102 Mile Elm – signing & lining	£2,250.00

Contributions

Calne The Strand direction signs £255.00 Total contributions £16,237.53

£2,580.00

Calne Town Council – to be invoiced upon completion Calne Town Council – to be invoiced upon completion Calne Town Council – to be invoiced upon completion Calne Town Council – to be invoiced upon completion Calne Town Council – to be invoiced upon completion Calne Without Parish Council – to be invoiced upon completion Calne Town Council – to be invoiced upon completion

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### Calne Without Parish Council

## Road Safety Feasibility Study (Stage 2)

Study Area 1 – Derry Hill and Studley (Sites 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5)

(Version 2)



#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

In 2020, Calne Without Parish Council commissioned Entran to complete a Road Safety Feasibility Study for the parish. The Brief identified 16 locations and stated the problems that required investigating.

For each of the sites, the Brief requested options for addressing the problems, advice on whether the options would require consultation or traffic regulation orders (TRO), the likely effectiveness of measures, and the costs of each option.

The Brief requested an interim report identifying the key findings of the initial scoping and survey work and an outline of the anticipated outcomes. Entran completed site investigations for each of the site and carried out a number of workshops with CWPC and in October 2021 issued a document entitled 'Stage 1 report; Interim report – appraisal of evidence, initial findings and recommendations.

The purpose of the interim report was to allow CWPC to prioritise the schemes to be taken forward for further analysis. In our fee proposal, Entran identified that to fulfil the Brief for each of the 16 sites would be likely to exceed the PC's anticipated budget and so our proposed scope of work included a short-listing of sites at Stage 1 to assist the PC in taking around eight sites forward to Stage 2. Upon completion of Stage 1, it was agreed to take 10 sites forward to Stage 2

The sites were split into four study areas, consistent with the Stage 1 Workshops; these are as follows:

- Study Area 1 Derry Hill and Studley (sites 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5)
- Study Area 2 A4 (sites 13, 14, and 15)
- Study Area 3 HGVs (sites 2, 7, 11, 12 and 16)
- Study Area 4 Wider area (sites 6, 8, 9 and 10)

The Brief provided by CWPC was clear that the issues raised are "real problems experienced by residents" and that the study is aimed very clearly at improving safety and convenience for all road users. The Brief stated that in some locations standard solutions would be inappropriate and that environmentally sensitive alternatives should be explored rather than the more standard urban highway solutions. Clearly, given the purpose of the study, safety is paramount.

The Brief included the Hans Monderman quote "If you want drivers to behave as they should in a village, make sure it feels like a village". This is taken from the publication Traffic in Villages which has informed the approach to this study, to improve safety for all highway users in the Parish.

This Stage 2 report should be read in conjunction with the Stage 1 report. This report covers Study Area 1, Derry Hill and Studley.



### 2.0 STUDY AREA 1 – Derry Hill and Studley

#### **Derry Hill**

The Stage 1 report identified that the traffic calming in Derry Hill is not effective. This should be augmented by additional measures such as visual thinning using contrasting materials, or further measures to enhance the presence of significant features such as the school, church, shop, junctions and gateways. Appropriate options have been taken forward to this Stage 2 report.

The issue of rat running is not constrained to the A4 and A342 routing but is a wider issue relating to the Calne bypass which directs north/south traffic on the A3102 to a point on the A4 closer to Derry Hill. Additional traffic calming or speed reduction measures are unlikely to deter through-movement; however, if speed and congestion (caused by indiscriminate parking) can be addressed, then the residual through traffic will cause fewer concerns for local residents.

Visibility at the Church Road / A342 junction can be improved. Traffic on the A342 is exceeding the posted 40mph speed limit which has an adverse effect on stopping sight distance. Speeds on the A342 could be reduced by appropriate measures to reinforce the existing 40mph speed limit. Appropriate options have been taken forward to this Stage 2 report.

#### Studley

Stage 1 speed surveys suggested that a 30mph speed limit in Studley would have little effect in reducing vehicle speeds. Indeed, for most of Studley 30mph would not allow drivers to stop in the available road ahead (Highway Code: Rule 154). A 20mph Zone would need to be self-enforcing and would therefore require speed reducing measures. Given the nature of the existing lanes (narrow, sinuous, high banks), conventional traffic calming measures are unlikely to have a material effect on driver speeds. Softer measures (gateways, highlighting features such as the Methodist Church, junctions etc) to alert drivers to the nature of the village may have a beneficial effect. A 20mph speed limit (as opposed to a Zone) would require additional signage in the form of repeater signs at regular intervals.

There is likely to be community support for a 20mph speed limit (or Zone) in Studley. This would require a TRO and would be subject to WC and Police approval.

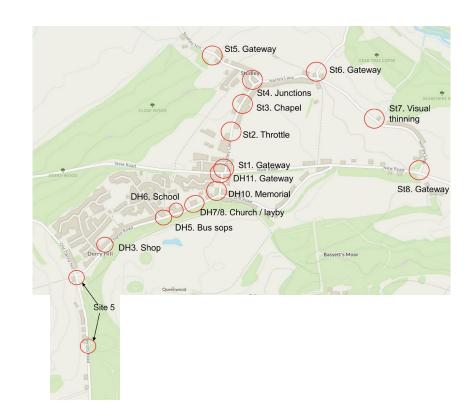
During the Stage 1 study, the issue of HGVs using Studley Lane and Norley Lane was added to the issues to address. At that time there was a single advisory sign at Studley Crossroads stating that Studley Lane is unsuitable for HGVs. Since then, that sign has been replaced by a far more legible sign which is clear for all drivers entering the village from the A4.



However, the Working Group consensus was that a formal weight limit would be preferable. This would require agreement from Bremhill Parish Council as such a weight restriction would necessarily extend beyond the CWPC boundary. Any such weight limit would be 'Except for Access' in order to allow businesses and farms within the restricted area to continue to operate. The required weight limit area is shown in **Appendix A**. This would require a TRO and would therefore require formal consultation and consideration of objections.

The initial reference plans for Derry Hill and Studley Stage 2 are included as **Appendix B.** These show the locations of existing traffic calming features as well as village features and facilities. These plans also indicate where the existing features are effective or not.

