

AGENDA

Meeting: Calne Area Board
Place: Calne Hub and Library, The Strand, Calne SN11 0JU
Date: Tuesday 18 February 2025
Time: 6.30 pm

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

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Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Calne South (Chairman)
Cllr Ian Thorn, Calne Central (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Robert MacNaughton, Calne Chilvester and Abberd
Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Calne Rural
Cllr Tom Rounds, Calne North

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Items to be considered	Time
<u>Welcome and Introductions</u>	
Members of the Area Board will introduce themselves - 6:30pm	
<p>1 Apologies for Absence</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>2 Minutes (<i>Pages 1 - 12</i>)</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 12 November 2024, as a true and correct record.</p>	
<p>3 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>4 Chairman's Updates</p> <p>The Chairman will give an update on outcomes and actions arising from previous meetings of the Area Board.</p>	6:35pm
<p>5 Information Items (<i>Pages 13 - 46</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Council Consultation Portal • Wiltshire Police Crime Figures Calne Town and Calne Rural • Wiltshire Council Information Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cost of Living Update ➤ Wiltshire Local Elections 2025 ➤ Devolution to Wessex Update ➤ Family and Community Learning Impact Report ➤ Fostering Drop-In – 4pm-7pm, 26 February (Calne Community Campus) 	
<p>6 Chief Constable Update</p> <p>If you would like to submit a question for the Chief Constable in advance of the meeting, please email matthew.hitch@wiltshire.gov.uk.</p>	6:40pm
<p>7 Partner Updates (<i>Pages 47 - 88</i>)</p> <p><u>Verbal Updates</u></p> <p>To receive any verbal updates from representatives, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Wiltshire Police b. Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership – Perry Payne c. Calne – Older Person’s Champion – Dianne Gooch (Calne 	7:00pm

- Voices Older People's Survey)
- d. Safe Places update
 - e. Calne Area Parish Forum
 - f. Town and Parish Councils

Written Updates

The Board is asked to note the following written and online updates attached to the agenda:

- g. Community First
- h. Wiltshire Police – Neighbourhood Team
- i. Wiltshire Police – Spot the Signs Campaign
- j. Wiltshire Police – Violence Against Women and Girls
- k. Calne S106 Group
- l. Calne Community Safety Forum – have notes for the pack
- m. Calne Area Parish Forum
- n. Bremhill Parish Council
- o. Calne Without Parish Council
- p. Calne Town Council
- q. Calne Civic Awards
- r. Calne Community Plan Referendum – 27 February
- s. Warm Spaces

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| 8 | <p>Feedback from Grant Applicants</p> <p>A short film will be shown to highlight Area Board achievements 2021-2025 including engagements, events, partnership working and investment in community projects.</p> | 7:30pm |
| 9 | <p>Area Board Priority and Working Group Update (<i>Pages 89 - 90</i>)</p> <p>To receive updates from Lead Councillors about the Area Board's priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing in young people (Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney) • Addressing climate change, the environment and natural resources (Cllr Robert MacNaughton) • Promoting health, wellbeing and combating social isolation in older and vulnerable people (Cllr Tom Rounds) • Promoting and Supporting Initiatives to address Economic Inequalities (Cllr Ian Thorn) • Addressing Highway/Transport Issues (Cllr Ashley O'Neill) | 7:40pm |
| 10 | <p>Area Board Funding (<i>Pages 91 - 96</i>)</p> <p>To note the remaining budgets and to consider any applications for funding, as detailed in the attached report and summarised below:</p> | 7:55pm |

Remaining Budgets:

Community Area Grant	Older & Vulnerable	Young People
£5,502.88	£1,082.25	£11,593

Area Board Initiatives:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG2239	Calne River Festival	£1,000
ABG2248	Teen Takeover	£1,000

Community Area Grants:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG2095	Goatacre Cricket Club – replacement mower	£1,250

Older & Vulnerable Grants:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG2225	Calne Forget me Not Club – running expenses	£400

Young People Grants:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG2142	Calne 1 st Scout Group – 2025 hall refurbishment project	£2,457
ABG2176	Rise Trust – Calne youth space consultation	£5,000
ABG2227	Community Splash First – Splash Positive Activity Days	£3,000
ABG2252	Calne Town Council – Calne Skate Series	£1,224

Delegated Funding

The Board is asked to note any funding awards made under the Delegated Funding Process, by the Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager, between meetings due to matters of urgency:

[ABG2109](#) - Wiltshire Community Care User Involvement Network were awarded £500 towards admin support for Calne Health, Social Care and Wellbeing meetings.

[ABG2106](#) - Wiltshire Community Care User Involvement Network were awarded £500 towards admin support for Calne Voices.

Further information on the Area Board Grant system can be found [here](#).

11 **Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)**
(Pages 97 - 122)

8:20pm

To note the minutes and consider any recommendations arising from the latest LHFIG meeting held on 31 January 2025, as set out in the attached report.

Recommendations:

To add the following issue to the Priority Schemes List with funding:

- 3-24-09 Calne prince Charles Drive / Highgrove Give Way Markings **£525.00**

To close the following Issues:

- 3-22-20 Cherhill Drop kerbs
- 3-23-16 Tytherton Lucas Horse warning Signs
- 3-23-23 Bremhill SID Posts
- 3-22-24 A4 Calne (Springfield Academy) speeding
- 3-24-19 A4 Chilvester Hill Bus shelters

Further information on the LHFIG process can be found [here](#).

12 **Urgent items**

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

13 **Close and Future Dates**

8:30pm

Future Meeting Dates (6:30-8:30pm, at Calne Hub and Library):

- 20 May 2025 (Extraordinary meeting on the rising of Full Council in Trowbridge)
- 24 June 2025
- 9 September 2025
- 4 November 2025
- 3 February 2026

For information on applying for a grant or grant application deadlines for these meetings, contact the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager ros.griffiths@wiltshire.gov.uk and/or Engagement and Partnerships Lead, Alexa Davies alexa.davies@wiltshire.gov.uk.

MINUTES

Meeting: Calne Area Board
Place: Calne Hub and Library, The Strand, Calne SN11 0JU
Date: 12 November 2024
Start Time: 6.30 pm
Finish Time: 8.26 pm

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to:

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney (Chairman), Cllr Ian Thorn (Vice-Chairman) and
Cllr Robert MacNaughton

Wiltshire Council Officers

Ros Griffiths – Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager
Dom Argar – Assistant Multimedia Officer
Matt Hitch – Democratic Services Officer

Total in attendance: 24

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
47	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Ashley O'Neill • Cllr Tom Rounds • Dave Grafton - Cherhill Parish Council
48	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>On the proposal of the Chairman, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, seconded by Cllr Robert MacNaughton, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2024 as a true and correct record subject to the removal of the following sentence from minute item 42.</p> <p><i>Cllr Tom Rounds observed that Calne Town Council had a high precept and that this might have been a contributory factor to cost of living pressures, such as the high number of children eligible for free school meals in Calne.</i></p>
49	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Ian Thorn, noted that he had received a dispensation in relation to an Other Registerable Interest by virtue of being a trustee of Marden House. The dispensation allowed him to remain in the room in his capacity as a councillor during the debate on Marden House's grant application, to ensure that the meeting remained quorate. The Vice-Chairman noted that he would not participate in the discussion, or vote on, the grant application.</p>
50	<p><u>Chairman's Updates</u></p> <p>The Chairman highlighted that the Area Board had grant funding remaining in the financial year, so encouraged groups to submit applications.</p> <p>The Chairman also noted that it was planned to reopen Calne High Street to vehicular traffic in January.</p>
51	<p><u>Information Items</u></p> <p>The Chairman reminded the Area Board that they could have their say about issues on Wiltshire Council's consultation portal. Crime figures for Calne and the</p>

	<p>surrounding areas were also available online.</p>
52	<p><u>Chief Constable Update</u></p> <p>Inspector Pete Foster gave an update on behalf of the Neighbourhood Police Team. Points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks were given to Police Constable Jon Bourke for his contribution to the Neighbourhood Team over the past two years. • Police Constable Nick Dorey had joined the Neighbourhood Team and was described by Inspector Foster as enthusiastic and hardworking. • 386 engagements had been carried out over the past three months, including patrols, school visits and a drop in event held earlier that day. • Over the same period, they had submitted 472 intelligence reports, carried out 12 stop and searches and made 23 arrests. 11 people had been sent to court and six warrants had been issued. • A retail working group had been established to enable retailers to share their concerns. The group had held its first meeting on 20 September and the next meeting was due to be held on 22 November. • The latest round of Operation Scorpion, a national initiative to tackle knife crime, had taken place the previous week and had included a weapons sweep in Castlefields. • Hare coursing had been tackled through Operation Galileo. • Calne had a relatively low level of offending compared to other areas of Wiltshire. The level of reported crime had reduced since 2023. • The Formal Action Taken (FAT) rate for the force had improved since the previous year, from around 13 or 14 percent, to 17.5 percent. In the Calne area the FAT rate was 16.4 percent, but it had increased by six percent since January 2024. • The FAT rate of the Neighbourhood Team, which also covered Chippenham and Corsham, was 31.5 percent, so almost double the force average. • Changes within Wiltshire Police over the past 18 months had meant that they were heading in the right direction. <p>During the discussion, the following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Area Board thanked Inspector Foster for his presentation. • When asked about examples of change within Wiltshire Police, Chief Constable Catherine Roper explained that she had set three priorities, to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reduce violence and serious harm. ➤ Tackle crimes that matter most to local communities. ➤ Improve the experience of victims and deliver justice. • The Chief Constable was held to account by an elected official, Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson. Wiltshire Police had also produced a series of community commitments to ensure that the public

received a consistent service.

- Inspector Foster explained that the recent restructure of police response teams had contributed to improving performance. He explained that previously he was responsible for multiple teams, whereas now he could focus exclusively on the Neighbourhood Team.
- Chief Constable Roper had initiated the change in the structure of the response teams. She explained that in 2014 Wiltshire's response teams had merged with neighbourhood teams to create community police teams. The recent restructure had reversed this change.
- Inspector Foster noted that shoplifting was often seen as a victimless crime, but it impacted small and large businesses.
- Perry Payne, Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership Manager, explained that a trial was taking place to use artificial intelligence in speed cameras. He noted that the technology was in its infancy, so was quite expensive, but had potential. Further work needed to take place to review the back-office support that would be required for the artificial intelligence cameras.
- Wiltshire Police had been put in the ENGAGE 'special measures' process in 2022 following a Police Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy (PEEL) inspection. The Chief Constable was pleased to report that the force had come out of the ENGAGE Process in May 2024, following their most recent PEEL inspection. The results of the latest inspection were published in August and showed the significant improvements that had been made since 2022. A copy of the press release and report were available [online](#).
- Improvement measures put in place included introducing a clearer performance framework.
- In August Wiltshire Police had been the second worst police force out of the 43 forces in England and Wales in terms of the time it took to answer 999 calls. By September 2024 they had risen to the thirty third best and they were now seventeenth best. The call abandonment rate had also improved.
- Another recent inspection into how Wiltshire Police was responding to reports of serious sexual offences had found that the force had delivered on a series of recommendations made during a previous inspection.
- Progress was being made to tackle stalking.
- Wiltshire Police were bringing out a new diversity and inclusion strategy.
- In response to a query whether police call centres were able to answer silent calls to extract information, the Chief Constable confirmed that they were.
- A member of the public noted that it was possible to dial 55 after a 999 call to confirm that it was a genuine emergency if a person was unable to speak on the 'phone.
- Operation Scorpion was a joint operation run between forces in South West England to tackle county lines. A proactive operation was being planned for the week after next.
- Thanks were given to the Chief Constable by the Area Board's Older

	<p>People's and Carer's Champion, Diane Gooch, for attending Calne Reconnecting Group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to a written question from Celia Stevens, from Calne Town Council, about whether it would be possible to have an enquiry desk open at Calne Police Station at certain times, Inspector Foster explained that it would not be financially viable as data suggested there would not be an operational need. He highlighted that it was easier than ever to contact the police and that enquiry desks tended to have very limited footfall. In addition to emails, social media and Wiltshire Police's website, there was a yellow telephone outside the station to enable people to talk to the police.
53	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Written updates were available in the agenda pack from the following partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Police – Neighbourhood Team, pg. 13 - 23 • Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership, pg. 25 - 34 • Community First, pg. 35 - 43 • BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire Together – Integrated Care Board, pg. 45 - 46 • Hilmarton Parish Council, pg. 47 • Bremhill Parish Council, pg. 49 • Calne Without Parish Council, pg. 51 • Calne Town Council, pg. 53 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Explore Wiltshire App, pg. 55 ➢ Twinning with Eningen Unter Achalm, pg. 57 – 61 ➢ Warm Spaces, pg. 63 <p>The following partners also provided verbal updates:</p> <p><u>Older People's and Carer's Champion</u></p> <p>The Area Board's Older People's and Carer's Champion, Diane Gooch, provided an update, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calne's Big Get Together had been a successful, multigenerational, event. • Calne Reconnecting Group continued to be popular and were planning events, such as a Christmas jazz concert on 4 December. • The Forwards Carers group were helping people to apply for carer ID cards. • A session was run where people could visit a dementia bus. • Calne Health and Wellbeing Forum had recently received updates from Carers Together and Alzheimer's Support and had held discussions about setting up a Neighbourhood Collaborative. <p>Following the update, the Area Board watched video highlights of Calne's Big</p>

Day Out. The Area Board and members of the Reconnecting Group gave thanks to Diane and her team for their work in the community. It was noted that communities such as Calne relied on a small number of individuals and that without them it would not be the place that it was. The Area Board's Older People's and Carer's Champion was then given flowers by the Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager, Ros Griffiths. The Champion also received a warm round of applause.

Bremhill Parish Council

Isabel McCord, Chairman of Bremhill Parish Council, gave their update. Points included:

- Road safety was a top priority especially given the amount of standing water on the roads.
- Two new Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) had been installed, one at Tytherton Lucas and the other at East Tytherton. The cameras were already providing useful data, with a car captured travelling at 58 miles per hour in the 30 mile per hour zone in East Tytherton.
- The parish council were running training sessions showing how to operate their newly purchased defibrillators.
- Thanks were given to Police Community Support Officer Mark Cook for agreeing to visit two locations in the parish on 10 December.
- Wessex Water were due to carry out roadworks between Dumb Post and the M4 between 19 November and 21 March.
- David Wood had led a project to bring to life the voices of Great War veterans that had connections with Bremhill. Recordings of their stories had been made available on an [app](#), with many being voiced by relatives of the veterans themselves. The greeting message on the app had been recorded by Lady Lansdowne.
- Mr Wood played a recording about Tom Ponting who had gone to school in Bremhill. Mr Ponting was conscripted into the Royal Field Artillery and had died in September 1918 when he was serving in Greece, aged 39.

Calne Without

John Barnes, Chairman of Calne Without Parish Council, provided an update, points included:

- The speed limit reductions, to 40 miles per hour at Studley Crossroads and 50 miles per hour towards Norley Lane, were welcomed.
- The path between Studley and Derry Hill was to be resurfaced to improve access to facilities for residents in Studley Gardens.
- A large project was underway to install defibrillators in several locations in Calne Without, including in Lower Compton and Sandy Lane.
- Discussions were underway about creating a play park in Derry Hill as, despite being a large village, no such facility existed. A proposal to install

	<p>play equipment in open space in the village had received 76 percent backing in a survey and unanimous support at a recent council meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work was ongoing to implement the new community governance arrangements by the May 2025 elections. • Over £50,000 in Community Infrastructure Levy money would be transferred from Calne Without Parish Council to Calne Town Council and Bremhill Parish Council. • The Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group did not have funding available in the current financial year for two proposed bus shelters near Studley Gardens. Agreement to provide match funding equivalent to half of each bus shelter had been secured. <p><u>Hilmarton Parish Council</u></p> <p>Shawn Warren-Wilcox explained that Hilmarton had held a very popular pumpkin event. They were also considering funding a link to allow the police to access the data from their SID.</p> <p><u>Calne Town Council</u></p> <p>Jon Fisher, Mayor of Clane, gave an update on behalf of the town council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The town council had put in an application to the Wiltshire Towns Fund for money towards regenerating the town centre. • The mayor was due to hold a meeting with the Leader of Wiltshire Council, Cllr Richard Clewer, to discuss larger regeneration plans for the town. • There were plans to install a ninja park on the Recreation Ground. • The mayor had led a delegation to the town in Germany that Calne was twinned with, Eningen Unter Achalm. The visit had been valuable and had allowed them to share good practice in local government. They were also keen to open up the twinning arrangement to parishes. • A modernist picture of Calne’s first female mayor, Edith Spackman, who took up office in 1937, had been commissioned. • A picture of the late Cllr Tony Trotman would also be put up in the town hall. • Nominations were open for people to turn on the Christmas lights. <p>The Chairman noted that Calne was now on the Explore Wiltshire App and encouraged people to sign up.</p>
54	<p><u>Area Board Priority and Working Group Update</u></p> <p>Lead members gave an overview of the progress that had been made towards their priority areas since the previous meeting.</p> <p><u>Supporting Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing in Young People</u></p>

	<p>The Chairman reported that he had held a productive meeting with the new headteacher of Kingsbury Green Academy earlier that day. He explained that they were keen to hold the next Local Youth Network meeting at the academy and highlighted that the notes from the previous meeting were available on pages 65-68 of the agenda pack.</p> <p>In response to queries about the support available for children that did not attend Kingsbury Green Academy and the activities on offer for older teenagers in the town, the Chairman explained that the Youth Forum supported all young people in the area. He observed that youth clubs were being run in the town by the Rise Trust, including the Blue Bus project on Friday evenings. The Evangelical Church were also running activities, such as Lazer Club at 7pm on Thursdays.</p> <p>Cllr Robert MacNaughton stated that youth events were being planned for 3 and 4 January 2025 by a group that had organised skate park events in 2024.</p> <p>The Vice-Chairman observed that sending children to their bedroom used to be regarded as a punishment, but now they wanted to be in their bedroom so they could play computer games.</p> <p><u>Addressing Climate Change, the Environment and Natural Resources</u></p> <p>Cllr MacNaughton explained that Wiltshire Council’s officers were evaluating air quality in Calne to establish a baseline to use when assessing the impact of reopening the high street. He also reported that, with the help of Cllr Ashley O’Neill, he had introduced a motion to Wiltshire Council about the water quality in the county’s rivers. Wiltshire’s Full Council had resolved to work alongside, and hold to account, water companies.</p> <p><u>Promoting and Supporting Initiatives to Address Economic Inequalities</u></p> <p>The Vice-Chairman explained that Wiltshire Council had taken on business support functions from Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership.</p> <p>Mayor of Calne, Jon Fisher, sought assurances that Wiltshire Council would effectively coordinate central government grant funding. The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager explained that Wiltshire Council’s Corporate Services Team would be working hard to ensure that groups were aware of grant funding when it was available.</p>
55	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Area Board noted the budgets remaining for allocation at the meeting. They heard from representatives in attendance who gave a brief overview of, and were questioned about, their projects.</p>

Area Board Initiative

Safe Places Requesting £500

Genis Ansell from Calne Community Safety Forum spoke in support of the application. She explained that the scheme offered interim support to people that felt threatened. The money would be used to print promotional leaflets.

In response to queries about the safeguarding policy that would be in place and whether they would be working with a similar scheme being run in Salisbury, the representative explained that it would not be a joint scheme with Salisbury, but they were in communication. Appropriate measures would be put in place to ensure safeguarding.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Robert MacNaughton, it was resolved to make the:

Decision

To award Safe Spaces £500.

Reason: The application met the Older and Vulnerable People's and Young People's Grant Criteria 2024/25. The funding would be taken equally from both funds.

Community Area Grants

Marden House Centre Requesting £5,000 Towards Garden Repairs and Installation of a Wheelchair Accessible Toilet

Andrew Jones, a trustee at Marden House explained that the garden project would involve the replacement of exiting steps and the repair of a pergola. Around £2,000 of the funding would go towards converting a storage room into an accessible toilet.

On the proposal of Cllr MacNaughton, seconded by the Chairman, it was resolved to make the:

Decision

To award Marden House Centre £5,000 towards garden repairs and installation of a wheelchair accessible toilet.

Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2024/25.

The Vice-Chairman did not vote, or participate, in the debate about the application as he had declared an Other Registerable Interest.

Older and Vulnerable Adult's Grants

Calne Seniors Reconnecting Group Requesting £3,000

Diane Gooch spoke in support of the application, explaining that Calne Reconnecting Group offered a range of experiences to their 50 members. She noted that she would welcome a more user-friendly grant application process and thanked the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager Ros Griffiths for her support in guiding her through the requirements.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, it was resolved to make the:

Decision

To award Calne Seniors Reconnecting Group £3,000.

