

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Tidworth Area Board  
**Place:** Memorial Hall, Ludgershall  
**Date:** 9 December 2024  
**Start Time:** 19.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 20.30 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Chris Williams  
Cllr Mark Connolly  
Cllr Tony Pickernell

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Graeme Morrison – Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager  
Max Hirst – Democratic Services Officer

### **Partners**

Police and Crime Commissioner – Phillip Wilkinson  
Wiltshire Police – Sgt Caroline Ralph  
MOD – Major James Ware

**Total in attendance: 18**

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<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
31	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Tidworth Area Board.</p>
32	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>There were no apologies for absence.</p>
33	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The minutes of the previous meeting on 7 October 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</b></p>
34	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
35	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman provided information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Transport Plan</li> <li>• Spot The Signs</li> </ul>
36	<p><u>Information Items</u></p> <p>The Board noted the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BSW Together (Integrated Care System)</li> <li>• Community First</li> <li>• Wiltshire Police Quarterly Update on Violence Against Women and Girls</li> <li>• Vaccine Confidence Training Sessions</li> <li>• EV Chargers</li> <li>• Cost of Living Update</li> </ul>
37	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>The Board received updates from the following partners:</p> <p><u>Police and Crime Commissioner</u></p> <p>The Board welcomed the Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Wilkinson, who spoke to his Office's Annual Report and the upcoming Police and Crime Plan 2025.</p>

The PCC reminded the Board that the force was put into special measures 2 years ago, and was earlier this year was lifted out of it. Specifically, the October 2024 report rated the strategic planning element of Wiltshire Police as outstanding, compared to its inadequate rating 2 years ago.

Alongside the Chief Constable, the PCC had pushed for further improvement in all areas especially in the neighbourhood teams. This includes the reports they give to Area Boards.

Control Centres had also been a priority and response times were now 8 minutes, down from 28 minutes 2 years ago. There had also been work to improve the quality of life for officers working in these control centres, who deal with high pressure calls and situations.

Other areas of progress included:

- Crime levels were decreasing whilst positive outcomes including arrests for crimes such as knife crime had increased.
- The chain of command had been improved, including ensuring that all stations and teams had a commander/Inspector.
- Training had seen an improvement as had the recruitment rate. Every officer in Wiltshire Police now undergoes Domestic Abuse awareness training.

The overall picture was described as positive, although neither the PCC or CC were resting on their laurels complacent and emphasised further improvements.

Previous Police & Crime plans had been less specific, whereas now the PCC felt a stable base had been established to target specific metrics and areas to improve:

- Speeding – Sanctions had increased from 1324 to 15,000 in the last few years.
- Retail Crime – shoplifting had been very prominent, from organised gangs to young persons entertaining themselves. For younger, first time offenders, out of court resolutions are used where possible to avoid criminal records being established.
- Rural Crime – Farming equipments were being robbed to be sold to Eastern Europe for several times the price. This criminal activity involved very organised crime groups and farmers had been seriously injured trying to confront them. The well-established ‘Operation Ragwort’ was highlighted, with focus on being proactive rather than reactive.

To summarise, the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable

wished to see an outstanding rating at the next assessment and were confident this was achievable.

Following questions by the public:

The PCC clarified that volunteers had come forward to assist with protecting fields and deter against rural crime and that discussions were ongoing between himself and the Chief Constable, but reassured that serious action and contingencies were in place.

Tidworth Area Board thanked the Police and Crime Commissioner for his very detailed account and greeted the positive achievements and outlook provided.

#### Wiltshire Police

Acting Inspector Caroline Ralph, spoke to the local statistics and actions of Wiltshire Police in and around Tidworth.

It was updated that the previous Inspector Ricky Lee had been promoted and would be replaced permanently in January 2025 to attend future Board meetings.

Theft of motor vehicles had seen a reduction thanks to arrests of members of a specific group of individuals from out of the county.

Police had attended and spoken to local retailers to assist them in preventing crimes against them.

Poacher blocks were being offered to farmers and increasing visibility to deter rural crime.

It was clarified following a question from the public that youths potentially responsible for issues outside the Tidworth Garrison had had their parents written to, warning against criminal actions.