The features and facilities listed in Appendix B have been consolidated onto a single plan, shown right and included as **Appendix C**. This shows all locations where additional measures could be included to meet the recommendations of the Stage 1 Study.



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#### 3.0 SUGGESTED MEASURES

#### DH3 - Shop

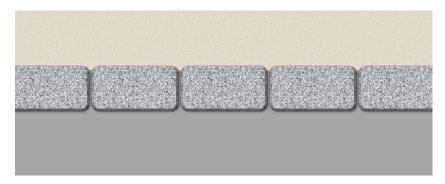
The Village Shop is a key feature which informs drivers of the fact that they are in a village environment; it is also a location where drivers can expect to find pedestrians crossing the road and cars manoeuvering.

The principle of 'spill out' has been applied here so that the car parking area to the front of the shop is reflected in a contrasting material (muted buff coloured surface dressing) across the carriageway. This is augmented by string courses of granite setts highlighting the pedestrian crossing point.

This layout would be more effective if the car parking area were surfaced in a resin bound gravel or similar. We would therefore recommend that CWPC holds discussions with the shop owners about a co-ordinated approach to implementing these works.

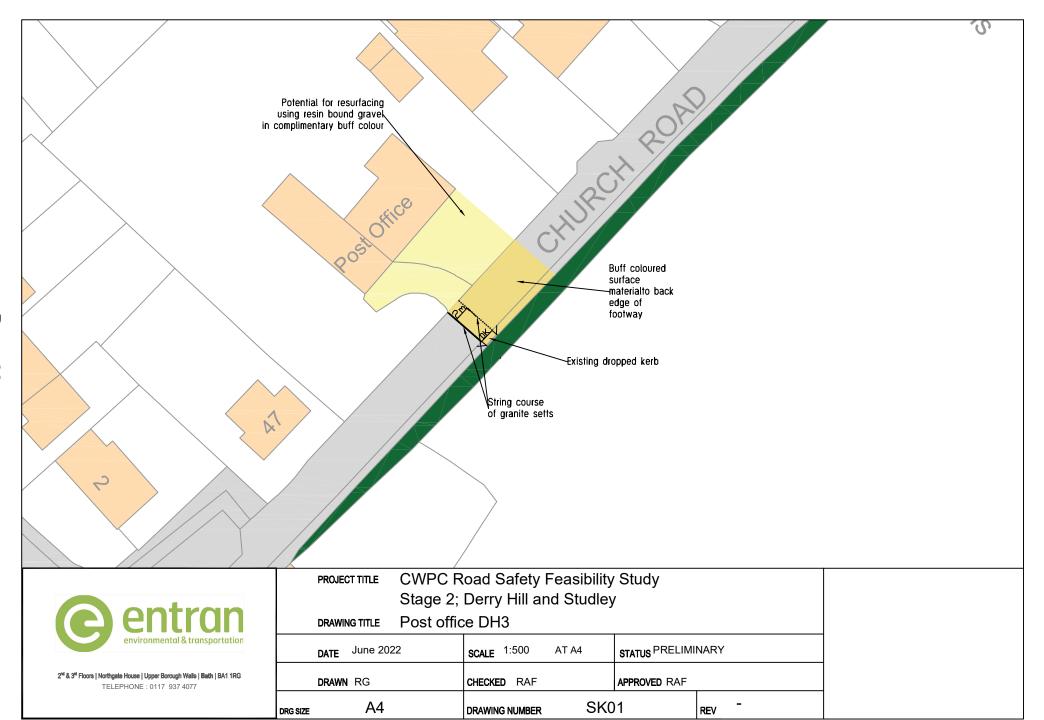
The proposed layout is shown in SK01.

Figure 1. String course of granite setts, set into carriageway



The feature of pedestrian crossing locations highlighted in a contrasting surface material with a string course of granite setts is repeated across the Study Area.

The palette of materials is kept to a minimum, comprising of muted buff or dark grey surface treatment and either single or double string courses of granite setts. This will therefore read as a consistent 'family' of features and will seek to enhance the village nature of Derry Hill and Studley rather than add standard urbanising features.





#### DH5/6 – Bus stops and School

The existing speed table in front of Derry Hill School is effective and was designed using blockwork to reflect the construction of the school. However, the school could 'spill out' into the street more if additional features were added. The proposal is to introduce four posts to highlight the table and for those posts to be shaped like pencils in primary colours. The width of the footways in this location means that the posts need to be located at the back edge of footway.

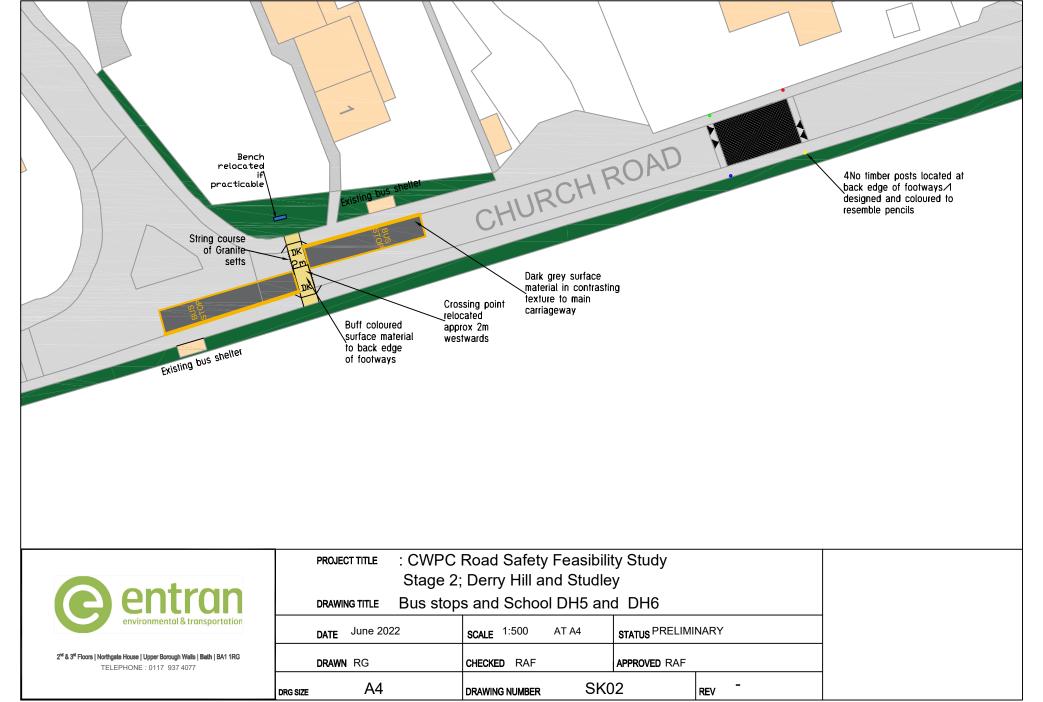
There is an existing pedestrian crossing point with dropped kerbs to the west of the school; however, this is located in the middle of the eastbound bus cage. The proposal therefore highlights the crossing location and adjusts the bus cages to suit. The bus cages will be highlighted in a dark grey contrasting surface material.

