

AGENDA

Meeting: Stonehenge Area Board
Place: Antrobus House, 39 Salisbury Rd, Amesbury, Salisbury SP4 7HH
Date: Thursday 27 February 2025
Time: 6.30 pm

Including the Parishes of: Amesbury, Berwick St James, Bulford, Durnford, Durrington, Enford, Figheldean, Fittleton cum Haxton, Great Wishford, Milston, Netheravon, Orcheston, Shrewton, South Newton, Stapleford, Tilshead, Wilsford cum Lake, Winterbourne Stoke, Woodford

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Cllr Robert Yuill, Amesbury South (Chairman)
Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Amesbury East and Bulford (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Avon Valley
Cllr Kevin Daley, Till Valley
Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Amesbury West
Cllr Graham Wright, Durrington

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Items to be considered	Time
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>To welcome those present to the meeting.</p> <p>1 Apologies for Absence</p> <p>To receive any apologies for the meeting</p> <p>2 Minutes (Pages 1 - 16)</p> <p>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2024.</p> <p>3 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p> <p><i>Note: Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling has declared for clarity and transparency that due to his role as Cabinet Member for Communities and Area Boards, he has made a personal decision to abstain from any votes for funding applications considered by the Stonehenge Area Board.</i></p> <p>4 Chairman's Updates</p> <p>The Chairman will give any updates or announcements.</p>	<p>6.30pm</p>
<p>5 Information items (Pages 17 - 64)</p> <p>The Board is asked to note the following Information items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community First • Wiltshire Council Information Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wiltshire Council Consultation Portal ○ Cost of Living update ○ Devolution to Wessex update ○ Elections update ○ Highways dashboard of completed defects and potholes reported and repaired 	<p>6.35pm</p>
<p>6 Open Floor - including updates from Partners and Town/Parish Councils (Pages 65 - 80)</p> <p>Open floor session with updates from partners, parishes and free flow discussion.</p> <p><u>Verbal Updates</u></p> <p>To receive any verbal updates from representatives, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Police – Inspector Gavin Brewster, Amesbury Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) 	<p>6.40pm</p>

- Town and Parish Councils – a chance for Town and Parish Councils to update
- Open Floor – a chance for attendees to ask questions of the Area Board.

Written Updates

The Board is asked to note the following written or online updates:

- Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) online update:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVJRnk705PM>

7	<p>Positive Activities for Young People</p> <p>To receive an update on youth work and activities in the Stonehenge Community Area.</p>	7.10pm
8	<p>Health & Wellbeing Group</p> <p>To receive an update on the Health and Wellbeing Group.</p>	7.20pm
9	<p>Stonehenge Area Board updates and reflection</p> <p>To receive an update on the following Area Board priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Engagement – Cllrs Graham Wright and Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling. <p>To receive updates from the following organisations who have previously received funding from the Area Board and the impact that this had:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Dwyer of God Unlimited (GUL) • Graham Audin of Community Transport South Wiltshire (CTSW) 	7.30pm
10	<p>Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) <i>(Pages 81 - 100)</i></p> <p>To note the minutes and consider any recommendations arising from the last LHFIG meeting held on 12 February 2025, as set out in the attached report.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-24-18 A345 Countess Road, Amesbury speed limit assessment £3,100 (LHFIG £2,325, ATC £775 TBC) • 1-24-15 Fittleton cum Haxton signing and road markings £5,500 (LHFIG £4,125, FHPC £1,375). <p>Further information on the LHFIG process can be found here.</p>	8.00pm

11 **Area Board Grants** (Pages 101 - 104)

8.10pm

To receive an update from Graeme Morrison (Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager) on grant funding awarded over the Area Board term.

To determine the applications for Area Board grant funding.

Remaining Budgets:

Community Area Grant	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable Grants
£23.22	£318.92	£996.87

Balance if all grants agreed in full:

Community Area Grant	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable Grants
-£626.78	£318.92	£496.87

Older & Vulnerable Grants:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG2232	Stonehenge Area Board Initiative, towards the Stonehenge Wellbeing Fair	£500.00

Youth Grants:

There are no youth grants to consider at this meeting.