Reason: The application met the Older and Vulnerable Adult's Grant Criteria 2024/25.

Information links: Area Board [Grants](#) and Grants [Criteria](#)

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Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)

The Area Board considered the recommendations of the LHFIG meeting held on 1 November 2024.

The Chairman thanked Principal Engineer Manager, Mark Stansby, for typing up the meeting notes in record time.

On the proposal of Cllr Robert MacNaughton, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, it was resolved to make the:

Decision

To allocate funding to issues already on the Priority Schemes List:

- **3-22-21 A4 Studley Speed limit (£1,750)**
- **3-22-2 Derry Hill Shared use path (£5,000)**
- **3-23-11 Derry Hill Traffic Management measures (£5,000)**
- **3-23-12 Studley 20 mph speed limit (£6,300)**

To add the following issues to the Priority Schemes List with funding:

- **3-24-06 Calne Sandpit Road Speed Indicator Device Infrastructure**

	<p>(£832.73)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-24-12 Compton Bassett Speed Indicator Device Infrastructure (£840) <p>To close the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-20-11 Calne Anchor Road 20 limit • 3-21-8 Compton Bassett speed limits • 3-22-5 Calne Bremhill View drop kerbs • 3-23-6 Derry Hill Devizes Road signs and markings • 3-23-14 Hilmarton and Goatacre Speed Indicator Device Infrastructure • 3-23-17 Calne London Road Crossing • 3-23-19 A4 / A342 Junction Old Derry Hill speed limit terminal signs • 3-24-02 Yatesbury Bus Stop flag, 3-24-04 Studley verge / wall protection • 3-24-08 Yatesbury byway / route 403 surfacing • 3-24-16 Calne Curzon St narrowing give way markings.
57	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>The Chairman reported that the Area Board's model pig was trapped in the heritage centre but he would try to rescue it and bring it to the next meeting.</p>
58	<p><u>Close and Future Dates</u></p> <p>Future Meeting Dates (6:30-8:30pm) in Calne Hub and Library:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 February 2025 • 20 May 2025 (Extraordinary meeting on the rising of Full Council in Trowbridge) • 24 June 2025 • 9 September 2025 • 4 November 2025 • 3 February 2026 <p>Meeting details, agendas and minutes can be viewed here.</p>

Area Board Briefing Note

Service:	Cost of Living
Date prepared:	8 Jan 2025
Further enquiries to:	Will Oulton
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Cost of Living

All community areas are reminded that there is a wide range of support for those who need it over winter to help with the cost of living, stay warm, socialise and access services.

Financial support is available to some groups and more than £2.7m has been allocated from the Government's Household Support Fund to support low-income households that would otherwise struggle to buy food, pay essential utility bills or meet other essential living costs. This funding will primarily be used to help people in crisis in partnership with local charities. More information about the Household Support Fund can be found at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/10672/HSF6-overview-eligibility-and-how-funds-can-be-used>.

There is [cost of living advice and support](#) available on the Wiltshire Council website, covering a range of topics including advice on energy costs, housing and a directory of warm spaces throughout the county.

Wiltshire Council's libraries continue to be warm spaces where residents can sit and stay, chat with the volunteers and connect with people. There are activities including board games, crafts and book chat groups available and some libraries also offer hot drinks. Library staff can also refer people to Warm and Safe Wiltshire for advice and support. All the usual library services, including free access to books, newspapers, computers, Wi-Fi and digital support, continue as normal. The council also provides a home library service for people who are housebound or struggle to get to a library. Anyone interested in this service should contact their local library.

The council's Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub continues to be available to anyone who needs it. Anyone can access the Hub, originally established during the pandemic, and it can provide confidential advice, information, and signposting from the council's friendly team. The Hub is available on normal working days Monday to Thursday from 9am to 5pm and Friday from 9am to 4pm. People can email wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk or phone 0300 003 4576.

For more details about any of the council's services this winter, people should contact their local library or visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries.

For more information and support on the cost-of-living crisis, people should visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living.



Wiltshire local elections 2025

Background

- Local elections are taking place on Thursday 1 May 2025 and the polls will be open from 7am-10pm
 - They include the Wiltshire Council unitary election and the town and parish elections
 - There are 98 unitary councillor seats available
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Key dates

- People have until 11 April to **register to vote** if they're not already. More details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.
 - People have until 5pm on 14 April to **apply for a postal vote**. More details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote>.
 - People have until 5pm on 23 April to **apply for a new proxy vote**. More details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote>.
 - People have until 5pm on 23 April if they want to apply for a **Voter Authority Certificate** (if they don't have photo ID) <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate>.
 - **Pre-election period** gets underway from 11 March (the period of time immediately before elections or referendums when specific restrictions on communications activity are in place).
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Voter ID

- Voters need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations for the local elections.
 - Accepted forms of photo ID include passports, photographic driving licences, biometric immigration documents, and certain concessionary travel passes. A comprehensive list can be found at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/voter-id.
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Electoral areas and boundaries for elections taking place from 1 May 2025

Following Community Governance Reviews, some of the electoral areas in Wiltshire will change for these elections. An interactive map of the current and new boundaries

can be viewed at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/8167/Wiltshire-Electoral-Boundaries>.

Information for prospective candidates – webinar on 11 February

- On 11 February from 6pm-7pm Wiltshire Council is hosting a webinar to give prospective candidates and agents all the information they need ahead of May's local elections. It will be an opportunity for those considering standing for election and their representatives to hear from our election team directly, including the Returning Officer, and have any questions answered. More information and how to sign up is at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-elections>.
 - Publication of the Notice of Election takes place on 11 March 2025
 - The period for people to submit nominations is from 10am on 12 March until 4pm on 2 April (nominations can be delivered between the hours of 10am and 4pm on working days)
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Working at the election

For anyone interested in applying to work to support the delivery of elections in Wiltshire, they should visit <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/election-jobs>.

Key websites:

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-elections> - Wiltshire Council local elections page
<https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote> - register to vote
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote> - apply for a postal vote
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote> - apply for a proxy vote
www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/voter-id - Voter ID information
<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/8167/Wiltshire-Electoral-Boundaries> - Wiltshire boundaries
<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/> - Electoral Commission

Additional information

If anyone would like any information about the local elections, they should visit <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-elections>

People can also email elections@wiltshire.gov.uk with any queries or questions.

Devolution to Wessex

Devolution is the handing down of powers and decision making from central government to councils. Government published a [White Paper](#) on how they wish to achieve Devolution in England on 16 December 2024.

The White Paper says that government will create in statute a new type of authority, a 'Strategic Authority'. Government wants universal coverage of Strategic Authorities and where progress is slow will have the power to mandate these. Strategic Authorities will bring together leaders of the constituent councils. The deepest powers and funding for Strategic Authorities will only be available to those where the Leaders of constituent councils are joined by a directly elected Mayor.

Funding will include long term investment, regeneration, transport and housing funds. Powers for strategic authorities will include:

- **Transport:** bus franchising; rail network influence; station control; key road network
- **Skills:** Adult Education Budget; Get Britain Working; Local Skills Improvement Plans;
- **Housing and Planning:** Spatial Development Strategies and when in place call-in powers on strategic developments plus a mayoral Community Infrastructure Levy; Homes England programmes and Affordable Housing Programme funding
- **Environment:** retrofit funding; Local Power Plans; Local Nature Recovery Strategies
- **Business:** Growth Hub Funding; Office for Investment; UKRI regional innovation influence
- **Public Service Reform:** aligning geographies (police and fire); mayors on Integrated Care Partnerships; health improvement; right to request devolution

Alongside the establishment of Strategic Authorities government will be moving to fully unitary councils across the country. Reorganisation will commence in remaining two tier areas (parts of the country which still have district councils).

When agreeing geographies for Strategic Authorities, Government will be considering:

- **Scale:** The default assumption is for a combined population of 1.5 million or above.
- **Economies:** sensible economic geographies
- **Contiguity:** Any proposed geography must be contiguous across its constituent councils
- **No 'devolution islands':** Geographies must not create devolution 'islands' by leaving areas which are too small to go it alone or which do not have natural partners.
- **Delivery:** Geographies should ensure the effective delivery of key functions including Spatial Development Strategies, Local Transport Plans and Get Britain Working Plans.
- **Alignment:** The government will seek to promote alignment between devolution boundaries and other public sector boundaries.
- **Identity:** A vital element of successful devolution is the ability for local residents to engage with and hold their devolved institutions to account – and local identity plays a key role in this

Applications to a Devolution Priority Programme were sought by government by 10 January. Wiltshire Council sought inclusion in this programme along with other councils in the Wessex area – BCP (Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole), Dorset and Somerset – representing a combined population of 1.9 million. An extraordinary [full council](#) was held on 9 January where Wiltshire councillors voted 65-7 to join the programme, whilst noting some reservations alongside the clear direction of travel from government. The paper sets out the background to the debate.

On 5 February, government announced the areas that would proceed as part of the Devolution Priority Programme. Wessex was not amongst them and now the individual councils will be working with central government to consider the next steps to ensure the area does not miss out on the proposed benefits.

A statement from the Leaders of the four councils is available online:

[Wessex not accepted into Devolution Priority Programme - Wiltshire Council](#)

FAQs

Why did the councils support an elected mayor for Wessex?

The government has made it clear that it is committed to devolution that includes mayors and that there will be a significant premium in terms of funding and representation associated with this. This model aims to ensure clear, accountable leadership to drive economic growth, improve public services, and invest in vital infrastructure, working closely with the leaders of the constituent councils.

Mayoral devolution offers the opportunity to develop a long-term investment plan for the critical infrastructure our counties need with the ability to bring in additional private sector investment. Should mayoral devolution be agreed, residents would have the opportunity to vote for a mayor.

What about Swindon?

Discussions to date included Swindon Borough Council but they are currently exploring a range of options. Wiltshire, Somerset, BCP and Dorset councils remain open to the possibility of working with Swindon as part of Wessex.

How would the Wessex proposal work in practice? What type of authority would actually be created if devolution is agreed for Wiltshire?

We expect the governance framework for mayoral strategic authorities to be based on the mayoral combined authority structures provided for in existing legislation. In almost all circumstances decisions will be taken by council leaders and 'majority voting, including the mayor'. A mayor would chair meetings of the Strategic Authority. Scrutiny arrangements will be in place alongside audit and local public accounts committees.

Will Wiltshire Council be merging with BCP, Dorset and Somerset if the Wessex devolution proposal is agreed?

No. There are no plans to share additional services between the three councils. The aim of devolution is to unlock additional funding streams from central government and that we would work collaboratively with BCP, Somerset and Dorset on new initiatives.

If the devolution proposal is approved by government, local councils in Wiltshire, BCP, Dorset and Somerset will continue to exist and have the same responsibilities as they do now. Current legal, tax-raising and public service responsibilities of individual councils will remain with those councils. Any formal proposals will be subject to consultation.

What will happen next?

The areas selected for participation under the Devolution Priority Programme will hold mayoral elections in May 2026. The rest of the country that does not already have mayoral authorities is waiting to hear the next steps from central government. The government will be bringing forward the English Devolution Bill to ensure strategic authorities are introduced across the country.

Area Board Briefing Note

Family and Community Learning Impact Report 2023-24

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This Impact Report demonstrates how Wiltshire Council’s Family and Community Learning team are using adult community learning to transform lives through learning all across Wiltshire. It highlights learner stories to show how the service reach adults across the county who face a range of barriers and challenges, and help them to take positive steps to improve their lives.

Working with over six hundred individuals last academic year, and reaching a range of isolated and marginalised communities, the Family and Community Learning team offer free courses on topics such as:

- confidence building and wellbeing,
- skills for adults such as English language and budgeting,
- family learning to help parents to support their child’s emotional wellbeing,
- courses for adults with additional needs to develop independent living skills.

This work is made possible through strong partnerships with community groups, charities, schools, day opportunity services, supported living settings, army welfare service and many more organisations. Family and Community Learning would like to reach out to all the areas of Wiltshire to help us to engage with adults and parents/carers who would benefit from learning with us. Please read the inspirational stories in the Impact Report and share what we do with at least one organisation in your community who could work in partnership with Family and Community Learning.



Family and Community Learning

Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LEARNING

Transforming lives through learning across Wiltshire

- 2023 / 2024 -



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Learner at our 2023-2024 Learner Awards

ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING AS A NATIONAL PRIORITY

Adult Community Learning “draws in those furthest from the workplace - people who have often had poor experiences of education and life - to begin learning again. It is educational seed capital that can lead to tremendous things. This can include helping someone learn to read, improving their numeracy and digital skills, or building their confidence. All of this can support learners to progress onto training programmes that can lead to a good job further down the line. That is real social justice in action, giving people the means to improve their prospects.”

Robert Halfon, ex-Minister for Apprenticeships and Skills, 21 March 2024



Learners at their supported living setting.

ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING AS A LOCAL PRIORITY

Wiltshire Council's Business Plan Objectives and Family and Community Learning

The people of Wiltshire are empowered to live full, healthy and enriched lives.

Family and Community learning provides mechanisms to reduce isolation, support recovery of mental health and support interaction. Our courses offer opportunities for development of the health and independence of our communities.

Our local economy thrives and is supported by a skilled workforce.

Family and Community Learning provides courses for individuals who want to acquire skills that support their working lives. This can include those in need of new skills, people who are economically inactive or individuals new to Wiltshire who need help and support to work.

We lead the way in how councils and counties mitigate the climate challenges ahead.

Family and Community Learning provides courses which can help individuals and families to navigate the changes and challenges which will impact on the world of work as well as our communities.

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH LEARNING ACROSS WILTSHIRE

The Family and Community Learning Service is part of Wiltshire Council's Targeted Education Service. We receive Adult Skills Fund funding through a contract with the ESFA for Tailored Learning. We use this funding to directly deliver high-quality courses to engage individuals of different ages and backgrounds to gain new skills, reconnect with learning, learn how to support their children, and better prepare them for progression to further learning, employment or volunteering.

Family and Community Learning provides support and development for individuals and groups within Wiltshire for whom formal learning may have been a barrier in the past, and works to build confidence and realise potential. Learning programmes provided are for adults aged 19+ across Wiltshire, in a wide range of community venues, many in the county's areas of highest need, as well as online.



Learners at a respite service studying our Exploring Baking course to develop independent living skills.

OBJECTIVES

The Family and Community Learning programme mission statement is:

Growing a lifelong love of learning with communities in Wiltshire
Discover opportunities – Develop skills – Achieve ambitions

We aim to transform people's destinies by supporting their progression, relevant to their personal circumstances, including:

- improved confidence and willingness to engage in learning
- acquisition of skills preparing people for training, employment or self-employment
- improved digital, financial literacy and/or communication skills
- equipping parents/carers to better support and encourage their children's learning
- improved / maintained health and/or social well-being

OUR LEARNERS

Learners learn with us online or in community venues around Wiltshire. Our learners are supported to set goals for their learning in their learning journey and to share their aspirations with their tutor. All learners receive information, advice and guidance to support them to take their next steps after learning with us.



English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) learners

OUR 2023-2024 LEARNERS

In 2023-2024 we worked with 605 individual learners, across a range of online and face-to-face courses around Wiltshire, meeting and exceeding our target by an additional 21%. Learners made 1105 enrolments. Community learners made up the majority of our learners, with 750 enrolments onto Community Learning courses, and 355 enrolments onto Family Learning courses.

605

Individual learners
(target 500)

1105

Learner enrolments
(target 1100)

844

Learner referrals
(target 700)

3%

Learner withdrawals
(target <5%)

32%

Learners with
disability

29%

Learners from
BME backgrounds

58%

Learners qualified
below Level 2

74%

Learners on means
tested benefits

33%

Male learners

■ Community Learning enrolments
■ Family Learning enrolments



750

Community Learning
enrolments

355

Family Learning
enrolments



Learners with their certificates

OUTCOMES FOR LEARNERS

We provide learners with impartial, high quality, careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) about their future options for learning, training and employment. We track the destination and progression of our learners to:

- Demonstrate how we are contributing to their future success, and
- Show how effective their learning is in providing future employment or education.



Learner achievement

99% of our learners achieved their course learning outcomes and met the success criteria (last year 97%).



Completed course

96% of learners completed the course that they enrolled on with us (last year 94%).



Learners started work

13% of our learners started paid work after completing a course with us (last year 10%).



Achieved progression outcome

80% of learners went on to further study, volunteering, work or other positive next steps (last year 57%).



Enrolled on progression course

56% enrolled on a second-step progression course with us (last year 47%).



Into Work Award Winner

IMPACT ON LIFESTYLE

Adult learning is a fantastic catalyst for learners to take positive steps with their lives. Beneficial outcomes for our learners range from moving on to work, volunteering or further study, to making new friends, becoming involved in their community, building confidence and becoming healthier.

Our learners report developing a wide range of skills on their courses



I had an interview at a pre-school yesterday and they have offered me the job. Thank you for all your help and guidance. I was asked questions that I wouldn't have known the answers to if I hadn't have attended your course. Hopefully after my 3 month probation they are looking at me doing my level 2 qualification." Jess - Working in Schools course



OUR 2023-2024 COURSES

Our courses are designed with our partner organisations and learners.

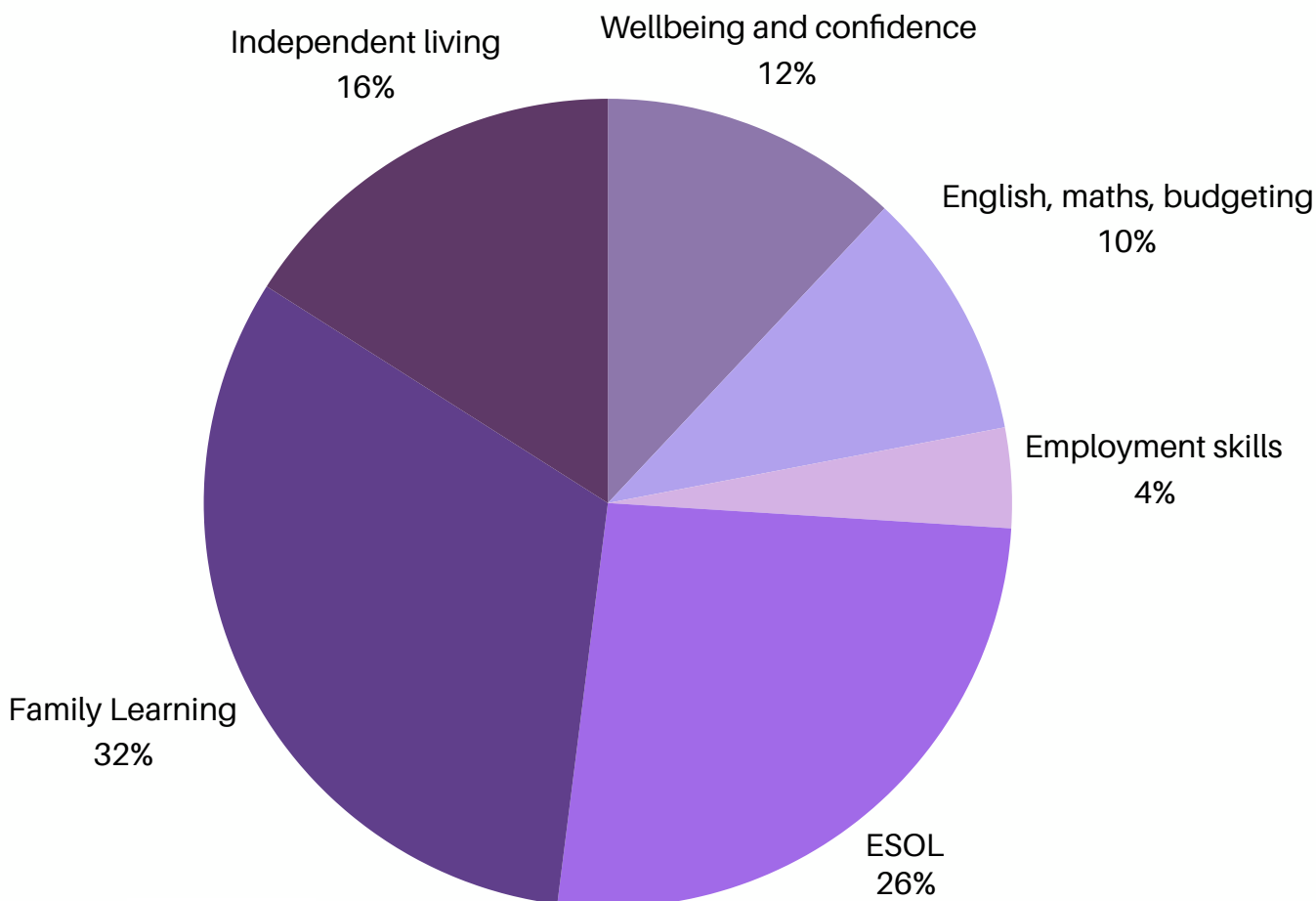
Courses cover four key areas:

- Wellbeing and confidence building
- Skills for adults - English, maths, ESOL, employment skills
- Family learning
- Independent living skills for adults with additional needs



Learners and tutor in an MOD community building in Tidworth

2023-2024 ENROLMENTS BY COURSE TYPE



PARTNERSHIPS AND CURRICULUM

Partnerships with other organisations are central to our engagement with learners. We work closely with our partners to design, plan and deliver courses to meet the needs of adults across Wiltshire. Our partners know the needs of their learners well, and by collaborating together we are able to reach learners who may not otherwise access learning. Our partners work with us to support course delivery, or refer learners to us for the help that we offer through learning.