An existing bench is located within the hedge of Tile Court. Subject to discussions with the owners, it may be beneficial to relocated this bench further forward (and to re-plant the gap in the hedge) in order to add a further feature within the street to inform drivers of the place function rather than the movement function of Church Road.

The proposed layout is shown in SK02.

Figure 2. Example of 'pencil' posts (Bristol)







#### DH7/8 - Church and Layby

Christ Church is a very visible and prominent feature in Derry Hill. It has an ornate gateway with a dropped kerb; however, there is no matching dropped kerb on the opposite side of the road.

The layby opposite the church does not have individual spaces demarcated and on-site observations indicate that drivers tend not to park efficiently, leaving half-spaces unoccupied.

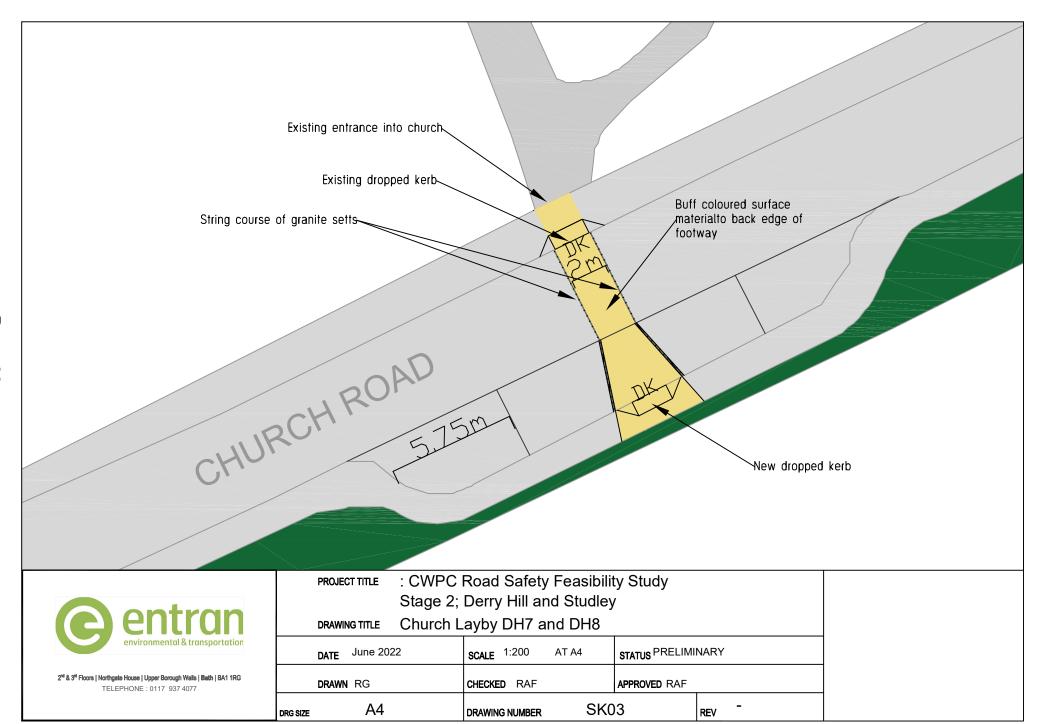
The proposal is to introduce a new dropped kerb on the southern site of Church Road and to highlight the crossing location. This provides a safe crossing, particularly for those with pushchairs or with mobility impairments, but will also highlight the presence of the church entrance for drivers as they pass along Church Road.

This would remove 2m of available parking space; however, by demarcating four individual spaces (each 5.75m long) there would be no loss of parking spaces in practice. The spaces can be demarcated using single granite setts in order to minimize the palette of materials.

The proposed layout is shown in SK03.

Figure 3. Example of inefficient parking in layby







#### DH10 - Memorial

The War Memorial offers an opportunity for additional 'spill out' into the street, to reinforce the nature of the village. The proposal is to introduce concentric circles using the same muted buff surface treatment as shown in SKO4. This would cause drivers to acknowledge the memorial but would also be a pleasant feature on Remembrance Day when villagers congregate around the memorial.

The concentric circles are necessarily centered on the entrance gate rather than the memorial itself in order to limit the radii. Circles centred on the memorial would extend too far and could cause confusion at the adjacent junctions.