Community Area Grants:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG2039	Enford Short Mat Bowls Club towards a replacement mat	£650.00

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

12 **Urgent Items**

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

Close and Future Dates

Future Meeting Dates (6.30pm to 8.30pm, unless otherwise stated):

- 20 May 2025 – Extraordinary meeting to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman, following the local authority elections on 1 May, to take place on the rising of Full Council at County Hall, Trowbridge
- 17 June 2025 – Pavilion Hall, 14 Recreation Road, Durrington, Salisbury, SP4 8HH
- 25 September 2025 - Phoenix Hall, High Street, Netheravon, Salisbury, SP4 9PJ
- 27 November 2025 – Shrewton Village Hall and Recreation Ground, The Hollow, Shrewton, SP3 4JY
- 19 February 2026 - Antrobus House, 39 Salisbury Rd, Amesbury, Salisbury SP4 7HH

For information on applying for a grant or grant application deadlines for these meetings, contact the Engagement and Partnerships Lead, karlene.jammeh@wiltshire.gov.uk

MINUTES

Meeting: Stonehenge Area Board
Place: Shrewton Village Hall and Recreation Ground, The Hollow,
Shrewton, SP3 4JY
Date: 28 November 2024
Start Time: 6.35 pm
Finish Time: 8.35 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Robert Yuill (Chairman), Cllr Mark Verbinen (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran and Cllr Graham Wright

Wiltshire Council Officers

Dominic Argar – Assistant Multimedia Officer
Tara Hunt – Senior Democratic Services Officer
Graeme Morrison – Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Acting Inspector Caroline Ralph
Wiltshire Police – Chief Constable Catherine Roper
MOD Boscombe Down – Kev Taylor
Durrington Town Council
Shrewton Parish Council
Figheldean Parish Council

Total in attendance: 30

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
36	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>No apologies for absence were received.</p>
37	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were presented for consideration, and it was,</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2024 as a true and correct record.</p>
38	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Monica Devendran declared an Other Registerable Interest (ORI) in agenda item 12, the Community Area Grants. In particular the grant from Amesbury Men’s Shed, as she was a patron for the group. As such she declared that she would not take part in the debate or the vote for that item, and would withdraw from the meeting in her capacity as a Cllr for that grant.</p> <p>Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling’s standing declaration of interest as noted on the agenda was confirmed. Due to his role as Cabinet Member for Communities and Area Boards, he had made a personal decision to abstain from any votes for funding applications considered by the Stonehenge Area Board.</p>
39	<p><u>Chairman's Updates</u></p> <p>The Chairman gave the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ‘Ask the Leader’ event would be taking place at Antrobus House in Amesbury on Monday 2 December from 6pm to 7.30pm. At these events people could ask questions directly of the Leader of Wiltshire Council on the issues that mattered to them and could share local concerns. Further details could be found at https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/residents-encouraged-to-ask-the-leader-at-event-in-amesbury. • The Chairman noted with sadness the passing of Cllr Graham Jenkins MBE, former Chairman of Bulford Parish Council. The Chairman gave condolences and sympathy to his family and friends. Cllr Mark Verbinnen stated that Cllr Jenkins was the Chairman of Bulford Parish Council until recently and had been very active in Bulford, he would be sadly missed. His funeral was very well attended, including by some Members of the Area Board and the Church was full.