#### Town and Parish Councils

##### Tidworth Town Council

The Town Council had recently held the following events:

- Halloween 'Bash'
- Remembrance Sunday
- Meet the Leader
- Christmas Fair

##### Ludgershall Parish Council

	<p>The Parish Council had recently held the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Forum</li> <li>• Christmas Fair,</li> </ul> <p>It was also highlighted that new equipment was being installed in the local park, there was an upcoming Santa's Grotto event for SEND children, and a food festival named "Feastable" was being developed for early 2025.</p>
38	<p><u>Priority Updates</u></p> <p>Councillors briefly updated attendees on the Board's priorities:</p> <p>Improving the health and wellbeing of our community – Cllr Christopher Williams</p> <p>Developing a sustainable and inclusive youth provision – Cllr Tony Pickernell</p> <p>Local Environment Action – Cllr Mark Connolly</p> <p>The Board received a presentation from Carers Together Wiltshire, which was attached to the minutes.</p>
39	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Board was updated on its budget, and the following grant application was considered:</p> <p><u>Older and Vulnerable Adults Grants</u></p> <p>The Castle Practise applied for £2100 towards Dollys Carers Café.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Chris Williams and seconded by Cllr Mark Connolly it was:</p> <p><b><u>Resolved</u></b>  <b>To award The Castle Practise £2100 towards Dollys Carers Café.</b></p>
40	<p><u>Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group</u></p> <p>The Board considered the notes and recommendations from the most recent meetings of the Local Highways and Footways Improvement Group (LHFIG) which took place on 2 October 2024.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Mark Connolly and seconded by Cllr Chris Williams it was:</p> <p><b><u>Resolved</u></b>  <b>To approve the recommendations from the meetings of the Local Highways and Footways Improvement Group on 2 October 2024.</b></p>

41	<u>Urgent items</u> There were no urgent items.
42	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u> The next meeting of the Tidworth Area Board will be held on 10 March 2025.

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Welcome ...This meeting will start at 7:00pm

**Wiltshire Council**

Chairman's Welcome & Introductions

Apologies for Absence

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Declarations of Interest



# Chairman's Announcements

- Local Transport Plan Consultation
- Spot The Signs

# Spot The Signs



# Information Items

- BSW Together (Integrated Care System)
- Community First
- Wiltshire Police Quarterly Update on Violence Against Women and Girls
- Vaccine Confidence Training Sessions
- EV Chargers
- Cost of Living Update

# Police and Crime Commissioner

# Partner Updates

- Wiltshire Police
- Town and Parish Council Representatives
- Ludgershall Memorial Hall
- MOD