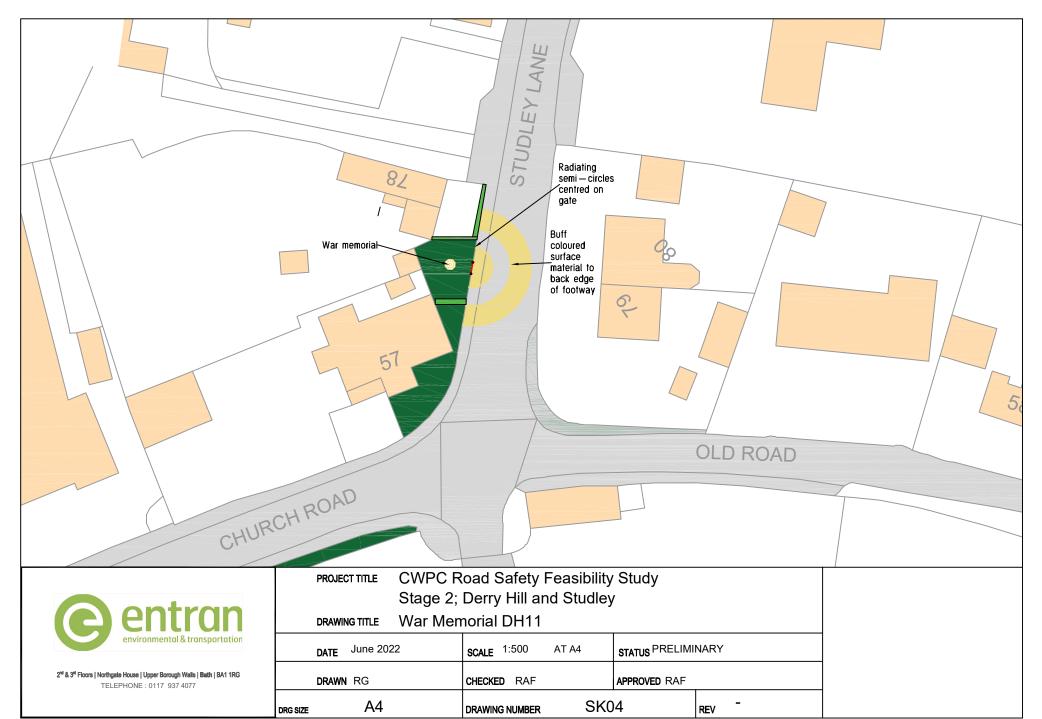
#### **DH11 Gateway**

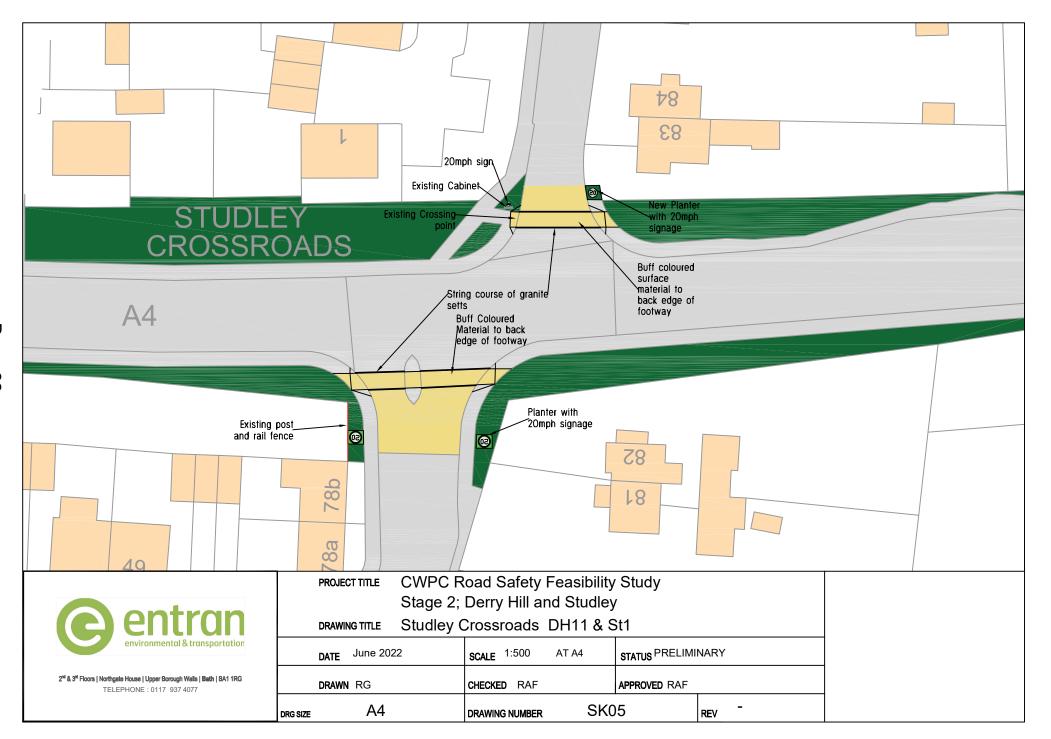
Studley Crossroads forms a gateway into Derry Hill and into Studley.

The existing 20mph gateway into Derry Hill is inefficient as there is an element of clutter (too many road signs) and the carriageway widens rather than narrows. CWPC have proposals to introduce planters into the village. This would be an ideal location for such planters. Depending on the nature of the planters, the 20mph signs can be located on, or immediately behind the planters. This would be a stronger gateway than the existing signs. See SK05.

Figure 4. Example highway planters (Avebury)









#### St1 - Gateway

The proposal is to highlight the existing pedestrian crossing using muted buff surface treatment and granite setts. This would be consistent with the crossings in Derry Hill but would also provide a threshold for any new 20mph zone in Studley.

A new planter can be located to the east of the road on the redundant length of footway. As for DH11, depending on the nature of the planters, the 20mph signs can be located on, or immediately behind the planter. Unfortunately, existing cabinets on the western side of the road prevent a matching planter being located there; however, they will still provide an element of visual thinning when paired with a planter opposite. The proposed layout is shown in SK05.

#### St2 - Throttle.

Immediately to the north of the timber yard, Studley Lane narrows, creating a natural throttle. Observations on site indicate that the vast majority of drivers slow down naturally as they approach this throttle. The proposal is to introduce a double string course of granite setts to reinforce the transition. This could potentially be supported by a 20mph roundel pained on the road, but this is not essential if the decision is to minimise conventional signs and lines.

The proposal is shown in SK06.