40	<p><u>Information items</u></p> <p>The Chairman referred the meeting to the information items contained in the agenda pack and gave extra details on some items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community First updates (pages 41 – 53) – It was noted that Community First was a charity based in Devizes who supported people, places and communities across Wiltshire and Swindon. • Update from BSW Together (Integrated Care System) (pages 55 – 56) – It was explained that BSW Together stood for Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Together and was an integrated care system (ICS) made up of the NHS and local authority organisations working together. • Vaccine Confidence Training Sessions info (page 57) • Stonehenge & Avebury World Heritage Site (website link): https://www.stonehengeandaveburywhs.org/ • Wiltshire Council Information Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cost of Living update (pages 59 – 60) – Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling highlighted the Household Support Fund, which was administered by Wiltshire Council using money provided by central government and did a lot of good. In relation to the winter fuel payments which had now been stopped by the government, people were encouraged to get anyone they thought might be eligible for pension credit to apply for it. Anyone in receipt of pension credit would still receive the winter fuel payments. Furthermore, using some of the funds provided by central government, Wiltshire Council would identify about 1,000 people, who were 80 or over, with disabilities or health issues and a low income, in order to provide them with a payment of £300. These were likely some of the ones who should be in receipt of pension credit, which is why people were being encouraged to apply for it, following this the council would identify those in need of additional payments. Providing this extra funding to the ones chosen would cost a third of a million pounds. It was noted that the removal of the winter fuel allowance had removed £28 million from the Wiltshire Economy. ○ Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) Further information could be found via this link https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/2676/Wiltshire-Local-Transport-Plan, the Chairman announced that the consultation regarding this was open from 28 November 2024 to 24 January 2025 and could be accessed via the link above. An additional briefing note on this is appended to these minutes. ○ Wiltshire Council Consultation Portal – the consultation portal was available here: https://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/kse/
41	<p><u>Police updates</u></p> <p>Acting Inspector Caroline Ralph, Amesbury Neighbourhood Policing Team</p>

(NPT) gave an update to the meeting. It was explained that Caroline was covering for Inspector Ricky Lee, who had been moved to another post. In January a new inspector would be appointed for the area, so she would go back to being a Sergeant. The Amesbury NPT team was listed on the slides for this item which were included within the agenda pack.

Local priorities for the area were detailed, these included:

- Theft from motor vehicles, which was mainly where work vehicles were targeted with tools being stolen. There had been an ongoing series of these thefts, and it was thought that a gang had been operating, as many of these thefts had a specific modus operandi (MO) and the gang were good at it. There had been cross county collaboration with other forces from Hampshire, Dorset and Avon & Somerset to tackle this as Wiltshire was not the only area being targeted. 3 people from out of the area had been arrested who were thought to be the main perpetrators and the thefts with the specific MO had stopped. The team had also provided crime prevention advice.
- Retail crime was another priority, where the team were working with businesses to tackle shoplifting. The team wanted to encourage businesses to report these crimes, and were giving prevention advice, such as relocating tills, getting CCTV and helping to identify repeat offenders. Some larger towns had the ShopWatch scheme, and setting this up in other areas was being looked at.
- Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) was a priority, there had been an increase in ASB in Durrington, Larkhill and Bulford, mainly perpetrated by young people. Some of this was thought to be linked to the community tensions related to the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP). The police were working hard to reduce tensions and increase community cohesion.
- Rural Crime was another focus for the team, including hare coursing and poaching. The NPT was working with the rural crime team to combat this and to increase visibility and patrol areas. Likewise, the teams were working to support those affected.
- Vulnerable checks were also a priority ensuring that the most vulnerable got supported.

The Acting Inspector explained that the ARAP scheme and Op Lazurite (discussed at previous Area Boards) was a government led scheme for Afghan citizens who worked for or with the UK Government in Afghanistan in exposed or meaningful roles and may include an offer of relocation to the UK for those deemed eligible by the Ministry of Defence and who are deemed suitable for relocation by the Home Office. Starting around October/November 2023, some Afghans were relocated to Larkhill, with around 260 Entitled Person's (EP's) being relocated there so far. Also, around 150 had been relocated in service accommodation in Bulford and Durrington. The relocations in these areas were temporary, and the majority of EP's would be moved to other locations in the future. However, they would be present for a while and so the children were now enrolled in schools. There had been chatter on social media about risk to local

people, the police received a few reports in relation to this, but no evidence was found to substantiate claims. There had more recently been some issues at a Durrington school, where local youths and Afghan youths had been fighting. There had been trouble on both sides and the police were working with partners to address this. Attendees highlighted that Avon Valley Academy had been doing excellent work to accommodate 85 new pupils.

Catherine Roper, Chief Constable of Wiltshire police, updated the meeting. It was her first time at the Stonehenge Area Board, and she stated she had been to quite a few Area Boards around the county it was really good to see the focus on local concerns in different areas. As Chief Constable her focus was more on strategic matters, so if there were any general strategic concerns or questions, attendees could raise these with her.