Our Curriculum Development Steering Group is made up of partners, both from external organisations and from within Wiltshire Council, and meets three times a year to give feedback and influence our curriculum and course design. We welcome new partners to these meetings regularly.

We work with a range of partners including:

Adult Social Care, Resettlement Team, JCP and employment support organisations, Schools, Children’s Centres, Wiltshire Parent Carer Council, MOD, homeless charities, Prevention and Wellbeing team, Social Prescribers, and more.



A support worker assists a learner at a respite care setting partner organisation

“We are so grateful for all the wonderful work you do for us. It is clear to see the positive impact it has on the customers and staff.”

Sarah, Senior Support Worker
Medley Day Opportunities Centre

LEARNER REFERRALS



Nepalese learners celebrating completing their course



Partner referrals

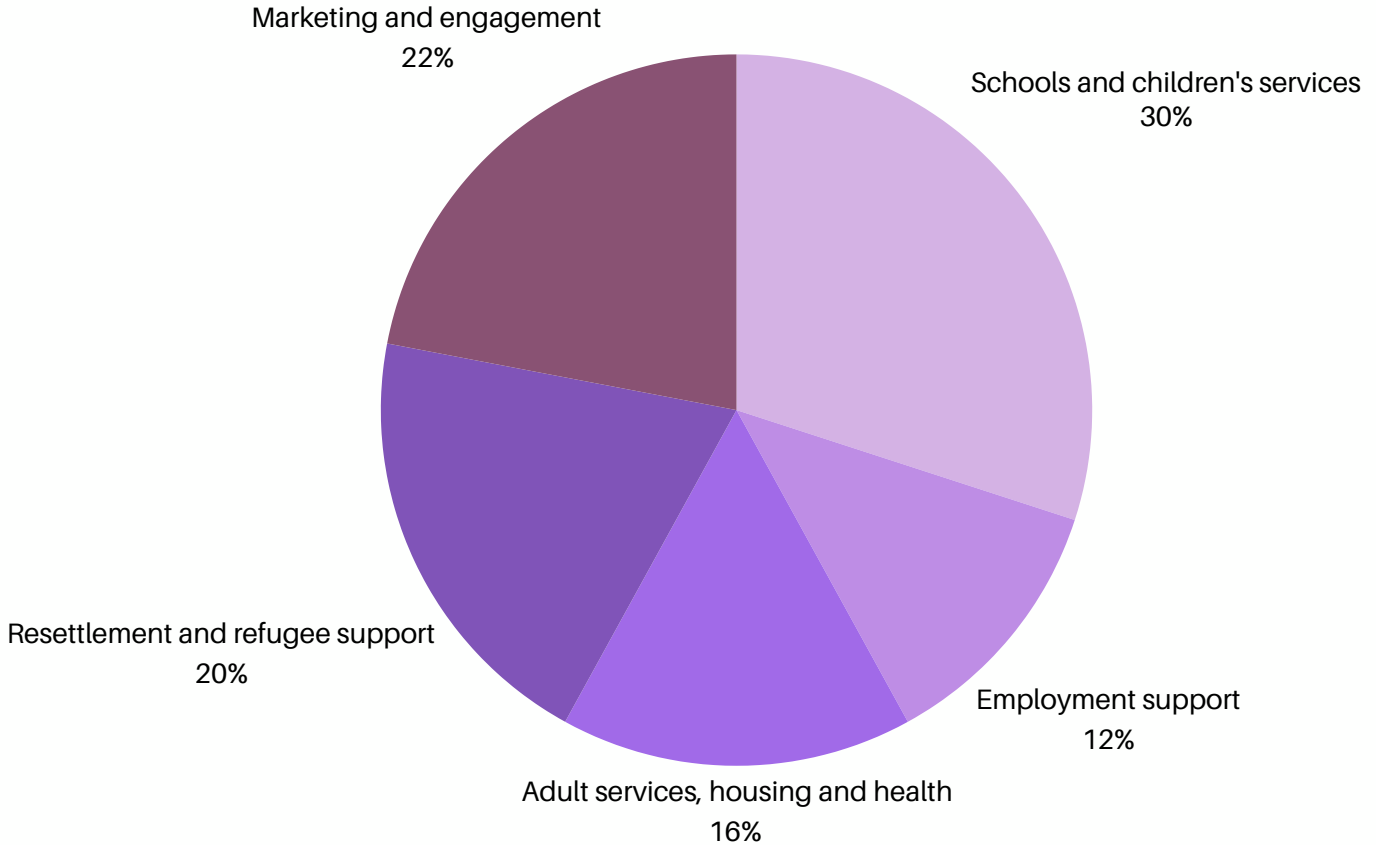
77% of learner referrals came from partner organisations.



Engagement referrals

23% of referrals came from engagement with our staff, social media, marketing events or word of mouth.

2023-2024 LEARNER REFERRAL SOURCE



PARTNERSHIP WORKING

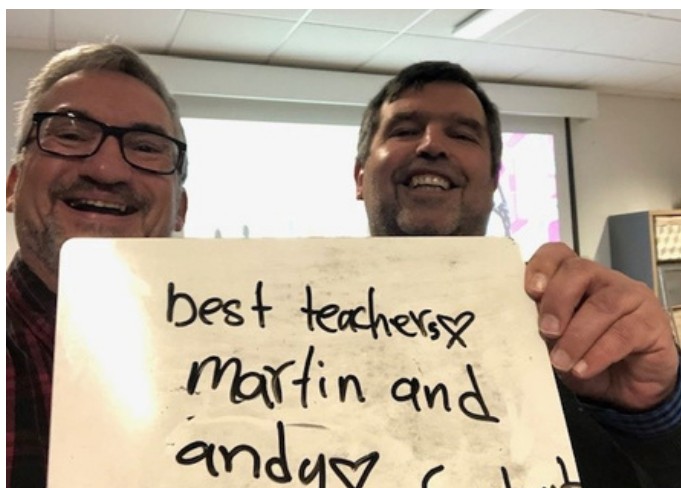
ESOL

An area of curriculum growth over recent years has been our work supporting adults across Wiltshire to develop their English language skills, and we delivered 38 of these courses in 2023-2024, with a quarter delivered online, and three-quarters delivered face-to-face.

Wiltshire has the largest number of Afghan resettlers in the UK. We worked with volunteer support groups, the MOD and their contractors, and Wiltshire Council Resettlement colleagues to offer ESOL courses for Afghan resettlers in military areas.

"Thanks a lot Mr. Andy, teaching outstanding and helping in CV updating.

Mr. Martin, thanks a lot for teaching and helping in issues out of the ESOL class and giving excellent advice for job finding."
Obaidullah



Tutors Andy and Martin with a note from their class

Adults with SEND

Our range of Smart courses to support adults with additional needs to develop independent living skills were delivered at day opportunity services, a supported living setting, a respite care facility, as well as online courses too. We have grown our course offer as a result of feedback from partners about their customers' needs, and now offer bite-size courses to engage learners, and longer courses to develop skills, knowledge and confidence.

"When I first came to the Smart courses, I was worried about talking to anyone and I didn't like going out, now I like talking to everyone and I feel happy."
Smart learner

Wellbeing partnerships

We work with a variety of partners to support learners' confidence and wellbeing, including homeless support charities, prevention and wellbeing services, mental health charities, health services and the DWP. Our partnerships support learners to develop their knowledge and understanding of how to make positive changes for a healthy body and mind.



Tutor Gill and Janice Deputy DEAL/Disability Employment Advisor from JCP Salisbury

Our range of wellbeing courses support learners to take positive steps to a healthier future.

We have developed our partnerships with our local Job Centre Plus Disability Employment Advisors. They recognise the role that wellbeing plays in a person's work readiness, and together we have run a series of courses to support JCP clients who are on a health pathway to develop their skills to support their wellbeing. On our recent course in Trowbridge, 50% of the learners progressed onto work either during or after the course, highlighting the value and impact of this working relationship;

"I just wanted to tell you that we have another good news story from this Wellbeing Group. [A learner] applied for jobs and was shortlisted for 2 jobs. She went for an interview ... and has got the job, she starts end of August 2024!"

Janice, Deputy DEAL/Disability Employment Advisor, DWP

"Gill was a fantastic tutor. She went slowly with us and made us bond as a group which I have not had before. She gave us good pieces of information to save and use in our own time. She helped us work out what works for us to help with our anxiety. I would really like to work with Gill again, thank you so much for such a useful group." Wellbeing course learner

FAMILY LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS

Referrals for our Family Learning courses has been an area of growth for us this academic year, with strong partnership relationships developed with schools and colleagues within Wiltshire Council.

We developed a new course Understanding School Anxiety alongside the Educational Psychology team, who also support our tutor with delivery of the online session for parents and carers. This is a sensitive topic, with families often desperate for help; we collaborate carefully with schools and other referring partners to ensure that our course reaches those who would most benefit from it.

We partnered with a range of primary and secondary schools to deliver courses in their local communities. For example, we worked with Kingsbury Green Academy, their local feeder primary schools and other charities and support services for children and families in Calne to offer a series of courses with the shared objective: "Together we help you to support your child". This project will be continuing next academic year to build on the progress made to date.



Together
we help you to support your child

#TogetherWeHelp
#TogetherCourses

All courses are held in Calne Library from 10am - 12pm
Welcoming, friendly, relaxed, helpful, supportive & refreshments!

Our range of Family Learning courses help parents and carers to feel confident supporting their child's learning and wellbeing. Last year we delivered 64 Family Learning courses, covering 13 topics, with 80% taught online, and 20% held at schools and community venues.

"I would like to re-iterate how successful our partnership with you was when you came in to lead Family Learning courses for our parents of children with SEN... I can happily feedback that the parents who attended have continued to support each other and this was a by-product of holding it in person in school with likeminded parents struggling with the same issues."
Philippa, Headteacher at Winterbourne Earls Primary School



CELEBRATION EVENT



We were delighted to welcome our learners and partner organisations to our annual learner awards event in November 2024. We celebrated the achievements and inspiring stories of our 2023-2024 learners, with seven fantastic award winners and many nominees, learners, and their families and friends.



LEARNERS WERE NOMINATED FOR THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

- New Directions Award
- Learning for Health and Wellbeing Award
- English Language Award
- Overcoming Challenges Award
- Independent Living Award
- Into Work Award
- Outstanding Individual Learner of the Year Award

*Councillor Laura Mayes,
Cabinet Member for Education and Skills said:*

"Congratulations to all our learners and those who attended this awards ceremony. It was a brilliant evening. So many inspiring stories, showing how people have taken on learning and it has transformed their lives. Congratulations to you all – not just for the awards, but for everything you do. The Family and Community Learning Team is doing amazing work and this special event demonstrates the value that learning can have for everyone."

OUR 2024 AWARD WINNERS



New Directions Award Winner: Emily Rogers

Emily found learning rebuilt her confidence and allowed her to reflect and take a new career path, leading to a dream job working with children.



Learning for Health and Wellbeing Award Winner: Julian Lawson

Julian brought positivity to every class; he became a peer mentor and helped other learners feel relaxed and motivated.



English Language Award Winner: Alsadiq Idriss Adam

Alsadiq has shown dedication to learning; travelling long distances due to housing challenges as a refugee, he stayed committed to his English classes.



Overcoming Challenges Award Winner: Stephen Traveller

Steve demonstrated great commitment to his family, using strategies he learnt to support his granddaughter, and supporting others in the group.

OUR 2024 AWARD WINNERS



Independent Living Award Winner: Tony Bishop

Tony came to learning after the loss of his mother; now in supported living, he is using the skills he has learnt, and aspires to adopt a cat in the future.



Into Work Award Winner: Maria Barandalla-Fernandez

Maria came to learning after a career break raising her family; she showed her resilience by using all she learnt to secure work in the sector that she wanted.



Outstanding Individual Learner Award Winner: Christina Corderoy

Christina was nominated for her amazing attitude to learning. She has transformed a green space at her children's school, and inspired others to learn.

OUR 2024 AWARD NOMINEES

New Directions Award	Anne Mayers Emily Rogers	
Learning for Health and Wellbeing Award	Jordan Lamprell Sharon Gifford Julian Lawson	
English Language Learner Award	Alsadiq Idriss Adam Nanda Kumari Khadija Stirling Nassima Belmehdi	Sharifa Zara Nazia Malakzai Nabila Khanmuradi Lailuma Noori
Overcoming Challenges Award	Johnathan Hamblin Debbie White Victoria Sennett KC Stephen Traveller Vanessa Lescott Christina Corderoy	Clare Woodley Cadey Kate Abbitt Nicola Campbell David Harries Waheeda Shirzad Zakia Nazri
Independent Living Award	Gail Gogarty Tony Bishop	Jonathon Evans Farhat Atikan
Into Work Award	Jess Norriss Maria Barandalla-Fernandez	Araminta Clibborn Robert King Bibi Zohra Hamdard
Outstanding Individual Learner of the Year Award	Khadija Stirling Christina Corderoy Chloe Hope	

IMPACT FOR LEARNERS - CASE STUDIES



Learners and tutor Wafa at our celebration event.

ESOL

Zakia's learning journey exemplifies the transformative power of education for herself, her family, and her community. Arriving from Afghanistan with no reading or writing skills in any language, Zakia began her studies with the ESOL pre-entry course, where she initially struggled to even write her name. However, her determination and dedication quickly became evident as she progressed through our ESOL courses, mastering the alphabet, reading and writing simple sentences, and improving her handwriting. Every Thursday, she proudly shares the new words she practiced at home and the home learning she has done with her children, demonstrating her commitment to learning for herself and her whole family. Zakia's positive attitude and perseverance have not only led to her own success but have also inspired her peers and encouraged her children to engage more in their studies. Zakia was nominated for our learner award for Overcoming Challenges by her tutor Wafa.

In 2023-24 we delivered 38 ESOL courses, with 283 enrolments, in 12 different areas of Wiltshire, as well as online.

This is a 74% increase in ESOL courses delivered compared to 2022-2023, and a 52% increase in enrolments against the same period.

SMART COURSES

Anne faced significant challenges due to the closure of community activities and the isolation brought on by COVID-19, leading her to become withdrawn.

Encouraged by staff and family, Anne took a leap of faith and enrolled in the Time Smart course, where she initially struggled but soon thrived in a quiet group. This change boosted her confidence, allowing her to engage actively and showcase her sense of humour. Anne's transformation has made her a proud and capable individual again, and she now expresses interest in continuing her learning journey. Anne was nominated for our New Directions award by her tutor Jan.



In 2023-2024 we delivered 21 Smart courses where learners develop independent living skills. We had 178 enrolments on these courses. We have also added a number of single-session courses to enable us to offer courses in respite care facilities. We delivered 75% more of these courses in 2023-2024 than the previous academic year, and enrolled 40% more learners.

In 2023-2024 we held 64 Family Learning courses, online or at venues around Wiltshire. We had 355 Family Learning enrolments, representing 32% of our enrolments for the year, an increase from 20% the previous academic year. This increase has been driven by our widening course offer, including courses for parents and carers of teenagers to support with transitions to adulthood.

FAMILY LEARNING

Kate, a dedicated learner and mother of three, was nominated by her tutor Jenny for our Overcoming Challenges award. Kate has faced significant health challenges, as well as struggles with confidence. Despite these difficulties, she has consistently engaged in various courses at her children's school, excelling in a Families Reading Every Day course with her daughter. Her confidence grew further during the Grow Your Community courses, where she passionately contributed to environmental efforts, including supporting the Hedgehog Street initiative. She also led her class in writing a letter to the local MP, which received a positive response. Kate's perseverance and growth have led her to secure a full-time job at her children's school, which she enjoys immensely.

WELLBEING

Struggling with her wellbeing, Jordan joined the Exploring Positive Emotions course, where she found a supportive group that helped her recognise and validate her feelings. As she progressed through subsequent courses, her confidence grew significantly. Initially unsure of her skills, Jordan soon realised her capabilities and began to envision a future where she could return to work. Her journey illustrates the transformative power of self-reflection and learning. Her tutor Vanessa nominated her for the Learning for Health and Wellbeing Award.



In 2023-2024 we had 482 enrolments on courses to support wellbeing and confidence, or for parents and carers to support their child's wellbeing, representing 44% of our enrolments, (and an increase from 155 enrolments or 23% in 2022-2023). We ran 13 different types of courses, including new courses for parents and carers, and new courses for adults with additional needs.

SKILLS FOR WORK

Jess began her journey with a Confidence and New Directions course, where her tutor noted significant progress in her confidence as she engaged more in sessions. Building on this, Jess enrolled in the Working in Early Years course, using her learner journey to reflect on applying her new knowledge to support her daughter. By the time she joined the Working in Schools course, Jess had transformed into an active, supportive participant, sharing insights and reflecting on her learning's impact on her daily life. A visit from an early years advisor inspired her to pursue volunteering in the field, marking a significant boost in her confidence and ambition. Ultimately, Jess secured a job at a pre-school. She was nominated for the Into Work award by her tutor Shelley.

In 2023-2024 we ran five different types of courses to support adults to develop skills for work, covering themes such as identifying skills and qualities and preparing for job searching, as well as sector-specific courses on customer service, working in schools, and working in early years.

Festival of Learning



FESTIVAL OF LEARNING 2023 FINALIST TUTOR JENNY HAM

Our tutor Jenny Ham has been recognised for her exceptional work with disadvantaged adult learners across Wiltshire at the national Festival of Learning Awards.

Jenny said, "I'm motivated by my learners, seeing them learn, progress and achieve. When you can make a difference to people's lives, there is no better feeling.

"My teaching isn't all about the knowledge that I share with learners. It is important to understand their journey in life and to support them to dream as big as they can."

Laura Mayes, Wiltshire Council Cabinet Member for Education and Skills said: "Jenny's commitment to her learning and development shines strongly. She uses the knowledge and skills that she gains to inform her teaching and the support that she gives her learners. Jenny puts her heart and soul into teaching, and we are very proud of her and what she supports her learners to achieve."

"Jenny is a wonderful, inspiring, supportive tutor. She makes learning fun and helped me feel safe, which is vitally important for someone like me who suffers from anxiety. She was always patting me on the back and helping me believe in my abilities." Learner Sarah

"Jenny is a wonderful teacher because she will go the extra mile. If you still don't understand, she will not stop until she has found a way for you to learn. Without having Jenny, I wouldn't be able to help my children." Learner Claire

ELIGIBILITY

Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria, which has changed slightly since August 2024. Learners must be aged 19+ on 31 August of the academic year, have a Wiltshire postcode and either have lived in the UK/EU for 3 years or meet certain residency requirements.

They must also be able to tick one of the following criteria:

- On a lower income, earning less than £25,000 a year.
- In receipt of benefits (other than child benefit).
- Care leaver, refugee, foster carer, carer, military family / ex-armed forces personnel, have a learning difficulty or disability, have school-aged children who receive means-tested free school meals.
- Not in work and looking to go into work, now or in the future.

CONTACT US

Please get in touch to discuss working with us, making a referral or joining a course:

Website: <https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning-courses/>

Email: familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk

Telephone: 01225 770478

Facebook: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/Wiltsfamilylearning/>

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Wednesday, 26 February

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Our Centres offer a place to unwind, connect with nature and experience the many positive benefits of adventure and outdoor education.

More information: <https://www.oxenwood.org.uk/alternative-provision/>

Support for Affordable Housing in Rural Communities

Community First and Wiltshire Community Land Trust are working together to deliver the Rural Housing Enabler project, which is funded by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) with support from Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE). The project aims to support rural parishes who are interested in developing new, small-scale affordable housing schemes for their area.