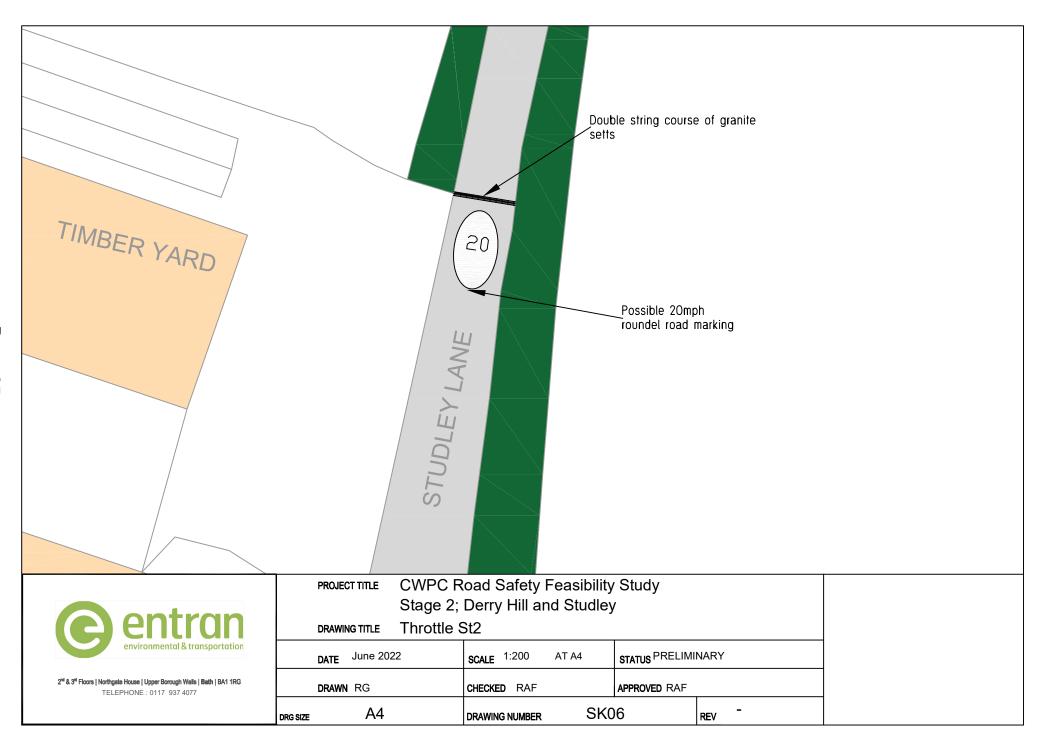
Figure 5. Double string course of granite setts

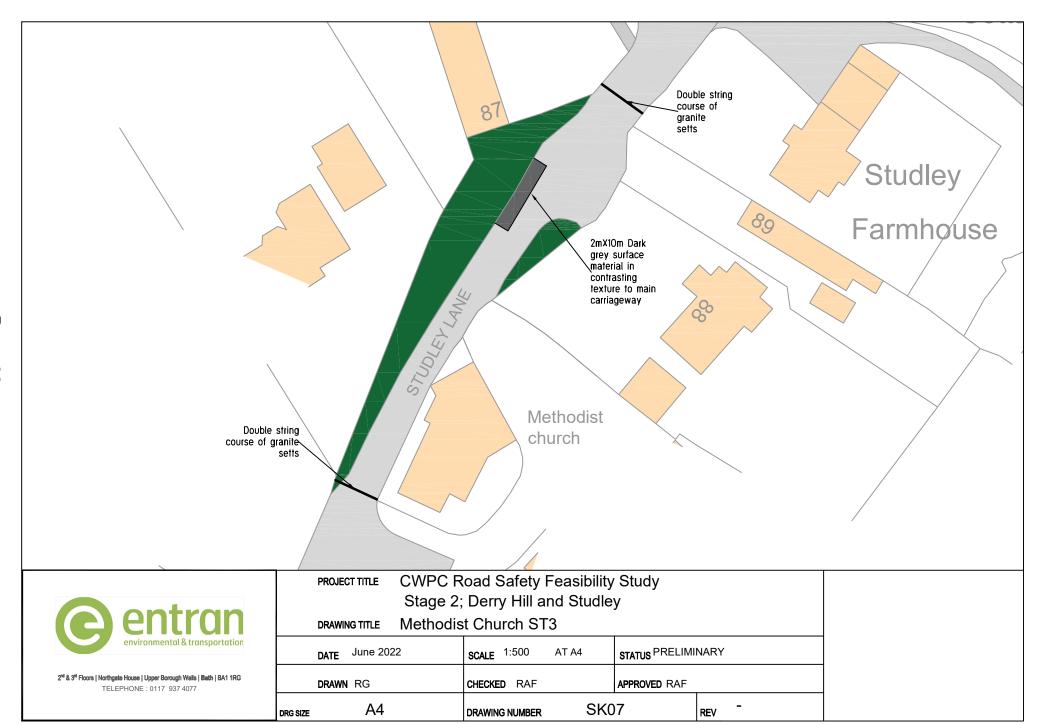


#### St3 – Methodist Church

Studley Methodist Church is a key feature in Studley which informs drivers of the fact that they are in a village environment; it is also a location where drivers can expect to find pedestrians in the carriageway and cars manoeuvering.

The recent introduction of a Parish notice board and dog bin within the verge opposite has given this somewhat of a village centre feel. The proposal is to demarcate this area using double string courses of granite setts and also to introduce an area of dark grey surface treatment. This will serve to regularize the parking which occurs occasionally in this location and will offer some visual thinning when there are no cars parked. This is shown on SK07







#### St4 – Studley junctions

The junction of Studley Lane, Studley Hill and Norley Lane forms an island triangle with each point being a three-arm junction. All three have give-way road markings which are misleading and technically incorrect.

The proposal is to remove the road markings and to highlight the junctions using double courses of granite setts around the junction radii. This will highlight the junctions for drivers but will also appear to narrow the carriageway and reduce the junction radii, thereby reducing vehicle speeds at the same time as removing urbanizing road paint.

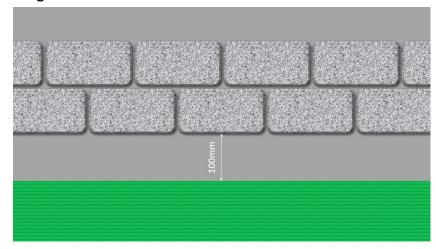
The setts will be off-set from the verge by 100mm in order to assist with drainage. The proposed layout is shown in SK08.

#### St5 - Gateway

The proposal for the Studley Hill gateway is a planter with 20mph sign and a double string course of granite setts. The most appropriate location is adjacent to the electricity substation where a verge can accommodate a planter.