Attendees queried how long it would be before there would be a standalone police station with a custody suite in Salisbury, as currently anyone taken into custody had to be taken to Melksham. The Chief Constable (who had been in post since March 2023) was unaware why the Salisbury police station was closed, however there would have been reasons, which may have been related to finance, the building itself and footfall. It was explained that the police estate was the responsibility of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and as the Chief Constable she advised on what they needed from an operational perspective. It was noted that to develop from scratch a dedicated custody suite in or near Salisbury would cost millions. The Melksham custody suite had recently been renovated. Swindon could also be used as an alternative. The Chief Constable understood that options and plans were being looked at and considered, but there were no definitive plans at the moment and it was somewhat dependant on finding the correct site.

A Member highlighted some issues with people riding e-bikes and e-scooters, some of which did not have lights, and others which had clearly been adapted, and some going very fast. The Chief Constable stated that they were also concerned about this, and the police would do their best to tackle matters by increasing presence and enforcement. An attendee from Shrewton Parish Council stated that they had also experienced some issues, and thought it was probably ignorance that people did not realise that it was illegal to use e-scooters on the road or in public spaces, and that they could be seized as a result. It was confusing as there were trials in some areas, and in those places, the e-scooters could be used. Shrewton Parish Council found that by linking to the legislation on their website, and referring people to this, it stopped the issues. The police stated that they would seize adapted/illegal ones and for others would usually give a warning first; however, they would also push the legislation and then follow with enforcement. Attendees were encouraged to report issues.

Members detailed issues with parking in Archers Gate and Kings Gate, a leaflet drop was suggested which could cover this and the e-bike/scooter issues. Others felt that enforcement was the best route to prevent issues.

Members also highlighted problems with land incursions in the local area from the traveller community. The police explained that when the land was Wiltshire Council or Town Council owned then the police could act more quickly. When the land was privately owned, the landowner could say that they could stay for a short period which delayed matters. Members detailed a rise in crime during these incursions, for which no one was arrested. The Acting Inspector had not been dealing with this but thought that if suspects were identifiable then they should be dealt with. She further explained that in some areas such as the Test Valley, they had got an injunction which might have pushed travellers into this area. Their aim was to make the area less attractive to these communities (target hardening) and she was working with Wiltshire Council and Amesbury Town Council on this to see if there was a possibility of getting an injunction in this area too. However, there was a responsibility for their welfare and vulnerabilities that had to be considered.

An attendee from the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site Co-ordination Unit welcomed the rural crime update, in particular increases in patrolling. It was explained that WhatsApp groups had been set up for farmers with police which had been found useful and it was hoped that these would continue. The Chief Constable explained that whilst it was useful and the police did monitor these groups, they were not monitored 24/7, so issues should also be reported to 999 for emergencies or 101 for non-emergencies, or people could also report online. Poaching, hare coursing and theft of high value plant were a high priority for the police as apart from the distress caused to those affected, there were links to organised crime, money laundering and gambling.

As a strategic update the Chief Constable stated that in the summer of 2022 Wiltshire Police were put into the Engage process, which was similar to special measures, as the service had not been performing well enough. The Chief Constable had joined in March 2023 and set about looking how to address issues and make improvements. Issues that had been raised resulting in the Engage process included that there was no strategy, no framework, people were not held to account, and the control room had not been delivering satisfactory responses to 999 and 101 calls.

The Chief Constable had looked to swiftly make improvements, the force was on a journey but had improved. His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) undertook independent assessment and acknowledged that they had improved. Resources in the control room had been increased, dedicated neighbourhood teams had been reintroduced, and people were now being held to account. The force had come out of the Engage process in May 2024.