Rural Housing Enablers offer independent support and advice to help rural communities deliver small-scale affordable housing schemes. Rural Housing Enablers are specialists who help rural communities consider the local need for affordable housing, connecting them with landowners, housebuilders and planners to create suitable schemes.

Some of the ways Rural Housing Enablers support the delivery of new affordable housing schemes and raise awareness of the need for suitable housing in local communities include:

- Raising awareness of the importance of the lack of affordable homes in rural communities.
- Supporting communities to undertake Housing Needs Surveys to identify local housing need.
- Providing opportunities for communities to discuss and consider how the need for homes can be met, including the identification of sites and the viability of a proposed scheme.
- Brokering relationships between key stakeholders e.g. parish councils, local authorities, housing associations, planning and development officers, landowners etc and providing impartial advice.
- Unlocking barriers as they arise to ensure local schemes progress to build and completion.
- Monitoring and evaluating rural housing delivery and sharing best practice and examples to inspire other rural communities.

Our Rural Housing Enablers offer free advice to support the development of affordable home for local people. They work with parishes and groups to offer practical guidance and support to deliver new high-quality affordable housing schemes.

Wiltshire Rural Housing Enablers Trevor and Steve are already working with parishes and groups across the county to help identify and find solutions for affordable homes.

Funding is for a limited period up to the end of March 2025. If you would like to be involved or find out more, please do so as soon as possible: info@wiltshirecommunityledhousing.org.uk

Specialist Insurance for Community Organisations

Community First has a unique understanding of the needs of village halls, community buildings, local councils and playing field associations.

We have worked with Zurich to offer tailored, specialist insurance for village halls, community centres and other community buildings for almost 20 years. We also offer Zurich policies for small town and parish councils and playing field associations.

In recent years, also offering cover for community link schemes.

Whilst Community First (Community Insurance) is based in Wiltshire, we work with community organisations and local councils throughout England to offer comprehensive and flexible insurance cover.

Free no obligation quotes can be provided by completing the online proposal forms through the website: <https://communityinsurance.co.uk>

Income generated from Community Insurance is reinvested back into communities including support for village halls, community buildings, local councils and other community development programmes.

Is your Council considering any public engagement projects?

Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) Local County Advisor Ian Nockolds has over 20 years of experience in the market research industry, having managed research and consultations projects in the public, private and voluntary sector.

Ian has retained his status as a Certified member of the Market Research Society, as well as membership of the Local Area Research and Intelligence Association.

WALC recently hosted a 'Survey Surgery' webinar session, which started with a presentation on how to conduct a play park consultation, followed by a Q&A. The session opened up to general questions on research practice, including the consultation requirements for Neighbourhood Plans.

Following positive feedback, the next surgery has been arranged for April 10th.

To view the webinar, visit: <https://www.wiltshire-alc.org.uk/news/2025/01/walc-survey-surgery>

Voice It, Hear It

Please join us in welcoming Nalini Deane and Emma Young to the Voice It, Hear It team. The team is currently working on a project relating to community equipment which is provided by Medequip to enable residents to live as independently as possible.

Over the last 12 months, Voice It, Hear It has worked on a range of voice and engagement projects including the Wiltshire Council accommodation and prevention strategies, learning disability and life expectancy, experiences of home care services and a report for the CQC adult social care inspection.

Over the next few weeks, we will begin sharing the Voice It, Hear It reports which have been created for each of the projects commissioned by Wiltshire Council. It is important that groups and individuals who have kindly shared their experience are able to see the positive impact their feedback has had on support and services locally. For each of the projects carried out by Voice It, Hear It, reports will be shared publicly on the Community First website. Wiltshire Council will provide updates six months after publication with a summary of 'you said, we did' to demonstrate how the feedback has been actioned.

Please keep an eye on our Voice It, Hear It page for the project reports. These will also be shared on social media and in the briefings we send to Area Boards.

www.communityfirst.org.uk/voice

Neighbourhood Collaborative

Our Community Organising team have been working on a Neighbourhood Collaborative project. This is a community outreach and engagement initiative which aims to support improved health outcomes. Over the last few months, work has been focused on the farming community in Wiltshire and looking at ways to prevent Hypertension in the areas of Chippenham, Corsham and Box.

Farming

Following our efforts at Salisbury Livestock Market, we now aim to create a "Staying Well" pack for farmers. In 2024, we began exploring what farmers might need or value in these packs through discussions with them. The goal is to reflect the insights and lessons learned from those conversations at the market. The focus of the pack is on promoting wellness. For example, it could include items like a water bottle with information about the importance of hydration in preventing urinary tract infections, a hat to help prevent sunstroke, and sunscreen to reduce the risk of skin cancer. This initiative is centred on supporting farmers in maintaining good health.

In addition, we have received further funding to focus on helping health and care services to better connect with women in farming communities in Wiltshire. It aims to understand how these women access information about health, social support and wellbeing. This insight will be used to improve communication and develop services that meet their needs. We would like to focus on perimenopausal and menopausal women and women with young children.

CCB (Chippenham, Corsham & Box)

This project is part of a prevention programme focusing on patient centred, non-medical interventions and looks at ways to prevent developing high blood pressure 'Hypertension' with a certain cohort. Various different engagement methods are currently being tried and tested.

Employability Programmes

The Building Bridges and Inspire Swindon programmes work with young people and adults in Wiltshire and Swindon to help them overcome their barriers to employment and education. Building Bridges Support Worker Martina has been working with a participant who wanted to move towards the world of work. This individual had been out of work for some time after having children. They were experiencing a lack of confidence and some challenges around their mental health.

The participant is now employed and feeling positive about the future. This is what they had to say about their experience on the Building Bridges programme:

"Thanks to Building Bridges and the Tools 4 Success course, my life has been turned around. I was quite depressed about where I'd got to, my confidence about even trying to get back into work was disappearing fast. I'd lost my direction after having kids and wasn't sure how I could move forwards again. Since doing the Tools 4 Success course with Meg Batch, I have found my ability to cope with life in general was better."

As I was coping better, I then had the headspace to work with Martina on my CV, cover letter, and actually looking for a job. Martina was with me every step of the way. I shall be forever thankful to her and the team as I am now employed part-time in a job that I love, using my skills and training. Without this course and the support when seeking and applying for a job, I would still be relying on Universal Credit and struggling financially and mentally.

Now I can look forwards and plan a future and not just waiting for the next Universal Credit payment and hoping it would cover the bills.”

This is a fantastic example of the positive outcomes our team is achieving through Building Bridges and Inspire Swindon. We offer a holistic support service which helps people build confidence, resilience and skills. Well done to Martina and the team for all of their hard work.

Building Bridges Swindon is currently accepting referrals. Building Bridges Wiltshire and Inspire Swindon referrals are currently paused.

For more information, visit: www.buildingbridgessw.org.uk or call 01380 732821

Carers Together Wiltshire

Carers Together Wiltshire partnership offers support to the thousands of individuals in Wiltshire identified as an unpaid carer, including parent carers. Please see below for a list of upcoming parent carer face-to-face and virtual support groups.

Wednesday 5th March - Support group (10:30am-12pm), Condado Lounge, Devizes, Market Place, SN10 1JQ, drop in. Speaker TBC

Thursday 20th March - Virtual evening group (7-8pm).

For the online sessions, please email Parent Carer Lead Jo Hiller-Culley for the link: jo.hiller-culley@carerstogethertwiltshire.org.uk. For the face-to-face support group sessions, just drop in. We hope to see you there.

All upcoming parent carer support group sessions for 2025 will be posted on our Facebook page which you can find here: www.facebook.com/communityfirstwiltshire/events

You can now sign up for Carers Together Wiltshire’s new quarterly newsletter!

Follow the link on the homepage of the Carers Together Wiltshire website to enter your details and be added to the mailing list for the first issue of the Carers Newsletter which will be coming soon. Each newsletter will be packed with advice, details of community events and resources to help unpaid Carers <https://carerstogethertwiltshire.org.uk>

Bradenstoke Solar Park Community Benefit Fund

The Bradenstoke Solar Park Community Benefit Fund is a local grant fund that is available to the Parishes of Lyneham & Bradenstoke, Hilmarton, Christian Malford, Bremhill, Dauntsey, Clyffe Pypard and Tockenham.

Any community group within these Parishes is eligible to apply for a grant and the fund is renewed every year via an index linked payment of approximately £70,000 that is secured via the lease between the Defence Infrastructure Organisation and the private owners of the park for the lifetime of the solar park.

The grants criteria are as follows:

- Alleviating fuel poverty
- Developing community scale & micro renewable energy schemes
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Advancing efficiency in the use of natural resources
- Protecting or enhancing the natural environment
- Protecting or enhancing biodiversity
- Promoting environmental sustainability
- Other purpose in the interest of the community

If you are part of or know of a local community group that would qualify, in the first instance contact Community First Grants Manager Mary Hardwidge: mhardwidge@communityfirst.org.uk.

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POLICE



Area Board Update

Calne Neighbourhood Policing Team

February 2025

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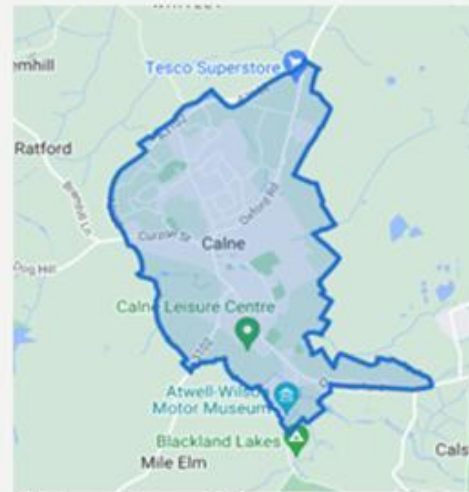
Your Community Policing Team – Calne



PCSO Mark Cook



PC Lizzie Wright



Calne Town Centre

Inspector Pete Foster



Sergeant Mike Tripp



PCSO Nicole Sheppard



PC Nick Dorey



Calne Rural



** PC Wright / Pc Dorey have oversight of the Calne Town and Rural patch*

Our Community Commitment

ENGAGE REGULARLY WITH COMMUNITIES BY HOLDING FACE TO FACE EVENTS

- We will hold at least one public meeting / surgery per month, giving you a chance to meet your local team and find out more information on local policing priorities, crime stats and engagement opportunities
- We will advertise our public meetings and surgeries on the **Your Area** section of the Wiltshire Police website, on local Neighbourhood Policing Team social media channels and Community Messaging
- Every engagement opportunity will be recorded so we can ensure we are meeting our commitment to you
- We will hold regular face to face meetings and events with a wide range of community groups such as businesses, faith groups, youth groups and residents' associations
- We will bring policing out to your community, through the proactive use of the Neighbourhood Engagement Vehicles.

ENGAGE REGULARLY THROUGH ONLINE CHANNELS

- We will actively use local Neighbourhood Policing Team social media channels to engage with our communities
- Every Neighbourhood Policing Team will host quarterly Facebook Live events
- We will exchange information with those signed up to our Community Messaging alert system via email, text or phone and continue to promote this free service to new members.

INCREASE AND BROADEN OUR ENGAGEMENT ACROSS NEED TO REACH COMMUNITIES

- We will build Community Beat Profiles for each of our Neighbourhood Policing Team to help us better understand the specific communities within our local areas
- We will engage with specific community groups and those living and working in particular geographical areas about those issues that are important or impacts most upon them
- We will work with young people and our partners in education settings to help improve safety, reduce reoffending and, along with relevant other agencies, offer support to those who need it.

PUBLISH INFORMATION ON YOUR LOCAL TEAM, LOCAL PRIORITIES AND UPDATE ON ACTIVITY

- We will provide you with information so you know who your local Neighbourhood Policing Team is by publishing this on the **Your Area** section of the Wiltshire Police website
- We will publish monthly local priorities on the **Your Area** section of the Wiltshire Police website and, through our regular engagement with you, we will consult you when we are setting them
- We will provide community updates on activity being carried out to help tackle local priorities
- We will ensure intelligence-led visible patrolling in local communities, at least once a week, responding to local policing issues and concerns
- We will publish local policing updates, wherever possible, in community magazines / newsletters or bulletins.

CONSULT AND ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITIES ON KEY DECISIONS

- We will ask the public to take part in questionnaires and surveys to build information and improve our policing service
- We will provide visibility at Parish Council meetings and, in the absence of physical attendance, will provide a written update. We will also support a programme of additional meeting attendance through Area Boards or Community Safety Groups
- We will action feedback, concerns or complaints – and tell you what action has been taken. If we cannot help, we will help signpost the public to who can
- We will work closely with our partners, such as local authorities and parish and town councils, and community representatives i.e. businesses, faith groups, schools to tackle community issues
- We will work closely alongside local watch schemes to enable strong partnerships between the police and communities
- We will consult regularly with our Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs) to ensure they have a voice as a critical friend to help shape our policing service.

Our mission: Keeping Wiltshire Safe

Our priorities:

Safer public spaces

Violence

Burglary

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



Whats gone on in your area



On the week commencing the 27th January the team were out in our engagement van. We visited, Derry Hill, Bremhill, Yatesbury, Phelps Parade and the Silver Street Church for community consultations

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Sixth Wiltshire business served with closure order following illegal tobacco sales

A Calne vape shop has become the sixth Wiltshire business to be issued a closure order in the last six months, following an investigation by Wiltshire Council's Trading Standards team.

Published 24 January 2025



We work with partners to make Calne a safer place, such as closure orders for addresses & businesses who do not comply with the law

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School visits to deliver sessions such road safety & speed awareness to the Mini Police, and how to be safe on the internet

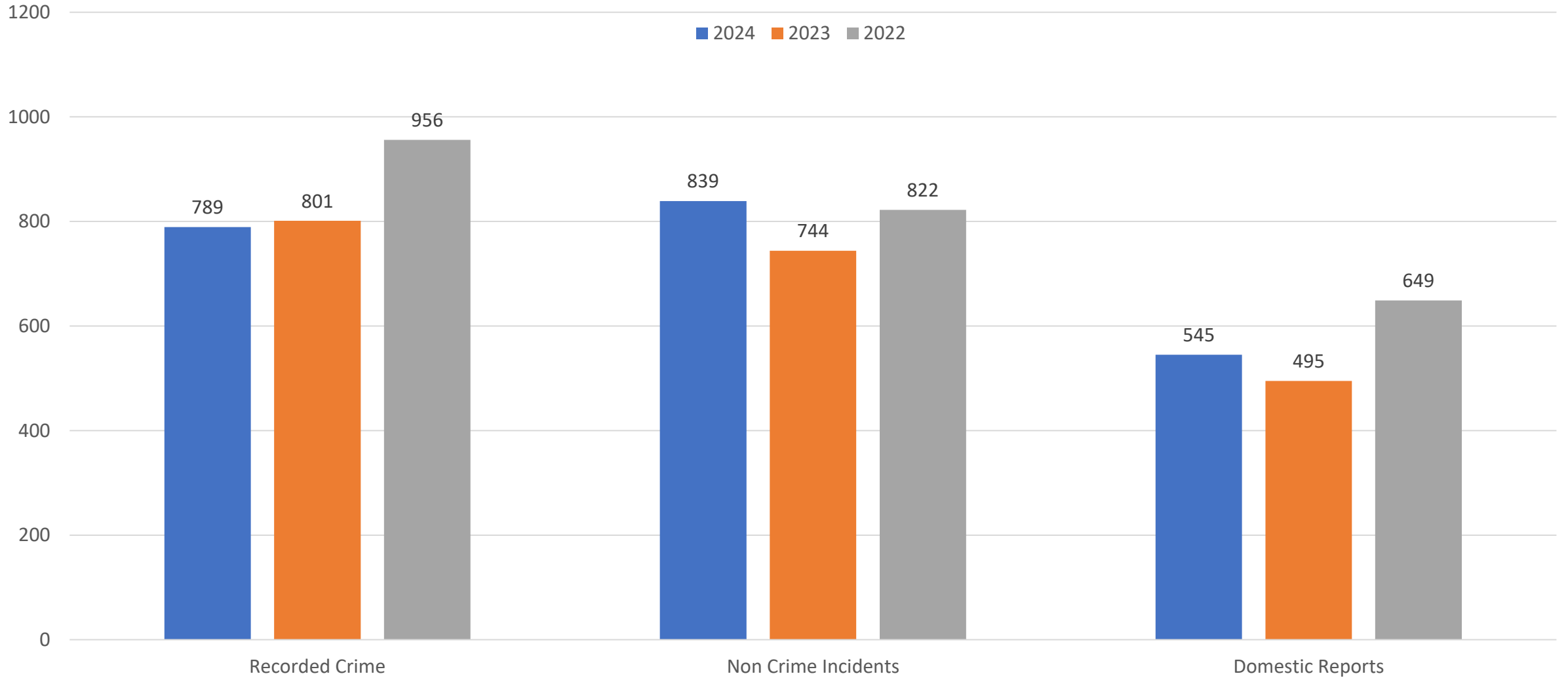


We understand that road safety is a key community concern. As such we have completed speed enforcement in areas such as the A4 at Studley and Compton Bassett