The proposed layout is shown in SK09

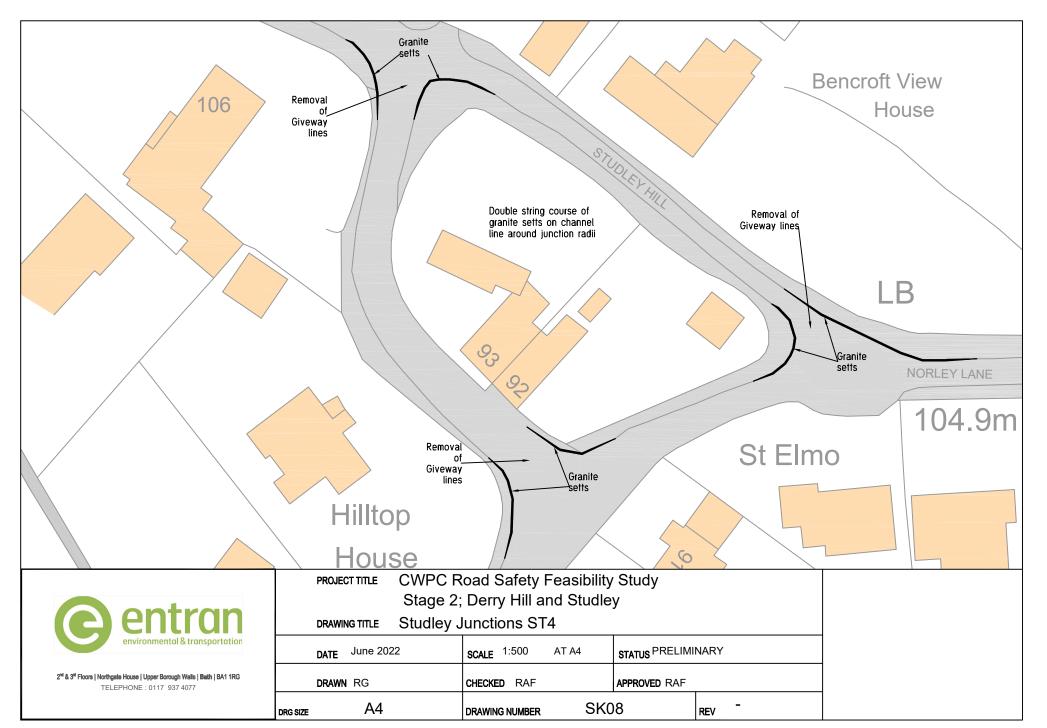
Figure 6. Double string course of granite setts, offset from verge at St4



#### St6 – Gateway

The proposal for the Northern gateway into Studley (from Hazeland) is a 20mph sign and a double string course of granite setts. There is insufficient space in this location to accommodate a planter.

The proposed layout is shown in SK10





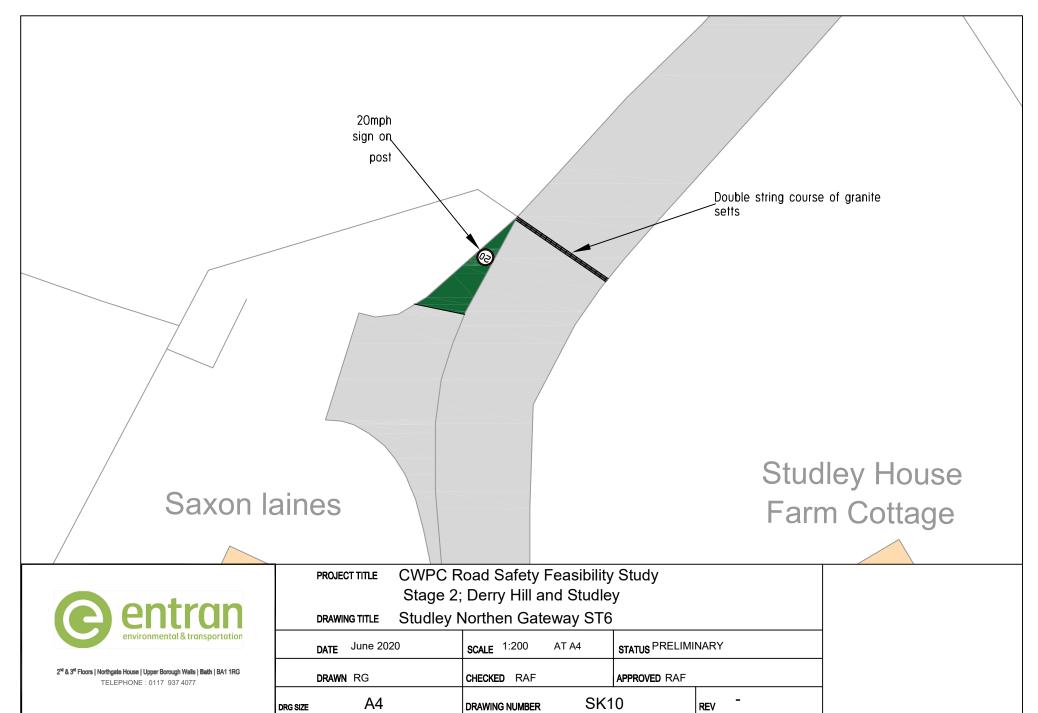
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#### St7 - Norley Lane visual thinning

A high hedge on the northern side of Norley Lane currently provides an element of visual thinning which coincides with a bend in the road. The proposal is to further highlight this by introducing a 500mm wide strip of dark grey surface treatment on the northern side, adjacent to the hedge. The carriageway will remain the same width by the contrasting surface treatment will enhance the visual thinning provided by the hedge.

The proposed layout is shown in SK11

#### St8 - Gateway

The proposal for the eastern gateway is a pair of planters with 20mph signs and for the existing pedestrian crossing point to be highlighted in a contrasting surface material and granite setts, in keeping with the Studley Crossroads gateway. a double string course of granite setts. The most appropriate location is adjacent to the electricity sub-station where a verge can accommodate a planter.