A summary of the latest HMICFRS report and findings could be seen on the Wiltshire Police website here:
<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/news/wiltshire/news/2024/august-2024/Wiltshire-Police-improvements-recognised-in-latest-PEEL-inspection-report/>. Significant

	<p>improvements had been evidenced. The force were now 17th in the country out of 43 in the control room in terms of response times, which was a vast improvement. They had more officers than they have had for a decade. Recruitment had now been paused as all roles were full. The force would continue working to improve until they were rated as outstanding.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that the police did an excellent job, and there had been a noticeable improvement in attitude and commitment and thanked the officers.</p>
42	<p><u>Open Floor - including updates from Partners and Town/Parish Councils</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• MOD Boscombe Down – Kev Taylor Mr Taylor had no specific updates regarding Boscombe Down, so invited questions. The Chairman stated that Amesbury Town Council had been actively canvassing to adopt the MOD Boscombe Down sports field and queried if there had been any progress on that. Mr Taylor highlighted that the field was owned by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO). The Chairman requested if possible that a response be expedited, as there was lots of support for Amesbury Town Council taking on the sports field. In response to further questions, it was confirmed that the main gate construction had been approved and funded and that the perimeter fence was being updated.</p> <p>• Town and Parish Councils The Chairman of Durrington Town Council gave a brief update stating that Durrington Town Council wanted to thank the Area Board for the youth pop up events which had been organised there recently. Durrington now had a Community Speed Watch (CSW) team of 10 people, and there were 6 or 7 sites where they undertook speed checks. It was going well and there had been good enforcement from the police, so thanks were given to the CSW team and the police.</p> <p>Shrewton Parish Council also thanked the Area Board for the youth pop up events which had taken place there. They raised the fact that the A303 Stonehenge Tunnel was not now going to be built, highlighted the amount of traffic that travelled through Shrewton, and queried what Wiltshire Council was doing to encourage a solution. Members stated that they sympathised and highlighted that at least the planning for the tunnel had taken place and that if the funding was available plans could be reactivated. Furthermore, Cllr Kevin Daley had met with the Corporate Director Place and explained that the Highways team were awaiting government announcements on road infrastructure, until those announcements were given there was not much that could be done. In addition, many of the roads were owned by National Highways and not Wiltshire Council which complicated matters. There was some confidence that the scheme would come back at some point. The Corporate Director Place would keep him up to date.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Floor There were no questions or comments from attendees.
43	<p><u>Youth updates</u></p> <p>Cllr Mark Verbinnen, as lead Member for youth, gave an update. He thanked those who had mentioned the youth pop up events, which had been great successes in Durrington and Shrewton, with the Durrington events in particular being very well attended. The Area Board had been working in partnership with Wiltshire Youth For Christ (YFC) on the events. There had also been an additional successful youth fair held in Durrington to help with inclusion. The Local Youth Network (LYN) had met at the new cricket club in Shrewton which was a great new facility. The event was well attended, and youth issues were discussed. In addition, the group had reviewed the youth grant applications.</p> <p>Youth Grants</p> <p>Cllr Verbinnen then went on to introduce youth grants, it was noted that in the agenda the remaining Youth Budget was stated as £16,008.92.</p> <p>However, due to the lack of available funds in the Community Area Grant budget, and the amount of Community Area Grant applications received, the grant from God Unlimited (GUL) Outdoor Therapy towards GUL riverside classroom installation for £5,000, (ABG1889) which had been awarded at the previous meeting on 26 September 2024 from the Community Area Grant budget, would be moved so that it came from the Youth Budget, as it met the criteria for both types of grant. This left the amount of funds remaining in the youth budget as £11,008.92.</p> <p>Furthermore, the grant application from Stand Against Racism and Inequality, towards anti-hate support for young people targeting Afghan entitled people (ABG2065) who had been requesting £4,910.81 had been withdrawn following agenda publication. Members stated that this had been about a particular project at Avon Valley Academy, which without predetermining the application, the Board were supportive of. As it transpired, the group had found the funding from elsewhere within Wiltshire Council. So, despite the application being withdrawn, the project would still happen.</p> <p>In addition, the grant from the 1st Amesbury Scout Group, who were requesting £5,000 towards Scout Hut Kitchen Refurbishment (ABG2068) which was listed on the agenda as a Community Area Grant, would be taken as a Youth Grant due to the lack of funds remaining in the Community Area Grant budget, and it met the criteria for both types of grant.</p> <p>Due to the lack of funds remaining, the Area Board heard from all the youth grant applicants in attendance who gave a brief overview of and were questioned about their project, prior to making any decisions.</p>

The Board then indicated if there were supportive of the grant, following which funding amounts were decided and voted upon. The Board were supportive of all the youth grants, so, as a solution, it was decided to take an equal percentage from the amount requested from each of them.