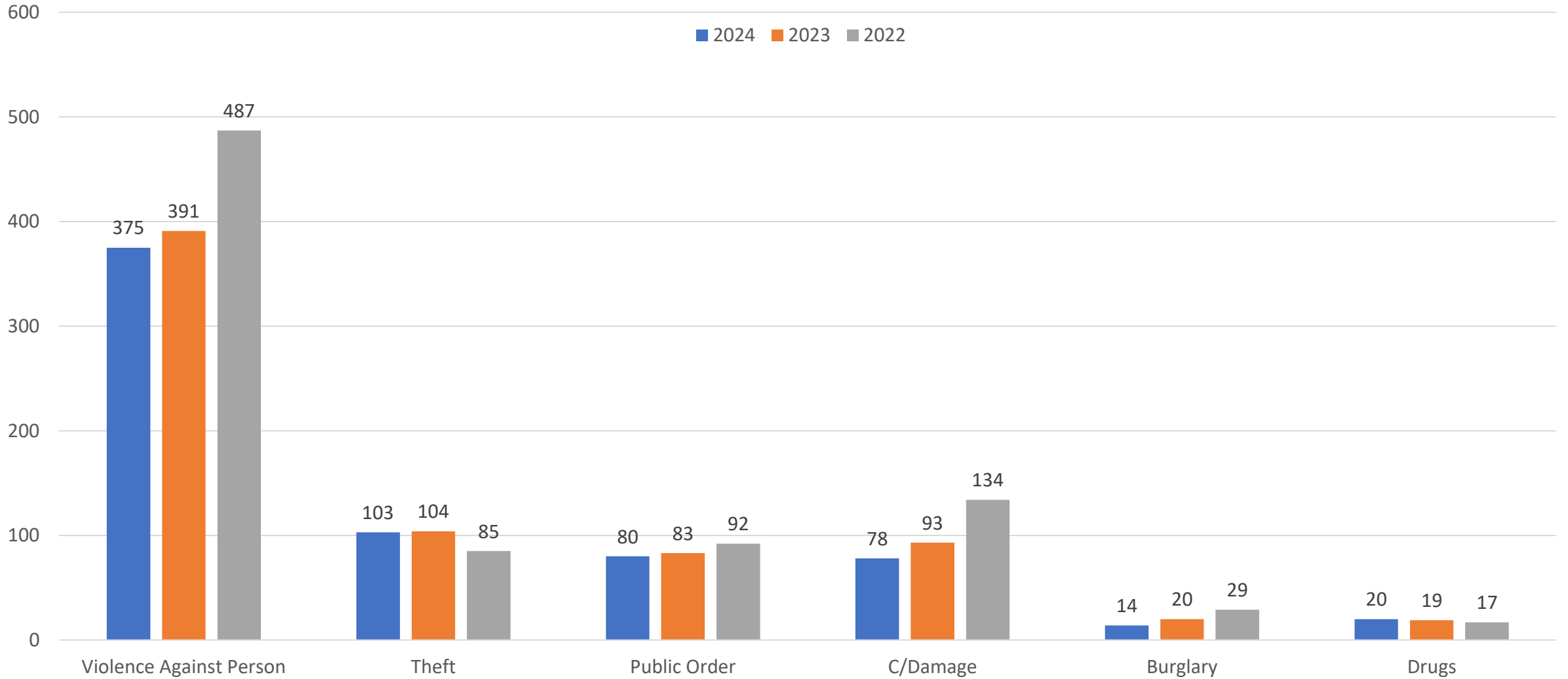


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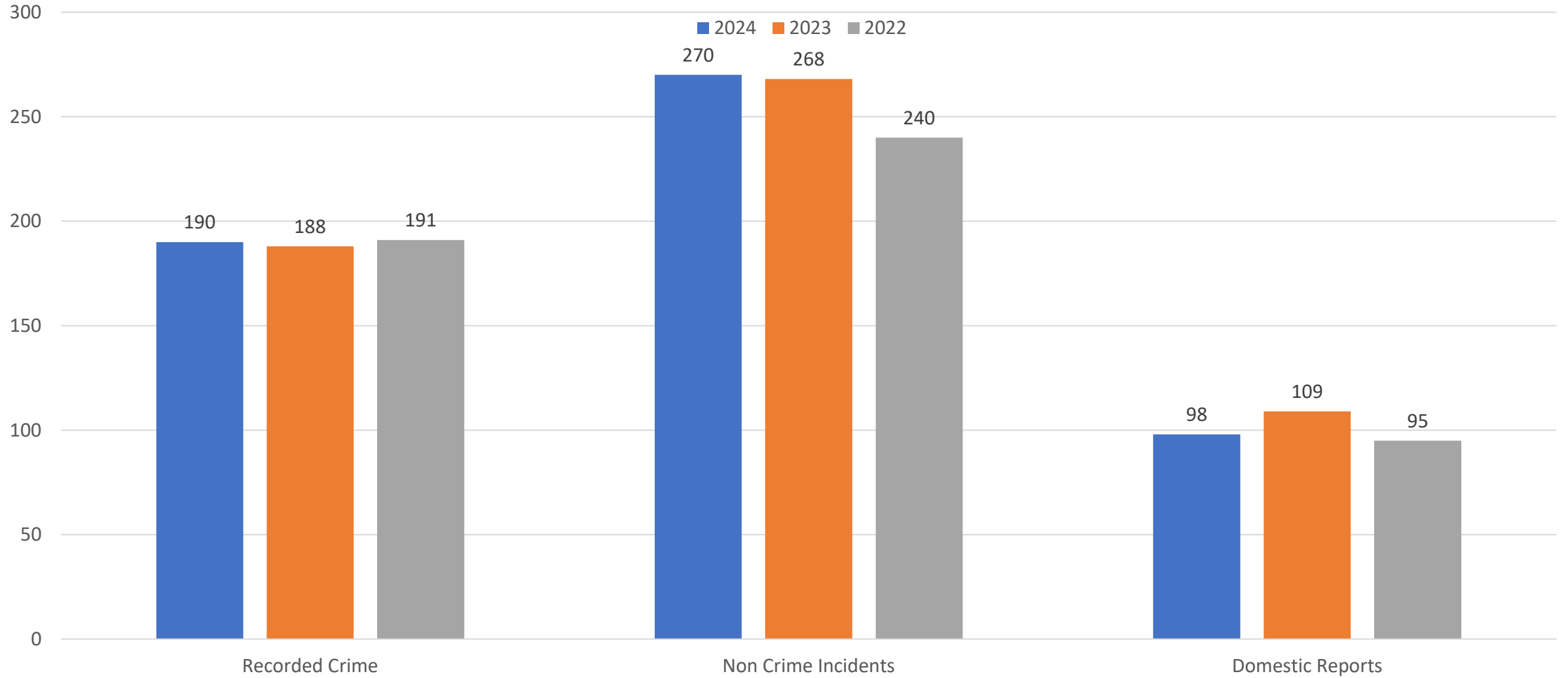
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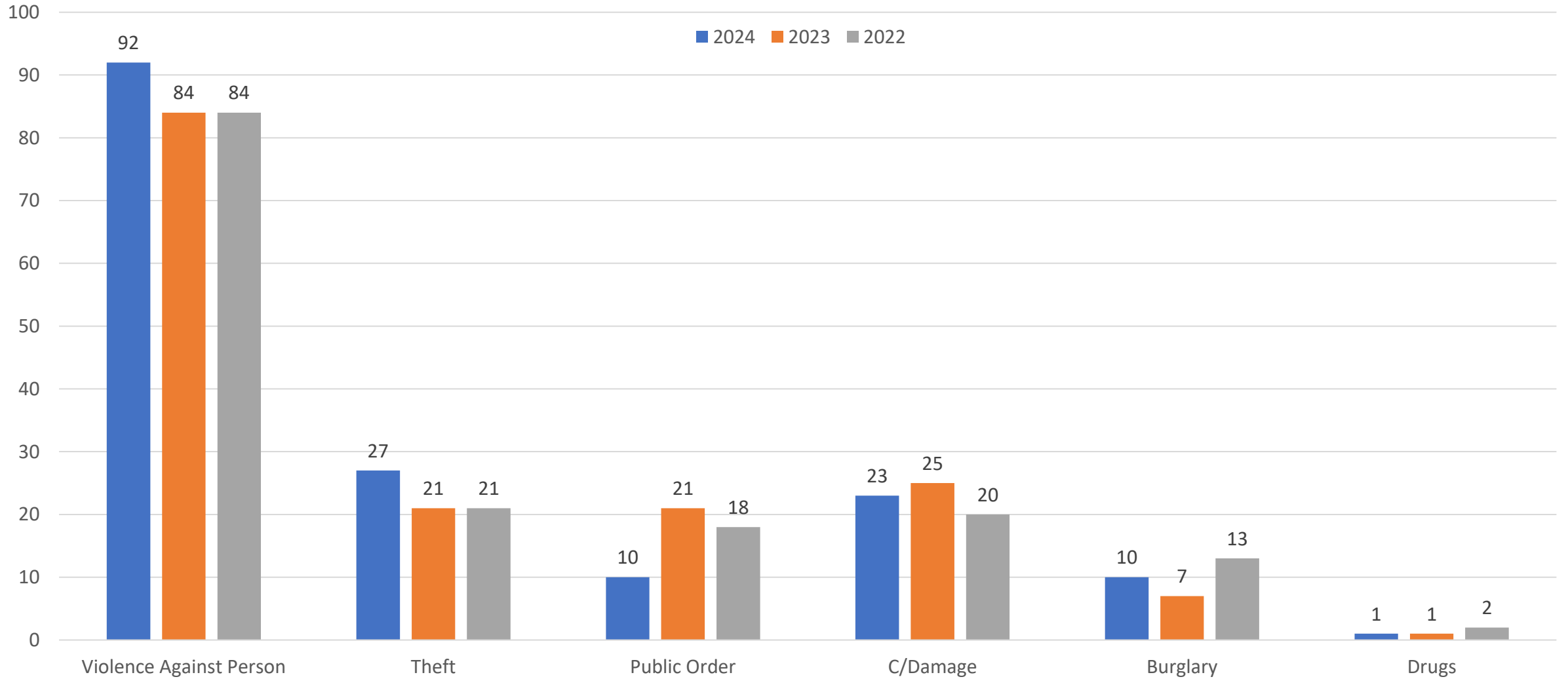
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Calne Rural – Crime and Incident Breakdown – 2024 compared to 2023 / 2022



Calne Rural – Crime by type Breakdown – 2024 compared to 2023 / 2022



Operational Priorities – 1st January – 31st December 2024

Calne – Town and Rural Parishes

Safer Public Spaces

Violence

Violence against person

Burglary

130
ASB Reports

3.25 %
of force figures

468
VAP Reports

2.8 %
of force figures

24
Burglary Reports

1.4 %
of force figures

3998
Force Wide
ASB Reports

16,328
Force Wide
VAP Reports

1648
Force Wide
Burglary Reports

3 %
INCREASE

1.3 %
REDUCTION

11.2 %
REDUCTION

2023 ASB Reports
Jan – Dec
126

2023 VAP Reports
Jan – Dec
474

2023 Burglary Reports
Jan – Dec
27

Get Involved / Get to know



Get to know
Your Community Policing Team

Wiltshire Police

YOUR FORCE, YOUR AREA

SCAN HERE

- Meet your local Community Policing Team (CPT) police officers and PCSOs
- Find out about crime stats in your area
- Learn about local policing meetings and events
- Read the CPT priorities
- Contact us

Chippenham CPT
<http://bit.ly/46vT8kt>

We are inviting you to get to know your Community Policing Team even better. Over the past few months, the communications team and your local officers have been working hard to create new areas on the Force website entitled 'Your Area.'

If you've not discovered them yet, the Your Area pages will give you a considerable amount of information about the area in which you live including who your neighbourhood officers and PCSOs are, how to contact them, crime statistics for your area including the top reported crimes and a crime map showing hot spots.

If you are interested to know what the local police priorities are you will find them on the pages along with an up-to-date list of meetings and events the team will be attending. You can even find out if there will be speed checks in your area.

Keep up to date with the latest news and alerts in your area by signing up to our Community Messaging service via the QR Code.

Alternatively you can register online via www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk



Get to know
Community Messaging

Alerts from Wiltshire Police

YOUR FORCE, YOUR AREA

SCAN HERE

- Receive alerts from your local Community Policing team and partners
- Reply directly to alerts from officers
- Receive alerts by email, text or voicemail
- Over 15,000 subscribers in Wiltshire and Swindon
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WILTSHIRE POLICE

Wiltshire Police Violence Against Women and Girls quarterly report – Autumn 2024

This document is to provide progress updates to our communities regarding how the Police are tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG).

Ending VAWG Coalition Wiltshire (E-VAWG)

The EVAWG formalises the essential independent feedback on Police VAWG activity from a diverse cross-section of communities across Wiltshire. The EVAWG will offer insight from areas such as Health, Education, Women's Support Services and the Judiciary. Based on their knowledge of the issues facing the women and children who are victims of VAWG, delegates provide feedback to shape the service the Police provide and develop initiatives to support its mission to end VAWG.

Police Response to the 2022 Stalking Super Complaint by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust

In the last 18 months we have progressed the recommendations of this report by:

- Upskilling officers and staff through enhanced training focussed on risk management and investigation standards, leading to an increase in stalking complaints.
- Holding a Stalking Intensification week, again leading to an increase in reports.
- Improving safeguarding including increasing the use of Stalking Protection Orders.
- Ensuring a robust policing response to perpetrators by allocating orders to dedicated officers that are experienced in management of high-risk offenders.
- Improving outcomes for stalking victims, for example, by increasing year on year arrest rates.
- Creation of a new role; an independent stalking advocacy caseworker (ISAC) who will support victims of non-domestic (Stranger) stalking in addition to ISAC provision with our commissioned Domestic Abuse (DA) services.

Angiolini Report Recommendations

Wiltshire have delivered the first tranche of recommendations, including:

- Reviewed policy and trigger planning for reports of non-contact Sexual Assault
- Supporting victims of Police Perpetrated abuse or Sexual Misconduct. With Dorset Police we have launched a new protocol for the handling of reports of Police Perpetrated Domestic Abuse ensuring a sterile approach for safeguarding and investigation.
- Creating a network of dedicated trauma informed advocates to support anybody coming forward to report these matters.

Operation Soteria

This is part of the government's review regarding Rape investigations and provides a framework and tool kit for the Police to conduct suspect focused investigations and better support victims. Wiltshire Police have been recognised for making good progress with implementation and have been recognised nationally for some of the innovative practice embedded, specifically regarding our work on non-contact Sexual Assault.

Project Vigilant

This is a proactive police operation which deploys plain clothes and uniformed police officers into public spaces, such as the night-time economy (NTE), to tackle sexual offending. It is perpetrator focused to prevent offences taking place. The intention of the tactic is as follows:

- Conduct proactive patrols providing an enhanced response to sexual offending.
- Identify predatory behaviour by potential perpetrators and prevent offences through overt intervention.
- Gather intelligence for future disruption and to assist future investigations.
- Deter sexual violence, intimidation and street harassment against women and girls and offer reassurance.
- Engage with support agencies to provide enhanced support.

We are engaging with other schemes, such as the Safe Space Scheme (Night Angels), who work in communities, providing advice and support.

Domestic Abuse Scrutiny Panels

Delegates from the VAWG team, CPS, the training team, and Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVAs) come together to identify good practice and areas for development in respect of Domestic Abuse reports. Feedback from these panels is then provided directly to individual officers, supervisors and teams, ensuring accountability and addressing areas for development. It also informs training materials which dovetail into the large scale and ongoing commitment we made to the DA Matters programme which is now embedded in Wiltshire.

Partner Update from Wiltshire Police to Area Boards

Spot the Signs Campaign

Young people, their families and friends are being urged to 'Spot the Signs' of child criminal exploitation in a new campaign being launched today (11/11) by Wiltshire Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The focus on education aims to help stem the instances of child exploitation in our communities and the serious violence often associated with this type of exploitation, including knife crime and gang culture.

The campaign aims to educate young people and those close to them on how to spot that exploitation may be taking over a young person's life by using a targeted social media campaign aimed at both young people and adults, educational visits to schools and real-life case studies from young people who have managed to break the cycle.

Child criminal exploitation is where criminals use children to commit offences for them in exchange for cash and gifts – these can be actual but also online 'gifts' like virtual money in online gaming communities. The young person is then often manipulated and pressured into doing things like stealing or carrying drugs or weapons in return.

Tackling serious violence has been identified as a priority by both Wiltshire Police Chief Constable Catherine Roper and the Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson in recognition of the serious harm it causes victims, their families and the wider communities where it occurs.

The Wiltshire Serious Violence Duty Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) – a multi-agency initiative which aims to better understand serious violence in Wiltshire and why it happens – highlights a 2023 schools survey which demonstrated that only 3% of young people admitted to having carried a knife.

However, most young people estimated that around 19% of their peers carried a knife, demonstrating the significant difference between the perceived threat of youth knife carriers versus the reality perpetuating a culture of fear amongst young people. This campaign will also challenge these perceptions.

Young people can find out more by visiting the [Check it Out](#) section of the OPCC website.

Printable leaflet can be accessed here: [County Lines / SVD Campaign Leaflet \(Trifold Print\) V5](#)

Campaign Page can be accessed here: [Spots the Signs. Stop the Crime.](#)

Check it Out info page for young people can be accessed here: [Child Criminal Exploitation](#)

Report author: Amy Pantall, Campaign and Communications Manager

Organisation name: Wiltshire Police

Date: 20 November 2024

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	Calne S106 Working Group			Date:	5/12/2024																					
Venue:	Via Teams	Time:	2:00pm	File Ref:																						
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Ref	Minutes	Action
1	<p>Introductions / Apologies</p> <p>See above.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes were accepted.</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p> <p>SPK reported on Terms of Reference – short discussion about ToR – Sam to update accordingly</p>	SPK
4	<p>Agenda</p> <p><u>Abberd Brook Phase 2</u> SH reported that work is still ongoing with the design and geo engineering plans to stabilise the bank. Slight delay to work as Kevin at Atkins has been off on sick leave. SH to keep chasing Atkins to keep progressing design work. FS raised issue of potential flooding and whether we could get access to some external funding to help with the bank stabilisation work. CS to approach Calne TC and FS to identify who at WC might be able to assist with this.</p>	CS/FS

5	<u>Calne LCWIP</u> FS provided an update. Route prioritisation consultation is now complete. Atkins producing final report which will be available now in early 2025.	
6	Any Other Business MS raised what is now the overall purpose of the group as was once primarily centred around active travel schemes. FS highlighted funding has dried up so limited on what schemes can be progressed. AH suggested more funding will come forward once local plan allocations have had time to bed in. Everyone agreed to keep group going because it is useful to touch base on all things related to active travel in Calne.	
7	Date and Time of Next Meeting The next meeting will be 6th March 2025 at 2pm via Teams	



Calne Community Safety Form - minutes

10.00am 4th December 2024

Lansdowne Strand Hotel

Apologies - Ross Henning, Mark Cook

Attending - Glenis Ansell, CTC - Alison Robinson DOCS CTC, Shirley Harper O'Neill, River Warriors, Diane Gooch Reconnection Group - James Bird CCTV, Mike Brandwood Neighbourhood Watch , Kevin O'Daly RBL.

Minutes of the previous meeting agreed

Matters arising - see below

CCTV - There is now a full complement of volunteers manning the cameras - giving good coverage across the town. The negotiations regarding coverage of the Skate Park are ongoing.

Lorry Watch. - Lorry Watch put on hold due to the works taking place on the High Street.

Police Team - no police in attendance.

Reconnecting Group - Diane advised that the group is well attended and plans for Christmas celebrations are in place

Neighbourhood Watch - Mike reported that the AGM went well and was pleased to see councillors among the attendees. The speaker was the Chief Constable.

Safe Places - ready for launch in the New Year. The publicity material is being reviewed ready for distribution. A further grant of £500 has been received from Calne Town Council.

Other issues - Alison reported that meetings have taken place with key stakeholders regarding the installation of a Youth Drop in Centre on the Recreation Field.

There are still problems with traffic being held up by taxis collecting children from Springfield School. Discussions have taken place between the school, Wiltshire Council Officers and Cllr Pearce- Kearney.

Marden Farm Footpath -having finally agreed the route, the application to divert the footpath has been submitted by Wiltshire Council.

Next meeting - January 29th at The Lansdowne Strand Hotel

Calne Area Parish Agenda

Meeting on Wednesday 29 January 2025 at 4.30pm

By kind permission of Calne Town Council
in the Mayor's Parlour, Bank House

PRESENT:

Cllr Ashley O'Neil (Chair) – Wiltshire Council
Cllr John Barnes – Calne Without Parish Council
Cllr Jon Fisher – Calne Town Council
Cllr Isabel McCord – Bremhill Parish Council
Cllr Peter Szczesiak – Compton Bassett Parish Council
Patrick Frediani – Calne Town Council (note taker)

Public Participation:

Melissa Whittaker from Cash Access UK and Ying Shi from the Calne Banking Hub were present and gave an introduction at the meeting for the services that the Calne Banking Hub provides for its residents.

1. Apologies

Apologies were **NOTED** from Cllr David Grafton – Cherhill Parish Council, Cllr Mel Wilkins – Hilmarton Parish Council, Cllr Nancy Bryant – Heddington Parish Council and Cllr Ian Thorn – Wiltshire Council/Calne Town Council.

2. Confirming notes from the last meeting held on Wednesday 6 November 2024.

The notes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 6 November 2024 were approved by members.

3. Calne Banking Hub – what they provide/possible future collaborative work

Melissa from Cash Access UK provided an introduction of Cash Access UK, they are the company whom bring the services of banking hubs to a community. LINK – the ATM network providers will assess communities, and recommend what access to cash needs that town has. This is either done through a community request or a last bank in town closure. In Calne's case this was done using a community request back in November 2023. Melissa explained that Cash Access UK is a not-for-profit company and is funded by major banks. It is now an Financial Conduct Authority regulated requirement for communities to have access for cash when it is deemed as being needed. Ying, from the Banking Hub was present to observe the meeting and answer any questions members may have regarding use of the Banking Hub.

The Banking Hub using counter service which is operated by the Post Office, this is where customers can gain access to their cash daily. This allows the ability to withdraw cash, pay in cash, check balances, pay for utility bills etc. This is available to most customers of most banks and Building Societies, regardless of which day it will say that your community banker representatives are present in the hub. There are five current banks available at the hub which are Monday: Halifax, Tuesday: Lloyds Bank, Wednesday: Barclays, Thursday: NatWest and Friday: HSBC UK. Community plan – there has been an emphasis for attending community events and forums to spread awareness of the services that are available locally, this then establishes trust in the Community. This is a great way to relay this message to the public that these services are available and to be familiarized with the people who run these places.

Potential for advertisement purposes in local villages, buses – handing out flyers etc. Older people being more susceptible to online scams, having a physical safe secure location for people. Fraud and scam advice guidance is being worked on at the hub to bring awareness to this subject what the tell tale signs are that would come up with engaging with a scammer.

ACTION: PF to email contact details for the Calne Banking Hub to members for contact purposes.

4. Community Governance Review Changes – arrangements for transfer of assets.

Cllr O'Neil relayed that agreements are almost completely in place with regard to transferring of Assets. Cllr O'Neill gave thanks to the Parish Councils for working together on the transfer process.

John Barnes spoke about Calne Without starting a new bin emptying contract starting from the 1 April 2025. This will just cover Studley and Derry Hill bins, emphasis on fellow successor Councils to pick up on bins that are transferring across to them. For Calne, this includes the three dog bins on the Cherhill View estate. Four bins will be moving across to Cherhill Parish Council and one to Heddington Parish Council. A briefing on any live projects that are transferring across will be given soon, in the case of Bremhill will be bus stops as well as the right hand turn prohibition on Chilvester Hill. This also applies to Calne Town Council as well but also includes the new defibrillator at Cherhill View.