The proposed layout is shown in SK12

#### Site 5 – Church Road j/w A342

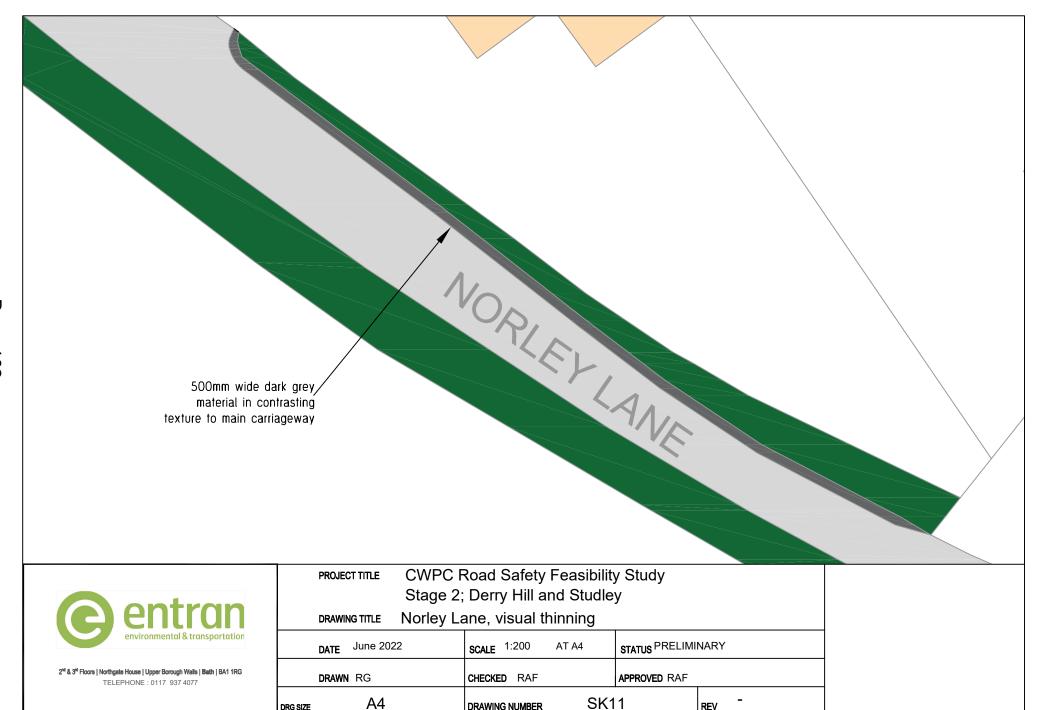
The required visibility at the junction is 2.4m x 120m (for a 40mph approach speed). The available visibility to the south can be improved by introducing low maintenance, low level landscaping within the verge for the extents of this visibility splay so that no vegetation would exceed 600mm in height.

Traffic on the A342 is exceeding the posted 40mph speed limit which has an adverse effect on stopping sight distance. Speeds on the A342 could be reduced by appropriate measures to reinforce the existing 40mph speed limit.

The proposal is to reinstate the worn gateway markings which comprise two sets of red surface treatment with contrasting yellow thermoplastic bands and a further area of red surface treatment with a painted 40mph roundel at the start of the 40mph limit.

An additional pair of 40mph roundel markings should be introduced immediately to the south of the Bowood golf course exit as this is a natural threshold where the frequency of houses increases.

The additional and replacement markings set out above should be supported by regular use of a mobile Speed Indicator Device (SID) where practicable.