# Priority Updates



## Carers Rights

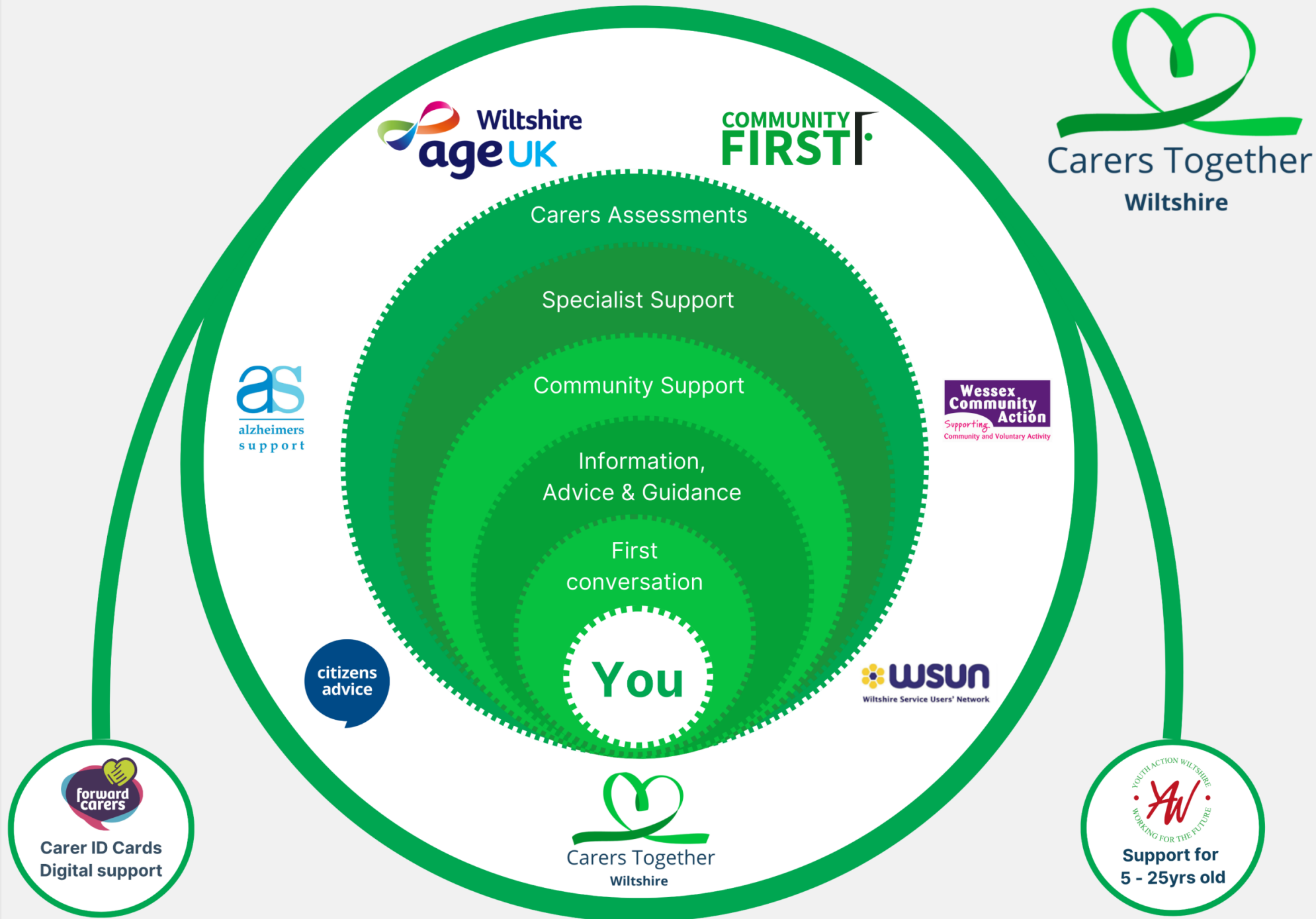
# Who we are:





# What we can offer:

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# Carers Assessments

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**What is a carers assessment?**

# Carers Assessments – Legal Rights

The Care Act 2014 came into effect in April 2015 and replaced most previous laws regarding both carers and people being cared for.

Under the Care Act, you are entitled to a carer's assessment where you appear to have needs for support.

You will be entitled to this support if you meet the national eligibility criteria.



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# Support for Parent Carers

Jo Hiller-Culley 

# Parent Carers - Carers Assessment

**Any** parent carer can receive a support call from Carers Together Wiltshire and have an 'assessment'

If their child is **over 18yrs** they can have a **statutory carers assessment**, which may result in a funded service, if eligible.

If their child is **under 18yrs** we have developed what we call a '**parent carer needs assessment**' which is designed to help the carer to access unfunded support.

# Joanna Roberts

Young Adult Carer Support Worker

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Individuals aged 16-25 who provide unpaid care to a family member or friend.

Jo is someone to walk alongside, and empower, Young Adult Carers, while they navigate their future.





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# Physical Card



# Digital Card



Need Help? Chat with us



Proves you're a Carer when you are out and about



Records your In Case of Emergency (ICE) contact details



Access to Carer offers and discounts



Comes as a physical card and digital download for your phone



# How to get in touch with Carers Together Wiltshire



[www.carerstogetherwiltshire.org.uk](http://www.carerstogetherwiltshire.org.uk)



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# 7. Area Board Funding



## Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
<b>Opening Balance For 2024/25</b>	£ 16,353.00	£ 16,710.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 1,595.00	£ 0.00	£ 5,243.00
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 14,758.00	£ 16,710.00	£ 2,457.00
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ 9,758.00	£ 16,710.00	£ -843.00

# Community Area Grants

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1988</a>	Community Area Grant	St James Bellringers	Ludgershall St James Church bells	£32865.00	£5000.00

# Older and Vulnerable Grants

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1916</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	The Castle Practice	Dollys Carers Cafe	£4200.00	£2100.00
<a href="#">ABG1971</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Castledown Bowls Club	End of season winter bowls green project	£2400.00	£1200.00

# Local Highways and Footways Improvement Group (LHFIG)

# Next meeting

10 March 2024



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