Cllr O'Neill explained that there will be many Polling district changes coming in, following the boundary changes.

5. Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan update.

John Barnes flagged that the referendum is coming up shortly on 27 February 2025. We are now in a purdah period, where the two qualifying bodies (Calne Town Council and Calne Without Parish Council) can promote voting in the referendum, but cannot promote voting in one way or the other. This applies to both Council staff and also to Councillors (if they are seen to be acting on behalf of the Council). Cllr Barnes emphasised the importance of abiding by these rules as not following this process could lead to the whole process being subject to challenge.

Cllr Barnes also reported on a briefing with all successor councils, that took place on 16 January at the Lansdowne Hall with successor Councils to Calne Without. The content of the

Neighborhood plan was summarised and the meeting went through how it would be used and what training will be put in place. The meeting also discussed Neighbourhood Plan commitments around developing a joint community facilities list and moving to an early review once Wiltshire's Local Plan is made. Some early discussion was held around options for future Plan Reviews, given that the current plan area will cover Calne Town Council, the future parish of Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council, and parts of Bremhill, Hilmarton, Compton Bassett, Cherhill and Heddington Parish Councils.

Members queried different ideas and perspectives for this and how possibly this could look moving forward for the different parishes of Calne.

A follow up meeting has been planned for Thursday 3 April 2025 on the future of the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan moving forward.

6. May 2025 Elections.

Cost for the upcoming elections was queried by members. Cllr O'Neill gave background that this was initially formed in a prior Wiltshire Council meeting from a few years ago. It costs roughly £1.70 per elector – this is classed as direct costs attributable to the Council in question.

John Barnes explained that Calne Without will be holding their Annual Parish meeting earlier than expected in early March to promote the role of a Parish Councillor and to draw interest to those that may be interested and give context as to what the role entails.

Cllr Fisher also gave details for Calne Town Council's Parish Meeting and Civic Awards which will be held on Friday 14 March 2025.

7. Upcoming events

Cllr Fisher gave an update on the Charity Bingo Night taking place on Wednesday 26 February 2025 at Calne Town Hall – this will be collecting in support of Calne Town Charity. Also, taking place the day after on Thursday 27 February 2025 is a Spiritualist Medium Night, also being held in Calne Town Hall.

ACTION: PF to send out a calendar invite for the upcoming Calne Town Council events to members via email.

Cllr Barnes provided information on Calne Without's Village Pantomime – in the Lansdowne Hall on Friday 31 January 2025 and Saturday 01 February 2025. Also, a Victory in Europe Day commemoration is in the works for early May around the time of the May Bank Holiday.

Cllr McCord also mentioned an upcoming event taking place in Compton Bassett's Benson Hall – Bremhill Vales Farmers Group's community screening of their "Six Inches of Soil" documentary. The next screening of this will be taking place on Friday 6 February 2025.

8. Parish updates

Parish updates was rolled into the other items prior to this.

9. Information share

Cllr Barnes shared to members a Wiltshire Association of Local Councils invite for clerks of Parish Councils to form a network of Parish Council Chairs – this will be taking place on Friday 31 January 2025.

Cllr Fisher spoke about the recently approved training plan for Calne Town Councillors, following the elections in May.

ACTION: PF to share the Councillor Training Plan to members for their knowledge.

Cllr O'Neill finished by talking about National Planning Policy Framework changes, around housing land supply. Wiltshire's land supply is down at around 2 years. Also spoken about was the new housing targets that have been implemented and the effect of this.

10. Any other business

Rolled into previous item (Information share).

11. Date of next meeting

A next meeting date for the Forum was left undecided.

ACTION: PF to send out future dates within the next few months to members if available – the most likely next date for the group will be sometime after May, following the outcome of the elections.

Bremhill Parish Council Update Calne Area Board Meeting 18 February 2025

The dire state of the roads in the parish is a major concern for residents. Since the closure of Lyneham Banks there has been a significant increase in traffic on the roads, which in some areas are basically single track ones. Drivers do not use the passing places but rather drive on the verge, often at speed, creating even larger drop offs from the highway. The heavy rain has not helped as it means potholes both in the road and the passing places are not visible and have caused damage to vehicles. The roads must be repaired once the Lyneham Banks work is complete. In the meantime, we need drivers to be more patient and stop driving on the verges.

Speed Indicator Devices are now deployed in East Tytherton and Tytherton Lucas. The highest recorded speed in East Tytherton is 68mph, heading towards the SIDS display and there are frequently speed over 55 mph. Worryingly quite a few of the highest speeds are recorded at daytime periods when there would be walkers, cyclists, horse riders and people emerging from drives.

We thank Wiltshire Council for agreeing the extension of the leases for the Sustrans Cycle Route until March 2029 and the Sustrans Working Group for all it has done to make the cycle route more accessible to all users.

As a result of the recent storms, flooding has been an issue in East Tytherton and Tytherton Lucas where houses were flooded. The flooding in East Tytherton is currently under investigation in conjunction with Cllr O'Neil. Standing water on the roads continues to be a problem making getting in and out of the parish difficult at times of heavy rain. We are addressing this by putting in more grips, getting the gullies cleared and working with landowners to clear the ditches.

As a result of the Community Governance Review, the areas coming into Bremhill Parish from Calne Without Parish will remain part of the Calne and Calne Without Neighbourhood Plan. We are working with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to understand the impact of the plan on these areas, how we will contribute to the performance of that plan and boundaries of our own Neighbourhood Plan in the future. We are grateful to Calne Without Parish Council for funding training on the plan for our councillors and clerk. The review of our Neighbourhood Plan will not be completed until the new Wiltshire Plan has been adopted.

The Foxham Reading Room and Bremhill Village Hall have joined the Community Emergency Hub Scheme and their committee members will be meeting with Wiltshire and Swindon Prepared team.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 6 May with community groups attending. These groups support the Bremhill Parish community by providing a variety of opportunities to socialise as well as supporting the work of the groups. For example Bremzero held a Conscious Composting event in January which was very well attended and provided excellent information on different composting methods. It is a credit to the residents that so many of them volunteer to provide facilities and events for others in the parish.

For more information on activities in the parish our newsletter can be found on the parish website <https://bremhillparish.org/>

Isabel McCord
Chairman

7 February 2025

Calne Without Parish Council - update to Calne Area Board Meeting 18th February 2025

On Monday 3rd February, our contractor started work to install some play equipment on Petty Acre, an area of public open space in the centre of Derry Hill. This is the first public play equipment to be installed in the village and we hope that it provides enjoyment for current and future generations of children in the village.

In December, local volunteers worked with us to plant a small community orchard in Studley Gardens, comprising ten apple and three plum trees. The day included a workshop on orchard care which helped to engage volunteers involved in the future maintenance. We are grateful to the help of Naomi Styles of Wiltshire Council in supporting us with advice and grant funding via the Coronation Living Heritage Fund.



We appreciate the support of Calne Area LHFIG in progressing the proposed implementation of a 20mph speed limit in Studley and Norley Lane. The draft Road Traffic Regulation Order is currently out for consultation until 17th February and we look forward to it being approved and implemented in due course. This settlement has no pavements or street lighting, and the speed limit will help to more safely manage the shared carriageway space.

We are currently awaiting the outcome of two bids for Substantive Highways Schemes Funding in 2025/26:

- The first is a scheme to surface the existing shared use path connecting Studley (to the north of the A4) to the local facilities in Derry Hill, such as the school, village hall, shop and pub. The planning approval for the 53 homes in Studley Gardens was originally predicated on the developer providing such a connection and we are pleased that LHFIG has put this scheme forward as a bid.
- The second is a scheme to provide further traffic calming measures on Church Road and Studley Lane in Derry Hill, a route often used by traffic as a short-cut between the A4 and A342. The proposals are designed to moderate driving behaviour by using visual signals to accentuate village features such as the shop, school and war memorial.

We appreciate the support of Calne Area LHFIG and Calne Area Board with these two bids.

This will be the last Calne Area Board attended by Calne Without Parish Council. In May, Calne Without Parish Council will become the new civil parish of Derry Hill and Studley, with parts of the current parish transferring to Calne Town Council or the parishes of Bremhill, Hilmarton, Compton Bassett, Cherhill or Heddington.

We continue to work with these successor town and parish councils to ensure a smooth transition to the new community governance arrangements.

John Barnes
Chair, Calne Without Parish Council

Calne Town Council Update – 18 February 2025



Cllr Rosanna Sunshine was co-opted to the vacancy in the Central Ward as a Town Council on 27 January. Cllr Sunshine can be contacted via email cllr.sunshine@calne.gov.uk

The Annual Parish meeting for Calne takes place on 14 March 2025. The Calne Civic Awards follow the meeting and nominations are welcomed by visiting www.calne.gov.uk/grants-and-awards/ (will remain open until after the Area Board meeting – poster attached)

On 9 December, Calne Town Council voted unanimously on to support a rise in the precept received from the Council Tax which is collected by Wiltshire Council with bills being sent out in March 2025. The current band D charge is £226.35 per year. This works out at £4.35 per week. The new band D charge will be £260.19 per year. This works out at £5 per week which is an increase of 65p per week on the current year.

The Calne Connection Newsletter is being delivered to homes across the town from 3 February 2025. We welcome feedback and content for future publications by contacting calne@calne.gov.uk

Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan 2 – referendum is taking place on Thursday 27 February 2025 - polls open between 7am – 10pm (poster attached)

Warm Spaces – we would like to thank the community volunteers for their support of Warm Spaces this winter. (poster attached).

Following the “12 Daves of Christmas” social media campaign the winning name of “Daves Chariot” was unveiled on 4 February.

JENNINGS FUNFAIR ALERT! Coming to Beversbrook Sports and Community Facility 15th - 22nd Feb open 1pm - 8pm

On Monday 27 January the Full Council approved the installation of a Solar Battery Storage system at [Beversbrook Sports and Community Facility - Calne Town Council](#).

On Monday 27 January [Calne Town Council](#) resolved to sign the Civility and Respect Pledge. By making the Pledge, the council is agreeing that the council will treat councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public, and representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their roles.

Calne Town Mayor - Cllr Jon Fisher histed a meeting on Monday 27 January at [Calne Town Hall](#) to discuss twinning, future plans, and form a new group. Interested in being part of a twinning group – email calne@calne.gov.uk or pop into Bank House, The Strand.

On 17 January, Calne Town Council highlighted International Mentoring Day.
On 20 December, Calne Town Mayor - Cllr Jon Fisher officially opened the new [Calne Banking Hub](#) alongside community requestor Michael Hudston.

Forthcoming meetings:

- Monday 3 March – Amenities and Facilities Committee 6pm
- Monday 10 March – Town and Community Matters Committee 6pm
- Wednesday 12 March - Planning, Licensing and Highways Consultative Committee
- Friday 14 March – Calne Annual Parish Meeting 6pm
- Wednesday 2 April - Planning, Licensing and Highways Consultative Committee
- Monday 24 March – Full Council 7pm
- Monday 14 April - Town and Community Matters Committee 6pm
- Wednesday 23 April - Planning, Licensing and Highways Consultative Committee 6pm
- Monday 12 May – Annual Meeting of the Town Council and Mayor Making

HAVE YOUR SAY USE YOUR VOTE

Referendum 27 February

Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan



Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan 2

BLACKLAND | BROADS GREEN | CALNE | CALSTONE | DERRY HILL | HIGH PENN |
LOWER COMPTON | MILE ELM | RATFORD | SANDY LANE | STOCKLEY | STUDLEY

Neighbourhood Plans set out planning policies for an area and can:

- Protect local green spaces.
- Encourage better designed places.
- Shape new development to meet local needs.
- Bring more funding to the local area for additional facilities.

They are written by the local community and, once adopted (or “made”), have to be consulted as part of the planning process.

Our Neighbourhood Plan was “made” in 2018. As plans become older, the weight they hold in planning decisions reduces, so they have to be reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

Calne Community’s Neighbourhood Plan has been revised by Calne Town Council, Calne Without Parish Council and community volunteers. It has been out to public consultation (thanks for all the feedback!).

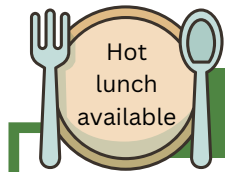
To view the plan, visit www.calnecommunityplan.com or scan the QR code.



To become effective, the plan now needs to be passed by a Referendum.

- If you have a postal vote send it back in good time.
- If voting in person, remember to take valid photo ID.

WARM SPACES



Monday

The Living Room

at the Baptist Church, Castle Street
10:30-14:00

Wednesday

Warm Space

at the Methodist Church, Silver Street
10:00-16:00

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Heart of the Community

at Colemans Farm, Angel Close
11:00-16:00



Monday

Friendly Space

at Bremhill View Clubhouse
09:30-11:30

Tuesday

Sports and Social Group

at Beversbrook Sports and Community Facility
SN11 9FL
13:00-14:00



Thursday

Coffee Morning

at Calne Free Church, Church Street
10:00-11:30



Monday - Saturday

Calne Library

Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday
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Agenda Item 9

Calne Environmental Forum notes/actions – Friday 6 December at 10.30am (online via Microsoft Teams)

1. Welcome and introductions – Cllr Robert MacNaughton (Chair)

Cllr Robert MacNaughton welcomed all present:

Tamzyn Long (River Warriors), Mille Strong (Public Protection Officer, WC), Rob Mercer (Calne TC), Sam Wright (Senior Engineer, WC), Connor Goddard (Head of Freshwater, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust), Jeremy Percy (Friends of Marden Valley), Celia Stevens (Sustainable Calne) and Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney (Calne TC and Calne Area Board, Chair).

2. Apologies

None received.

3. Presentation from Milly Strong (Public Protection Officer), Wiltshire Council on the Air Quality Sensor Project

Milly gave a presentation on AQ and her sensor project, please find slides attached. This was followed by a short Q&A session with Millie and Sam Wright, which covered:

Q. Is baseline AQ data being captured so that the impact of opening the high street can be monitored?

A. A number of sensors had been ordered to monitor AQ with reopening the high street. There is ongoing AQ monitoring in the area and new sensors have been ordered and will be installed as quickly as they can be (the timescale is at the mercy of manufacturing). They would be located on the edge of the carriageway. No monitoring was taking place at Phelps Parade, but a community concern was raised about this area and whether including Phelps Parade could be an option.

Action: Milly to email Connor as he was keen to be involved with the project.

Q. What is the WC position on wood burners?

A. DEFRA have a practical guide to open fires and wood burning stoves:

[Open fires and wood-burning stoves - a practical guide](#)

There is no official WC position, but messaging is around best certified products and fuel.

Q. Is there an AQ project around indoor pollution?

A. Millie's work focuses only on outdoor AQ currently.

4. Update from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust on their field run-off project in the Calne area

Connor Goddard gave an update on the Wiltshire rural run-off project, please find slides attached. This was followed by a Q&A session, which included:

Q. Which farms are involved in the Calne/Bremhill area?

A. The plan is to involve at least one farm in the community area, but Connor didn't have the named farm. This was flexible so the project could work with more than one farm potentially. A discussion was held around timescales of the project, please discuss with Connor if further information is needed.

Q. A question was raised around water quality in the community area?

A. The River Hub website has data for river health which you can explore: [RiverHub: River health dashboard](#)

5. Localised Flooding – flash flood on 23 September 2024

Cllr Robert MacNaughton spoke about the very localised flooding which had taken place in Calne on 23 September 2024. Cllr MacNaughton updated on the water rushing into Abberd Brook and into the town, forcing back the Marden River and leading to the back up of sewage/flooding into residential properties. Mill St and Horsebrook have been flooded twice this year. Wessex Water had been to remove debris and during the most recent rainstorm there seemed to be less flooding.

6. Plans for the Calne River Festival – 22nd March 2024

Please note the date, all welcome.

7. Group updates, future projects and ideas – all

Bees, Eels and the Brook

Bees – there were 257 species of bee and 255 were in decline 😞 Friends of Marden Valley were tracking otter populations and they were getting more sightings in town. Eels – engaged with sustainable eel group who were focused on reintroducing eels since species numbers had dropped dramatically. Early next year there would be a delivery of elvers. In advance of this, the group had paid for two environmental EDNA surveys – one project on eels specifically (which showed no presence) and the second being a more generic study of invertebrates to act as a baseline for future work. In many respects the river was quite healthy and this did show up an eel presence.

River Warriors – there had been a water vole study a few years ago and there is a presence of wv at Abberd Brook. Through the school holiday they did litter picking and have wreath making coming up. At the pocket park they held sessions, e.g. about what went in the drains. Had created orchard and been bulb planting.

8. AOB

Action: Sam Wright would investigate any suggestions to improve his project and road safety, e.g. zebra crossings were discussed – he would take this back and look at this.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 19 February at 9.30am.

Wiltshire Council

Calne Area Board

18 February 2025

Calne Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Calne Area Board. These could include:
 - community area grants
 - youth grants
 - older and vulnerable people grants
 - area board initiatives
2. To document any recommendations provided through sub-groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2024-25	£ 20,871.00	£ 17,843.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 15,368.12	£ 6,250.00	£ 6,617.75
Current Balance	£ 5,502.88	£ 11,593.00	£ 1,082.25
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 4,252.88	£ - 2,088.00	£ 682.25

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG2239	Area Board Initiative	Area Board Initiative	Calne River Festival	£2000.00	£1000.00
<p>Project Summary: Calne is hosting another river festival but this time it will be bigger. I have arranged for Calne to be part of the Watermark Town programme. The river day will be turned into a launch event for the programme of activities covering the rest of the year.</p>					
ABG2248	Area Board Initiative	Area Board Initiative	Teen Takeover	£2000.00	£1000.00
<p>Project Summary: Building on the success of the 2024 Teen Takeover in Chippenham, this project seeks to bring the energy and innovation of this initiative to Calne in October 2025. Teen Takeover is a proven model for empowering young people and fostering community engagement. This project will adapt the core principles of Teen Takeover to create a Calne-specific event that provides a platform for youth in our town.</p>					

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG2095	Community Area Grant	Goatacre Cricket Club	Goatacre Cricket Club replacement of 36 years old outfield mower	£6748.00	£1250.00
<p>Project Summary: For a cricket club an outfield mower is essential due to the size of the playing area and the quality of turf required to play safely. Our current mower was purchased in the mid to late 1980's and in spite of being repaired on numerous occasions has served us well. But due to the fact that it has finally broken down with no more spare parts available, we need to replace it. We would like to replace it with a good used triple mower and a small cheaper ride on mower to collect the leaves from the many trees surrounding the ground, our old mower both cut and collected grass and leaves. With a new mower costing between £35000 and £60000 we hope to source a used machine in good condition, for between £8000 and £12000, along with a basic collector mower for under £1000.</p>					
ABG2109	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Community Care User Involvement Network known as WSUN	Administration support for Calne Health social care and Wellbeing meetings	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: WSUN would provide administrative support for 4x Health Social care and Wellbeing meetings. These will be face to face. We will provide support to the Chair of each meeting, this will include preparation of agendas, circulation to members, and minute taking.</p> <p>*Approved via Delegated Authority</p>					
ABG2106	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Community Care User Involvement Network known as WSUN	Administration support for Calne Voices	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: WSUN would provide administrative support for 4x Calne Voices Meetings. These will face to face. We will provide support to the Chair of each meeting, this will include preparation of agendas, circulation to members, and minute taking.</p> <p>*Approved via Delegated Authority</p>					
ABG2225	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Calne Forget me not Club	Calne Forget me not Club Running Expenses	£1170.00	£400.00
<p>Project Summary: We are a friendship club for people with Memory Loss and their Carers. We do not charge a membership fee as we do not want this to be a barrier for anyone coming and rely entirely on donations to pay for hall rental, insurance, refreshments and activities. The club is run by volunteers.</p>					

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG2142	Youth Grant	1 st Calne Scout Group	Calne Scout Hall 2025 Refurbishment Project	£4914.00	£2457.00
<p>Project Summary: Calne Scout Hall located in Quarr Barton was last decorated 11 years ago, and further works are required to make sure that as a regular meeting place for the Scout Group and other users it is a safe and compliant place to use. Installation of additional electricity sockets around various parts of the Scout Hall to improve accessibility and safety in the case of the Scout Leaders Office (known as the Redman Room) where existing sockets are overloaded. Introduction of necessary steps to be compliant with at least 2005 Fire Safety Order with additional fire safety arrangements being introduced to the hall. Such as installing cable linked smoke detectors. Painting & decorating of the hall to create a more appropriate decorative appearance which will not only provide a brighter and cleaner feel but, funding permitting, introduce the theme of Scouting in Calne with an appropriate mural.</p>					
ABG2176	Youth Grant	The RISE trust Youth	Calne youth space consultation	£30000.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: The project is to produce a report seeking the views of young people and the local community of a purpose space to host youth work to Calne young people. By seeking wider views via an organisation who will create and produce reports. Our youth workers will offer sessions to engage with Calne young people at schools and also extend outreach/street-based youth work to reach young people in key spots around the time early evening and attending spring events to engage with residents. The funding is will also be used to ensure the marketing can reach young people in KGA.</p>					
ABG2227	Youth Grant	Community Splash First	Splash Positive Activity Days	£6230.00	£3000.00
<p>Project Summary: Splash is an early, voluntary youth intervention that supports young people facing challenges in their lives. Through action planning, 1:1 support and small group positive activities (online and face to face) we aim to empower young people through confidence & skill development. Through peer support we facilitate the development of positive behaviours, positive friendships & a desire to accept, value & respect each other thus reducing bullying. Working with high adult ratios (min 3:12) we are able to provide the supervision required to manage behaviours whilst encouraging, supporting, celebrating & praising our beneficiaries.</p>					
ABG2252	Youth Grant	Calne Town Council	Calne Skate series	£2448.00	£1224.00
<p>Project Summary: Calne Town Council and ATB Shop would like to offer once again a 6X 3hour events at "Calne skate park" ATB Shop would run an event 2-5pm for the three-hour event; ATB Shop will be playing music and commentating off their PA system to give the event some real energy. This will enable spectators to follow the event, and also encourage the riders to take part. During the event, ATB Shop will be helping with skateboard and scooter tuition. Anything from entry level - up to pro training. No gear, no issue. ATB Shop will also be providing lots of free scooters, helmets and skateboards for everyone to use. These scooters would be for adults and juniors to use. Everyone will be welcome to take part in our event regardless of age or gender. ATB Shop will also be playing games and competitions over the 3 hours for scooter riders and skateboarders. We will be handing out loads of prizes, give a ways and goodies in competitions and throw outs to keep everyone excited for the day. Lots of children took up new sports such as skateboarding and scooting after our events which has led to children becoming more healthy and active. ATB Shop has also found that these events have cut the crime rate and anti-social behaviour down in these areas. The list goes on as to why these events were so important for</p>					

health and mentality. All our staff are all DBS checked and have taken part in child protection courses. Our events are all fully insured.