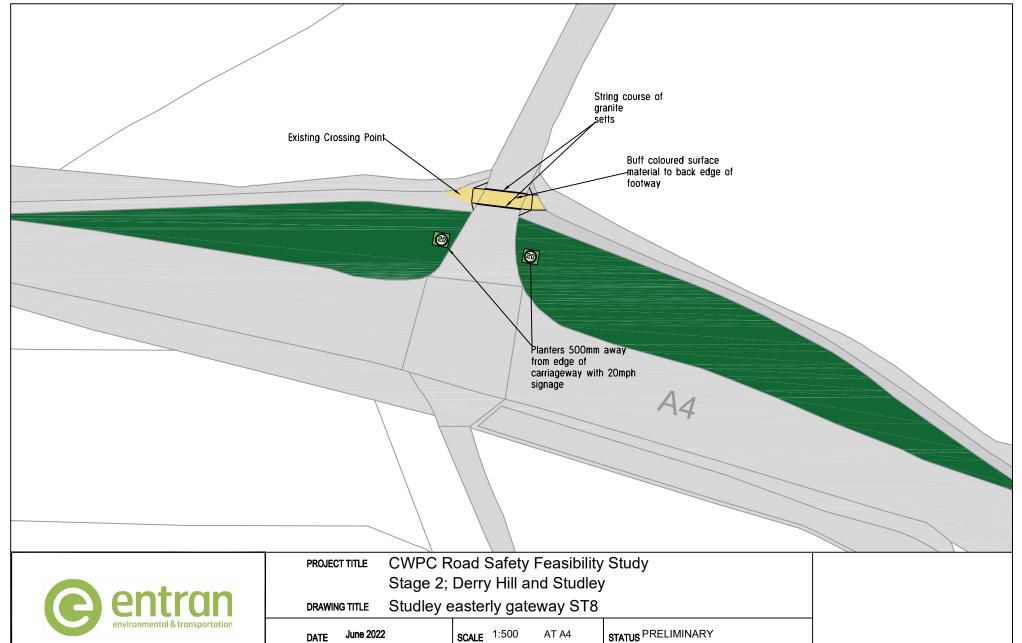


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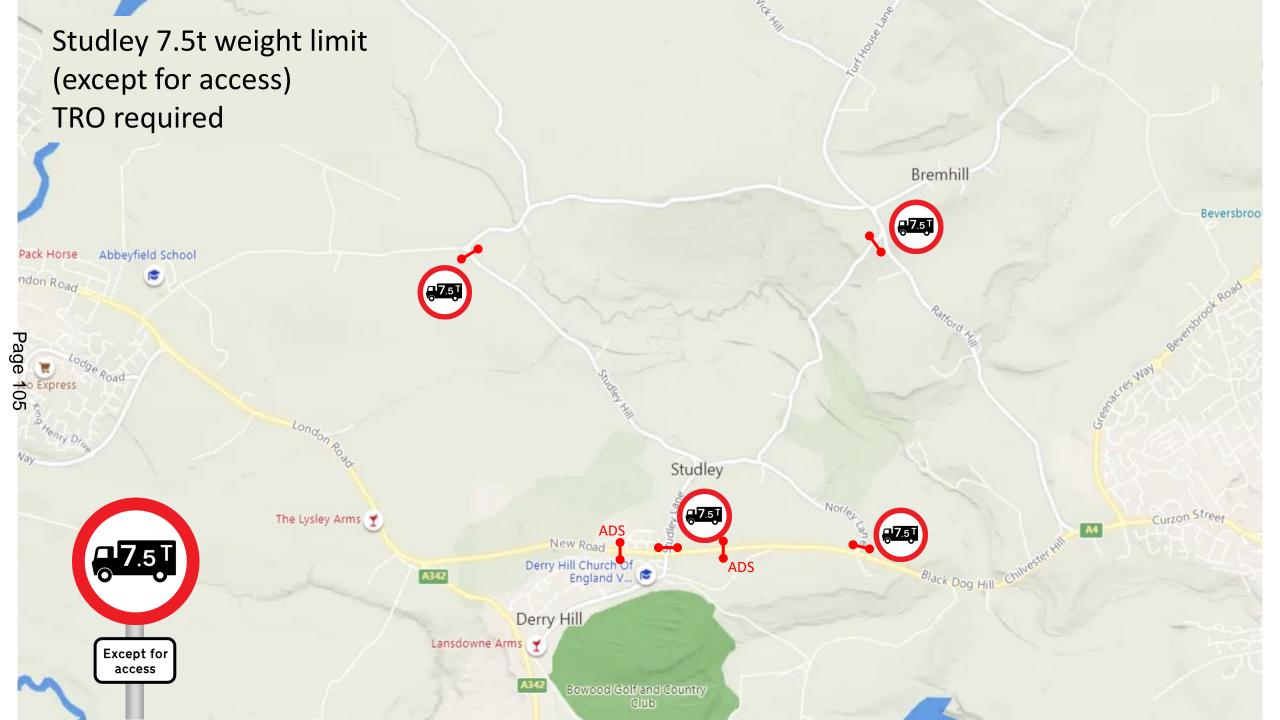
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Weight limit locations





## Appendix B

Initial Study Area 1 reference plans



# CWPC Poad Safety Feasibility

Road Safety Feasibility Study Stage 2 (step 1)

# Site 1 & 4 — Derry Hill Speed, rat-running, parking @ school

- Gateway good
- 2. Throttle good.
- 3. Shop, parking area bleed
- 4. Enhance junction visual thinning
- 5. Bus stops contrasting material (link 4)
- 6. School table good character furniture?
- 7. Church gateway bleed
- 8. Layby contrasting material (link to 7)
- 9. Potential mini rbt
- 10. Memorial bleed
- 11. Gateway poor. Sign audit. Contrasting material RTL+ thinning.





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# Site 2 – Studley 20mph speed limit

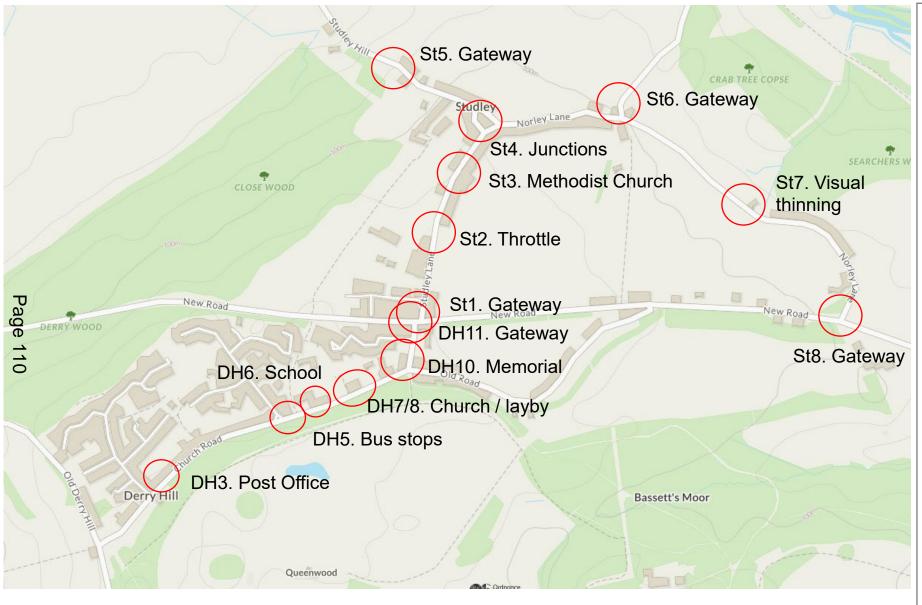
- Studley Lane j/w A4 New Road. Transition from 50mph to 20mph. Replace NSL signs. Use uncontrolled ped xing as threshold. Potential for planter on east side.
- 2. Natural throttle north of Vastern Timer. Enhance with lateral marker.
- 3. Informal parking area outside chapel to form part of surface treatment. PC sign on green area creates mini village-centre. Enhance.
- 4. Replace give-way markings with shoulders to create thinning and enhance junction presence.
- 5. Query location for gateway. Closewood at bottom of hill, or settlement boundary at half way point.
- 6. Query gateway at Saxon Lains of jct.
- 7. Natural thinning due to high hedge. Use as intermediate measure. Enhance.
- 8. Norley Lane j/w A4. Transition from NSL into 20mph. Wide visi both sides. Potential for planters on both sides.





## Appendix C

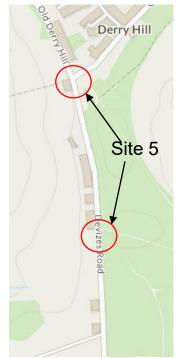
Derry Hill and Studley references



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Sites 1, 2, 4 and 5 Derry Hill and Studley (Reference Plan)

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## Appendix D

A342 – 40mph auxiliary signage



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Study Area 1 – Derry Hill and Studley

Site 5, A342

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