Background

3. Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council's website.
4. Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:
 - Community Area Grants (capital)
 - Youth Grants (revenue)
 - Older and Vulnerable People Grants (revenue)
5. The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

Main Considerations

6. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young person's funding guidelines have been adhered to.
7. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
8. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub-groups of the Area Boards.

Safeguarding Implications

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

Public Health Implications

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

Environmental & Climate Change Implications

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

Financial Implications

12. Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

Legal Implications

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

Workforce Implications

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

Equalities Implications

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

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

Proposals

17. To consider and determine the applications for grant funding.
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

Additional information:

[Area Board Grants - Wiltshire Council](#)

[Area Board Funding and Grants criteria.pdf](#)

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	Item	Update	Actions and Recommendations	Who
	Calne LHFIG – Notes of meeting held on 31st January 2025 at 10:00 hrs, Harris Room, Calne Library			
1.	Attendees and apologies			
Page 97	Attendees:	Cllr Ashley O’Neill – Chair Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney Celia Stevens – Calne Town Council Rod Lloyd Davies – Compton Bassett Parish Council Kim Stuckey – Bremhill Parish Council Andrew Sadler-Smith – Cherhill Parish Council Dave Denny – Heddington Parish Council Jeff Files – Himarton & Goatacre Parish Council Ioan Rees – Calne Without Parish Council Rebecca Chivers – Area Highway Engineer Mark Stansby – Principal Traffic Engineer	To note	AB
	Apologies:	None.		
2.	Notes of last meeting			
		The notes of the previous LHFIG meeting held on 1 st November were presented to the Area Board on 12 th November 2024, passing all recommendations.	To note	All

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3.	Financial Position			
		The current balance for this year, less previous commitments is -£6577.11 (see Appendix 1), but includes £10,000 allocated towards bids for Substantive Highway Schemes Funding. If successful, the £10,000 will be billed during the following financial year.	Area Board to note.	AB

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	Item	Funding allocated Yes / No	Update	Actions and Recommendations	Who
4.	Priority Schemes				
a)	3-22-1 A4 between Forest Gate and Black Dog – request for simultaneous traffic surveys	Yes	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>Work has been completed with final costs confirmed at £12,737.70. This is an overspend of £237.70.</p> <p>Parish contribution was agreed at 30% of actual spend, a sum of £3,821.31</p>	Highways to issue invoice	Highways
b)	3-22-2 Derry Hill / Studley – Request to provide a suitable shared use path between Studley and Derry Hill and a link to National Cycle route NCR 403.	Yes	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>Since the last meeting, the Parish Council agreed to raise their contribution to £16,488 towards a bid for Substantive Highways Scheme funding. With the LHFIG allocating £5,000, the bid now stands at £50,137.45.</p> <p>Results of the bidding process are anticipated towards the end of February / beginning of March.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
c)	3-23-3 Foxham village – request for a speed limit review	Yes	<p>Issue submitted by Bremhill Parish Council</p> <p>Work has been completed but bills are awaited from the contractor.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
d)	3-23-5 Calne – request for Parking Review (various sites)	Yes	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Request to undertake parking reviews at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Station Road • Shelburne Road (junctions of Churchill Close & Brewers Lane) 	Highways to draft report for Cabinet Member consideration.	Highways

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dakota Drive • Harris Road (Calne Business Centre) • Stanier Road • Castlefields • Woodhill Avenue • Horsebrook Park • Stockley Lane to The Croft • Anchor Road (entrance to Bentley Grove) • Thomas Court • Lake View <p>Following public consultation, numerous comments have been received, including approximately 20 objections. Comments are to be considered in a Cabinet Member report.</p>		
e)	3-23-8 A342 Sandy Lane – request for village gates and warning signs	Yes	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>Work has now been completed and an interim bill for £1,100.43 has been received.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
f)	3-23-11 Derry Hill Church Road and Studley Lane – request for Traffic Management (calming) measures.	Yes	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>The bill for the Topo Surveys has been received and was on-budget at £3,950. An invoice has been issued to the Parish for their 30% contribution, a sum of £1,185.00.</p> <p>Since the last meeting, the Parish Council agreed to raise their contribution to £25,679 towards a bid for Substantive Highways Scheme funding, plus a further £5,000 has been secured from the develop of the Post Office site. With the LHFIG allocating £5,000, the bid now stands at £25,678.94.</p> <p>Results of the bidding process are anticipated towards the end of February / beginning of March.</p>	Area Board to note	AB

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g)	<p>Issue 3-23-12 Studley Village – Request for a 20 mph Zone and Traffic Management (calming) measures.</p>	Yes	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>Parish request the introduction of a 20 mph Zone (village is currently subject to the National Speed Limit) and also request measures detailed in their Road Safety Feasibility Study.</p> <p>The speed limit assessment has been completed at a cost of £2,900 and an invoice has been issued to the Parish for their 30% contribution, a sum of £870.</p> <p>Proposals are currently out to public consultation with comments invited until 17th February.</p>	Area Board to note.	AB
h)	<p>3-22-20 A4 Cherhill (various roads) – request for drop kerbs</p>	Yes	<p>Issue submitted by Cherhill & Yatesbury Parish Council</p> <p>An invoice has been issued to the Parish Council for their contribution, a sum of £4,220.46.</p>	To recommend to the Area Board that this issue is closed.	Chair
i)	<p>3-22-25 Calne Quarr Barton – upgrade of road surface to enable better access for wheel chair users</p>	Yes	<p>Issue submitted by Cllr Trotman and Calne Town Council</p> <p>Work to upgrade the surface would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weed treatment (completed) • Sweep and removal of detritus • Some patching • Provisin of 25mm covering to form new top surface <p>The estimate to undertake this work has risen to £13,000. The LHFIG has committed £7,000 to this project and the Town Council has agreed to fund the remaining £6,000 and at their request, an invoice has been issued.</p> <p>The work is to take place within the next 2 months, subject to favourable weather conditions.</p>	<p>Highways to undertake work</p> <p><i>Post meeting update – work scheduled to commence on 11/02/25</i></p>	Highways

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j)	3-23-16 Tytherton Lucas – request for horse and rider signs to be added to the village nameplates	Yes	Issue submitted by Bremhill Parish Council An invoice has been issued to the Parish Council for their contribution, a sum of £143.69.	To recommend to the Area Board that this issue is closed.	Chair
k)	3-23-18 Various sites, Calne Without Parish – request for posts / ground sockets to enable SID deployment at 5 locations	Yes	Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council An order has been placed to undertake installation but installation has been delayed.	Highways to monitor progress of the contractor.	Highways
l)	3-23-22 Stockley, Broads Green & Heddington – request for speed limit review	Yes	Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council Request includes for the introduction of 40 mph buffer speed limits and extensions to current 30 mph restrictions. Whilst accepting that a review is unlikely to recommend all of the desired changes, both Calne Without and Heddington Parish Councils were content for a formal review to go ahead. Highways has instructed their consultants accordingly and we await the outcome.	Area Board to note	AB
m)	3-23-23 Various sites, Bremhill Parish - request for posts / ground sockets to enable SID deployment at 3 locations	Yes	Issue submitted by Bremhill Parish Council An invoice has been issued to the Parish Council for their contribution, a sum of £300.13.	To recommend to the Area Board that this issue is closed.	Chair

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n)	3-24-05 A4 and A342 – request for Deer Warning Signs.	Yes	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>An Order has been placed to install 4 new signs with installation anticipated towards the end of January. Work has been delayed by the contractor.</p>	Highways to monitor progress	Highways
o)	3-24-06 Calne Sandpit Road – request for SID Infrastructure	Yes	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Work has been completed and we await the bill from the contractor.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
p)	3-24-12 Compton Bassett Village – request for posts and sockets to enable SID deployment and use of Auto Speedwatch device	Yes	<p>Issue submitted by Compton Bassett Parish Council</p> <p>Wiltshire Council does not permit the installation of posts for the deployment of ASWs and the Parish should seek to use existing street furniture or place the device on private land.</p> <p>The Parish confirmed that the request was for 2 posts and ground sockets for SID deployment.</p> <p>Work has been completed and we await the bill from the contractor.</p>	Area Board to note	AB

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5.	New Requests and ongoing Issues			
a)	<p>3-22-15 Calne Greenacres Way Bypass / Beversbrook Sports Facility – request for bus service and infrastructure</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>With the original request for a bus stop lay-by on the North side of the A3102 being ruled out, discussions have been held with the Passenger Transport Unit (PTU), to consider a new bus stop on Stanier Road, close to the lodge.</p> <p>PTU are not against this idea, and have advised that there are now both clockwise and anti-clockwise routes serving the town, which could potentially mean a service to the sports facility in either direction.</p> <p>Further exploratory work is required to bring a more definitive proposal to the table.</p>	<p>Highways to develop a proposal for consideration.</p>	<p>Highways</p>
b)	<p>3-22-24 A4 Curzon Street Calne – request for Traffic Calming Zone and / or part time 20 mph limit during school journey times</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Springfield Academy has raised concerns about road safety by the school on the A4.</p> <p>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. 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.</p> <p>In December, a meeting was held with the school with Councillors, Highway Officers and the Police in attendance, to discuss queuing issues on the A4, caused by school traffic waiting to access the site both in the morning and afternoon school travel periods. The issue of queueing is being</p>	<p>To recommend to the Area Board that this issue is closed.</p>	<p>Chair</p>

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		<p>monitored by the Passenger Transport team with assistance from the Police.</p> <p>The Headteacher was asked about the issue of “speeding”, but she did not recognise this as a problem, as the site is secured during the school day.</p>		
c)	3-23-15 A3102 Goatacre The Green – request for a Road Safety Review	<p>Issue submitted by Hilmarton Parish Council</p> <p>Highways have met with the Parish to discuss their concerns, which include speeding, the frequency of collisions by The Green and the reduced height of the kerb adjacent to the cottages, also at The Green.</p> <p>Highways can confirm that Goatacre remains on the list for consideration as part of the A3102 Safety Study and upgrades to signing, road markings and kerb provisions are to be looked at in detail.</p> <p>Issue to remain on LHFIG agenda whilst the study progresses.</p>	Area Board to note.	AB
d)	3-24-03 A4 junction with A3102 at White Hart – request for safer crossing points for cyclists and pedestrians.	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>At the last meeting, it was agreed that Highways consider improvements to the crossing point on the SE leg of the junction, A4 London Road.</p> <p>An outline design is included as Appendix 3 and our ball park estimate currently stands at £35,000. To proceed we will need to undertake a Topo survey estimated at £2,000.</p>	Town Council to confirm their support for this scheme and report back at the next meeting.	Town Council

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e)	<p>3-24-07 Blackland (Crossroads to Stockley Lane) – request for a speed limit review and / or a signing review</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>The DfT has suggested that for the purposes of defining a village suitable for a 30 mph speed limit, there should be 20 plus houses over a length of 600m, which could be shortened to 400m if the density of development is met. In this instance there are 10 properties over a distance of approximately 1100m and so a 30 mph limit would not be appropriate. A recent traffic survey commissioned by the Parish revealed that nearly all vehicles were travelling at less than 40 mph.</p> <p>A site meeting has been held and the Parish are content to no longer pursue a speed limit review.</p> <p>Instead, the Parish wish to see warning signs, new village nameplates and SLOW markings painted. A ball park estimate to undertake this work is £2,000.</p>	<p>Parish Council to confirm their contribution.</p>	<p>Parish Council</p>
f)	<p>3-24-09 Calne Prince Charles Drive / Davy Drive and road junctions in this area – request for safety review</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Location is where the new road joins Price Charles Drive, what was a closed turning head.</p> <p>A site meeting has been held and it was agreed that Give Way markings should be introduced at the junction of Prince Charles Drive and Highgrove Close. A ball park estimate to undertake this work is around £750 with the Town Council confirming their 30% contribution.</p> <p>Additionally, this location should be added to the Town Council's list of sites for a parking review, to maintain visibility splays and access.</p>	<p>To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is added to the Priority Schemes list for 25/26 and to allocate a sum of £525.00.</p>	<p>Chair</p>

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<p>g)</p>	<p>3-24-10 Calne The Pippin – Vehicles ignoring the No Entry signs at the Bus Gate</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Cllr Ian Thorn and Calne Town Council</p> <p>The Bus Gate is redundant as buses can no longer use this route due to their size. It has been suggested that the No entry is replaced by a Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Order (both directions) as this would enable access for cyclists and pedestrians. Bollards could be placed to stop 4 wheeled vehicles.</p> <p>Cllr Thorn has discussed the placing of bollards with the local fire & rescue service and they asked if bollards could be secured using a combination lock as crews from outside the town might also require access and the handing over of keys would not be practicable.</p> <p>Highways have investigated this issue and propose the fitting of collapsable bollards as an alternative, which could be driven over without causing damage to a tender.</p> <p>An outline drawing (Appendix 2) showing the proposal was presented at the previous meeting and the estimated cost to undertake this work, inclusive of legal fees and a 20% contingency is £9,561.07. The Town Council has confirmed their contribution of up to £2,868.32, (30%).</p> <p>Item was deferred until the next meeting due to insufficient funds.</p>	<p>Area Board to note.</p>	<p>AB</p>
<p>h)</p>	<p>3-24-11 A4 Junction of Calstone Road – concerns over visibility to the right when exiting the junction</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>The Parish has suggested the following solutions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Removal of private hedge under Section 79 of the Highways act. 	<p>Parish Council to confirm their 30% contribution to undertake a speed limit review.</p> <p>Highways to prepare a road marking drawing and cost estimate for future consideration.</p>	<p>Parish Council</p> <p>Highways</p>

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		<p>2. Re-align the road lanes to enable the give way line to be pulled forward by approximately 0.5m.</p> <p>3. Undertake a speed limit review</p> <p>A check of the Personal Injury Collisions database shows no incidents at this location within the most recent 6 year period, up to 30/09/24.</p> <p>A site meeting has been held with the Parish Council. Neither the Parish or Highways have an appetite to pursue a Section 79 notice, but some vegetation clearance over the highway on the eastern side of the junction would be beneficial.</p> <p>Officers did not recommend a speed limit review, citing insufficient frontage development for a 40 mph limit, but the group wished to take this forward. Reviews are charged at £3,100.</p> <p>There is scope to re-align the road lanes, but the value of doing this before the road is next resurfaced is questionable.</p>		
i)	3-24-14 Foxham – request for 2 ground sockets to enable SID deployment	<p>Issue submitted by Bremhill Parish Council</p> <p>The speed limits have only recently been altered and evidence is required to demonstrate a speeding issue before SIDs can be deployed.</p> <p>The Parish Council were tasked to arrange for a traffic survey and will approach the “Lyneham Banks” team to obtain data.</p>	Parish to gather speed data	Parish Council
j)	3-24-17 A4 Chilvester Hill – requests for traffic calming measures as a result of the ongoing Housing development	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>The Parish has suggested the following solutions:</p>	Area Board to note.	AB

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A prohibition of right turn into the new estate 2. Traffic Calming measures such as white gates to enhance the 40 mph speedlimit. <p>Highways has considered the issue and offer the following ball park estimates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A prohibition of right turn - £8,000 inclusive of legal fees 2. A pair of white gates - £2,900. <p>Item was deferred until the next meeting due to insufficient funds and to allow time for monitoring.</p>		
k)	3-24-19 A4 Chilvester Hill – request for 2 x two bay bus shelters	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>Temporary Traffic Management will be required to undertake installation, which should take up to two days to complete, under restricted working hours of 09:30 to 15:30.</p> <p>Our estimate to remove the bus stop flag signs and erect these on the new shelter, plus provision of two way temporary signals is £625.68. The Parish had obtained a quote from “Wiltshire Council’s bus shelter contractor” at £10, 486, in November, although this may need revising?</p> <p>The anticipated combined cost is £11,100.00.</p> <p>Following a discussion the Parish no longer wished to pursue this matter.</p>	To recommend to the Area Board that this issue is closed.	Chair
l)	3-24-21 Cherhill, Middle Lane – request for access protection markings	<p>New Issue submitted by Cherhill Parish Council</p> <p>Inconsiderate parking at school run time.</p>	Highways to arrange a site meeting with the Parish Council	Highways

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m)	3-24-22 Heddington Church Road – request for access protection markings	<p>New Issue submitted by Heddington parish Council</p> <p>Inconsiderate parking by those attending events at village hall and / or the church.</p>	Highways to arrange a site meeting with the Parish Council	Highways
n)	3-24-23 Calne Anchor Road area – HGV issues	<p>New Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Issue of HGVs entering the area to try to access the Hills site at Sands Farm, via Low Lane.</p>	<p>Highways to consider signing improvements.</p> <p>Parish representatives to discuss the issue with Hills at the next working group meeting.</p>	<p>Highways</p> <p>Parish reps</p>
o)	3-24-24 Calne School Road – request for Zebra Crossing	<p>New Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Request to upgrade an advisory crossing point with central refuge to a Zebra Crossing.</p> <p>Pedestrian Crossing Assessemnts are charged at a fixed fee of £3,000. The cost to design and construct a Zebra Crossing is between £28,000 and £43,000.</p>	<p>Highways to visit the site to make an initial assessment, consider the collision history and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>Highways to also consider the crossing points at roundabout of School Road and Lickhill Road.</p>	Highways
p)	3-24-25 C50 Blackland Crossroads – concerns about road safety	<p>New Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>Request is to control issues of “speeding” and use by Heavy Lorries. This rural route is used by Hills and other operators but avoids built up areas. It is unlikely to qualify for a lower speed limit due to its rural setting.</p> <p>Highways have met with the Parish Council on site to consider potential options It was observed that the road surface on the Calstone leg requires sweeping and the carriageway surface is starting to fail. The Parish are to report these issues via the MyWilts App. It was agreed that the signing on the C50 could be reviewed, with the support of the LHFIG.</p>	Highways to consider signing improvements and prepare an estimate for consideration at the next meeting.	Highways

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q)	3-24-26 Old Derry Hill – request for white gates and village nameplate to contain speeds	New issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council Request is for 3 pairs of white gates and one village nameplate. A ball park estimate is in the region of £7,000.	Highways to consider improvements and prepare an estimate for consideration at the next meeting.	Highways
r)	3-24-27 Compton Bassett Village – request for white gates at each end of village	New Issue submitted by Compton Bassett Parish Council Request is for 2 pairs of gates. A ball park estimate is in the region of £5,000.	Highways to arrange a site meeting with the Parish Council	Highways
s)	3-24-28 Cherhill vicinity of Black Horse Pub – request for Bus Stop Flags	New Issue submitted by Cherhill Parish Council Request is for 2 x posts and flags to mark east and westbound bus stops.	Highways to discuss with Passenger Transport Team and report back at the next meeting.	Highways
6.	Other items			
a)	Sustrans Route 403 - Calne to Avebury	Please see update from the working party included as Appendix 4.	To note	All
b)	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. A dedicated webpage is available to update on this project. From the Wiltshire Council homepage go to Services, Highways and then Highways Improvements. Here is the link: Highways improvements - Wiltshire Council	To note	All

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c)	Deadline for submitting LHFIG Requests.	<p>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.</p> <p>Highway Improvement Request forms should be sent to our dedicated mailbox, LHFIGrequests@wiltshire.gov.uk</p> <p>The deadline for our next meeting is 2 May 2025.</p>	To note	All
8.	<p>Dates of future meetings:</p> <p>Friday 16 May, Friday 18 July, Friday 10 October and Thursday 15 January 2026 (commencing at 13:30 hrs).</p> <p>All meetings to be held at the Harris Room, Calne Library, commencing at 10:00 hrs unless stated otherwise.</p>			

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Highways Traffic Officer – Mark Stansby

Area Highway Engineer – Becky Chivers

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 3rd party contributions are confirmed, Calne Area Board will have a remaining Highways funding balance of **-£7,030.80** (includes £10,000 set aside

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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 add the following Issues to the Priority Schemes List with funding:

3-24-09 Calne prince Charles Drive / Highgrove Give Way Markings £525.00

7.2 To close the following Issues:

3-22-20 Cherhill Drop kerbs, 3-23-16 Tytherton Lucas Horse warning Signs, 3-23-23 Bremhill SID Posts, 3-22-24 A4 Calne (Springfield Academy) speeding and 3-24-19 A4 Chilvester Hill Bus shelters

Calne LHFIFG expenditure 2024 / 25 as of 23/01/25

Budget £24,930 + £42,925.44 c/fwd = £67,855.44

Scheme	Estimate	LHFIFG Commitment	Expenditure	Projected Spend
Calne Bremhill View – drop kerbs, hedge clearing	£6,000.00 (ball park)	£4,200.00	£2,805.94 Final	£2,805.94
A4 Studley Speed Limit Implementation	£12,500.00 (ball park)	£8,750.00	£12,737.70 Final	£12,737.70
A4 Cherhill Drop Kerbs	£13,809.03	£9,666.32	£14,068.21 Final	£14,068.21
Quarr Barton Footway Improvements	£13,000.00	£7,000.00	£0,000.00	£13,000.00
Foxham Speed Limit Implementation	£14,000.00 (ball park)	£9,800.00	£2,500.00 Interim	£12,000.00
A342 Sandy Lane Gates & Warning sign	£4,500.00 (ball park)	£3,150.00	£1,100.43 Interim	£4,500.00
Studley Village Speed Limit Review	£2,900.00	£2,030.00	£2,900.00 Final	£2,900.00
Hilmarton & Goatacre SID Posts	£1,500.00	£1,050.00	£1,439.42 Final	£1,439.42
Tytherton Lucas Horse Warning Signs	£1,000.00	£350.00	£978.94 Final	£978.94
Stockley & Broads Green Speed Limit Review	£2,900.00	£2,030.00	£0,000.00	£2,900.00
Calne Without Parish – SID infrastructure	£1,800.00 (ball park)	£1,260.00	£0,000.00	£1,800.00
Bremhill Parish – SID Infrastructure	£1,800.00 (ball park)	£1,260.00	£1,000.45 Final	£1,000.45
Calne Parking Review	£8,000.00 (ball park)	£5,600.00	£0,000.00	£8,000.00
Derry Hill & Studley Topo Surveys	£3,950.00	£2,765.00	£3,950.00 Final	£3,950.00
A4 & A342 Deer Warning Signs	£2,800.00 (ball park)	£1,960.00	£0,000.00	£2,800.00
Derry Hill Shared use path construction	£71,625.45	£5,000.00	£0,000.00	£71,625.45
Derry Hill Traffic Management construction	£61,357.94	£5,000.00	£0,000.00	£61,357.94
Studley 20 mph implementation	£9,000.00 (ball park)	£6,300.00	£0,000.00	£9,000.00
Calne Sandpit Road SID Infrastructure	£1,189.10	£832.73	£0,000.00	£1,189.10
Compton Bassett SID Infrastructure	£1,200.00 (ball park)	£840.00	£0,000.00	£1,200.00
Totals	234,831.52	£78,844.05	£43,481.09	£229,253.15

Budget £67,855.44

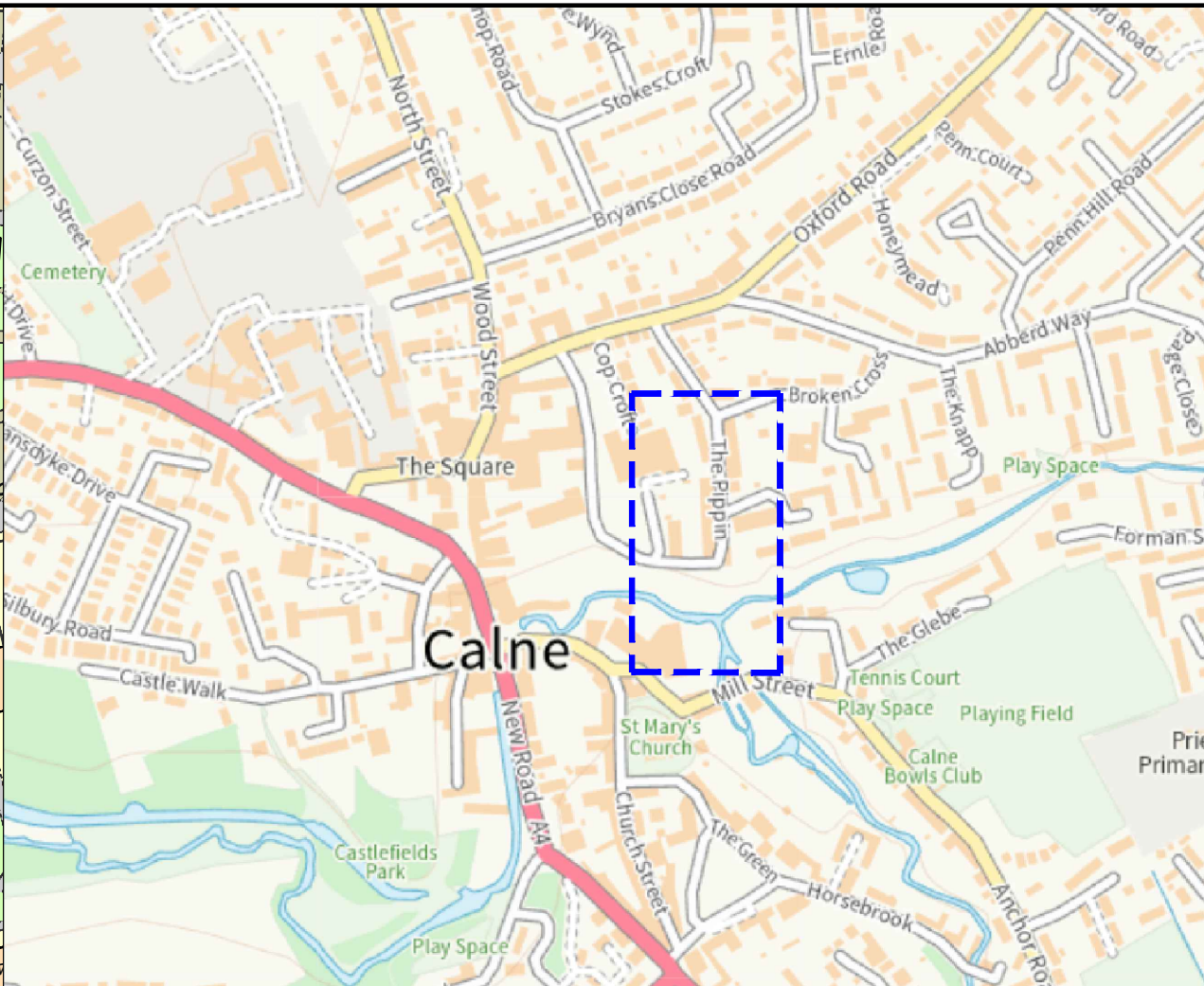
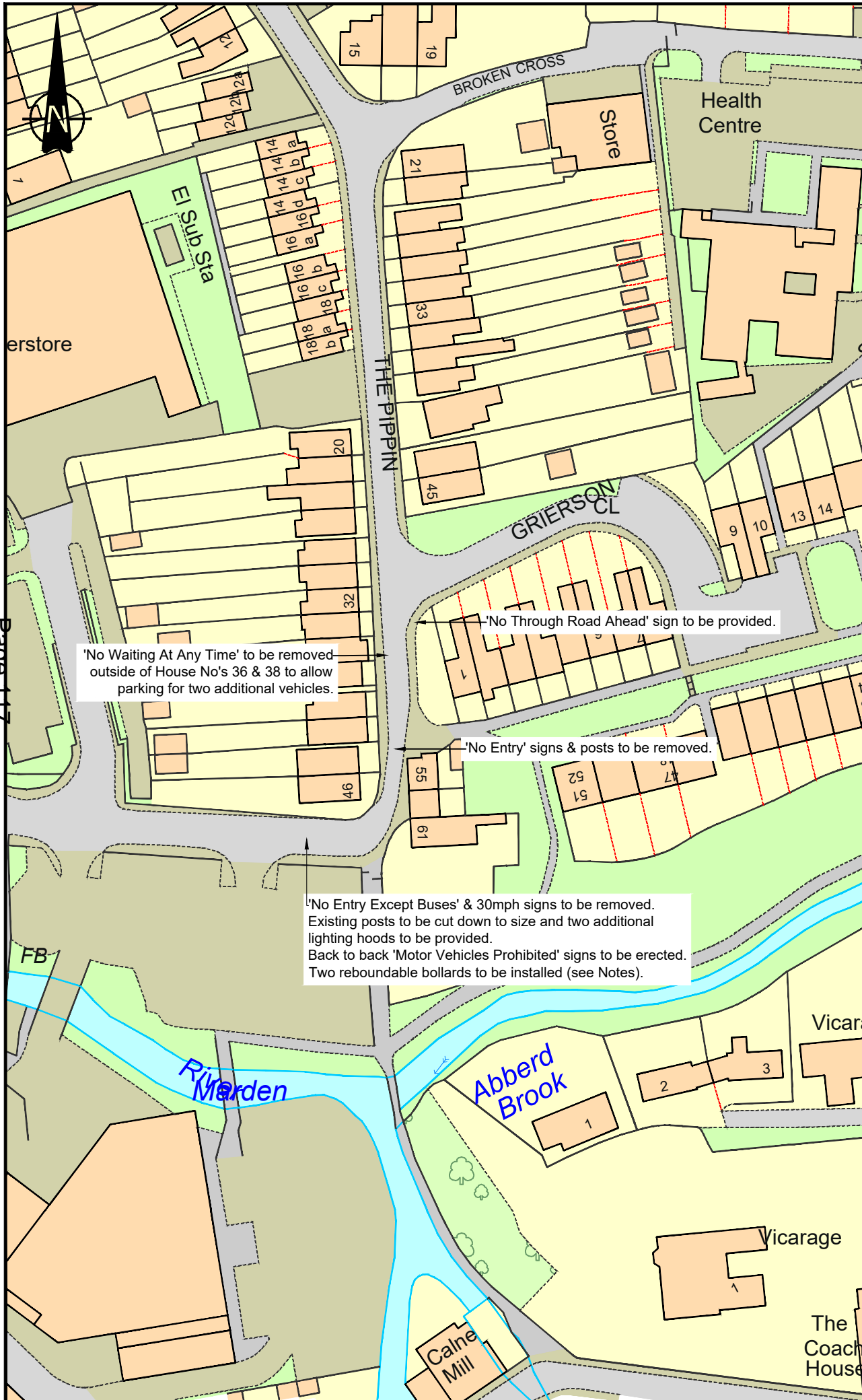
Projected Spend £229,253.15

Balance -£161,397.71

Plus Contributions (details below) £154,820.60

Current Balance -£6,577.11

Contributions		
Calne Bremhill View kerbs	£841.78	Calne Town Council – invoice issued.
A4 Studley Speed Limit	£3,750.00	Calne Without Parish council – to be invoiced upon completion.
A4 Cherill drop kerbs	£4,220.46	Cherhill Parish Council – invoice issued.
Quarr Barton Footway	£6,000.00	Calne Town Council – invoice issued.
Foxham Speed Limit Implement	£4,170.00	Bremhill Parish Council – to be invoiced upon completion
A342 Sandy Lane Gates & Signs	£1,350.00	Calne Without Parish Council – to be invoiced upon completion
Studley Village Speed Limit review	£870.00	Calne Without Parish Council – invoice issued
Hilmarton & Goatacre SID posts	£439.42	Highways Central Fund
Tytherton Lucas Horse signs	£500.00	Highways Central Fund
Tytherton Lucas Horse signs	£143.69	Bremhill Parish Council – invoice to be issued
Stockley & B. Green Speed review	£870.00	Calne Without Parish Council – to be invoiced upon completion
Calne Without SID Infrastructure	£540.00	Calne Without Parish Council – to be invoiced upon completion.
Bremhill Parish SID Infrastructure	£300.13	Bremhill Parish Council – invoice issued
Calne Parking Review	£2,400.00	Calne Town Council – to be invoiced upon completion
Derry Hill & Studley Topo Surveys	£1,185.00	Calne Without Parish Council – invoice issued
A4 & A342 Deer Warning Signs	£840.00	Calne Without Parish Council – to be invoiced upon completion
Derry Hill Shared use path	£16,488.00	Calne Without Parish Council – to be invoiced upon completion
Derry Hill Shared use path	£50,137.45	Substantive Schemes Fund – subject to a successful bid
Derry Hill Traffic Management build	£25,679.00	Calne Without Parish Council – to be invoiced upon completion
Derry hill Traffic Management build	£5,000.00	Developer contribution
Derry Hill Traffic Management build	£25,678.94	Substantive Schemes Fund – subject to a successful bid
Studley 20 mph speed install	£2,700.00	Calne Without Parish Council – to be invoiced upon completion
Calne Sandpit Road SID posts	£356.73	Calne Town Council – to be invoiced upon completion
Compton Bassett SID infrastructure	£360.00	Compton Bassett Parish Council – to be invoiced upon completion
Total contributions	£154,820.60	



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The Glasdon 'Neopolitan 150' Plastic Reboundable Bollard can be driven over by a Fire Engine or Ambulance, collapsing as intended and causing little to no damage to both vehicle and bollard. Available in black or white.

See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_pGUoYUm77s for demonstration video:



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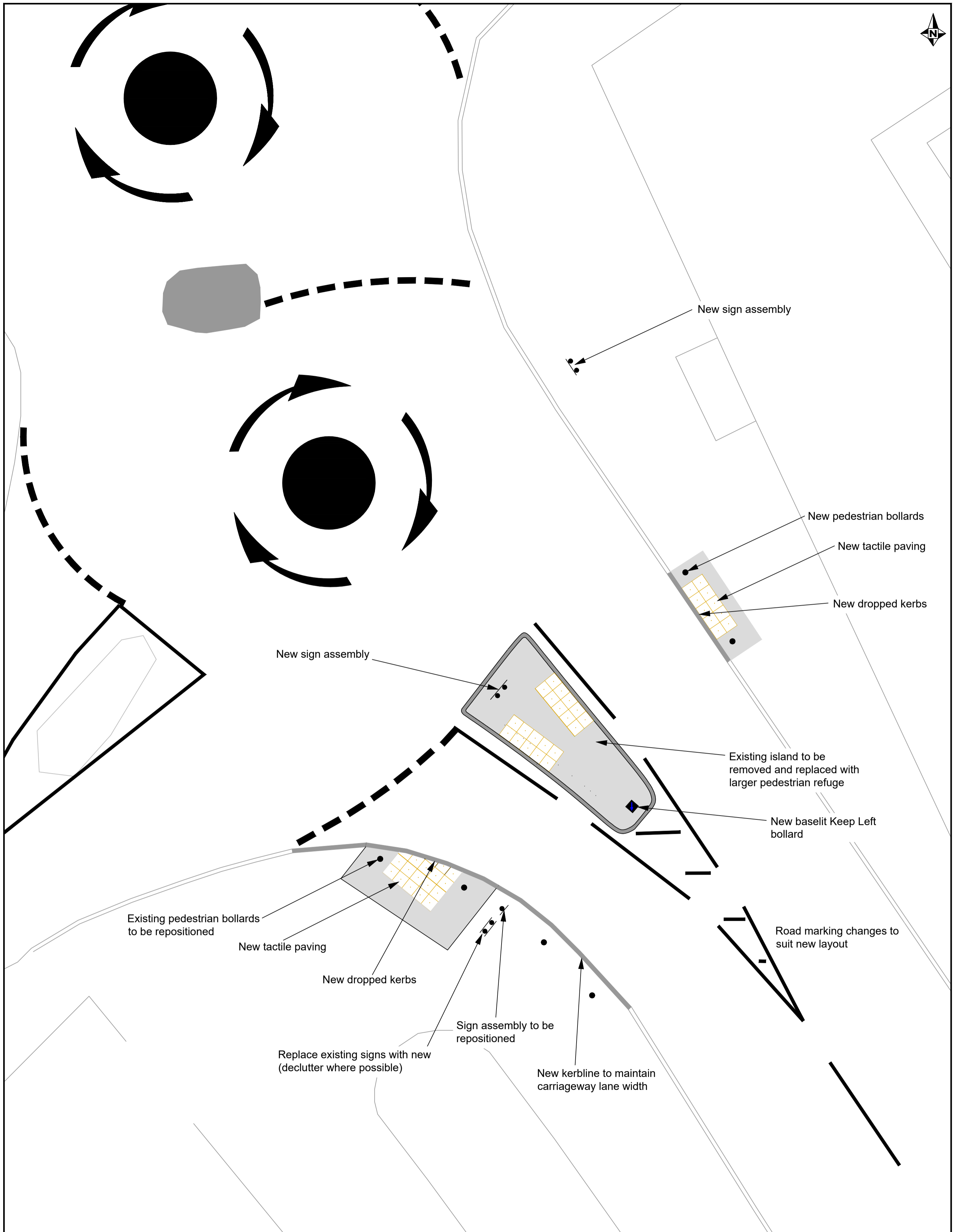
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PROJECT:
THE PIPPIN, CALNE
CONVERSION OF BUS GATE TO PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES ORDER

DRAWING TITLE:
LOCATION PLAN

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PROJECT: A4 Calne White Hart Pedestrian Improvements			
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Route 403 Cross Council Working Group Update to Calne Area LHFIG – January 2025

The Working Group was established in 2022 to “preserve and enhance the 403 Sustrans Route between Chippenham and Avebury as a multi-user route for active travel and leisure, well-being and commuting purposes, and to promote its use to, and care by, the local community.”

The Group comprises representatives from Calne Town Council, Calne Without Parish Council, Bremhill Parish Council, Cherhill Parish Council, Chippenham Town Council, Wiltshire Council’s Rights of Way Team, Sustrans, Sustainable Calne and Cycle Chippenham.

Progress since the previous update (July 24) includes:

- Plans have been developed to improve the worst section of track through the Hills site (near the sand conveyor) and a budget for materials has been approved by Calne Without Parish Council.
- Valencia Waste Management have submitted a planning application for a solar farm on the Sands Farm landfill site. This creates an opportunity to provide a shorter, better route between Low Lane and Marsh Lane. Representations have been made by Wiltshire Council’s Rights of Way team.
- Wiltshire Council’s Rights of Way team are reviewing the Council’s resurfacing programme to look for opportunities to obtain planings for surface improvements along the old railway line.
- Work has been completed to improve the accessibility of the cycleway between Chippenham and Calne, in response to a barrier audit undertaken by Sustrans. Two gates have been padlocked open and one removed with the permission of the landowners, creating an unobstructed route between the two towns.
- In addition, Chippenham Town Council have undertaken work to improve the accessibility of the gates into Castlefields Park.
- Artwork is now ready for an information board to go at suitable locations to promote the route to potential users. Town and Parish Councils are invited to make arrangements to procure and install physical boards. The artwork is also available as a web version.

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