- Buzz Action Foundation, requested £3,000 towards The Elements Café.

Cllr Mark Verbinnen proposed to award £2,540 of the £3,000 requested which was seconded by Cllr Graham Wright.

Decision:

Buzz Action Foundation was awarded £2,540 towards The Elements Café.

Reason – The application met the Youth Grants Criteria 2024/25, and there were not enough funds remaining to award in full.

- 2nd Bulford St Leonards Scout Group, requested £5,000 towards improvements to facilities at Bulford Scout hut to extend youth programme.

Cllr Mark Verbinnen proposed to award £4,220 of the £5,000 requested which was seconded by Cllr Graham Wright.

Decision:

2nd Bulford St Leonards Scout Group, was awarded £4,220 towards improvements to facilities at Bulford Scout hut to extend youth programme

Reason – The application met the Youth Grants Criteria 2024/25, and there were not enough funds remaining to award in full.

- 1st Amesbury Scout Group, requested £5,000 towards Scout Hut Kitchen Refurbishment.

Cllr Mark Verbinnen proposed to award £4,220 of the £5,000 requested which was seconded by Cllr Graham Wright.

Decision:

1st Amesbury Scout Group, were awarded £4,220 towards Scout Hut Kitchen Refurbishment.

Reason – The application met the Youth Grants Criteria 2024/25, and there were not enough funds remaining to award in full.

	This left £28.92 in the youth budget.
44	<p><u>Health & Wellbeing Group</u></p> <p>Cllr Monica Devendran, as lead Member for improving the health and wellbeing of our community, and Chair of the Health and Wellbeing (HWB) Group gave a brief update to the meeting.</p> <p>Under this priority some of the main aims were to deal with loneliness, isolation and mental health.</p> <p>Upcoming events were detailed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 9 December 2025 – Celebrating Age Wiltshire Christmas Concert at Antrobus House – This event had been held in previous years and had been very successful, the upcoming concert was already fully booked. • Health and Wellbeing Event – Friday 7 March 2025 – Antrobus House – further information on this would be disseminated soon. • The next HWB Group meeting – Tuesday 21 January, probably at the Cheerful Cuppa, Netheravon. Again, further details would be available soon. <p>Older People & Vulnerable Adults Grants</p> <p>Cllr Devendran advised that there had been no applications to this meeting for Older & Vulnerable Adults funding. However, she drew attention to a grant already awarded under the Delegated Funding Process by the Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager (SPEM), between meetings due to matters of urgency. Cllr Devendran proposed that the Board note the grant, this was seconded by Cllr Graham Wright.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>To note the following grant awarded under the Delegated Funding Process by the Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager, between meetings due to matters of urgency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABG2016, Stonehenge Area Board Initiative, towards Celebrating Age Wiltshire Christmas Concert (Older & Vulnerable budget) - £786.50. <p>Following this award there was £1,009.50 left in the Older & Vulnerable grant budget.</p>
45	<p><u>Stonehenge Area Board Priorities</u></p> <p>Updates were given on the Area Board priorities:</p>

- **Environment** – Cllr Kevin Daley and Cllr Rob Yuill
Both Cllrs had attended an Area Board Environment Leads meeting, which had been interesting and showcased what some other community areas were doing in this arena. Cllr Yuill had also attended training on Carbon Literacy which was very interesting. The Chairman stated that Members were still considering meaningful achievable contributions which could be made in this area and wanted to involve town and parish councils as well. The hope was that Stonehenge Area Board could model what some other Area Boards and councils were doing, such as planting wildflowers on verges or areas of green space.
- **Community Engagement** – Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling.
Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling gave further details regarding Op Lazurite, which had been discussed earlier in the meeting. It was highlighted that the Entitled Persons were in the area temporarily and that numbers would shrink in the next 8 months or so. However, at present there were reasonably high numbers of people in the community who had come from troubled places. This was not something that Wiltshire Council could address on their own. They needed to make sure that issues were dealt with in the right place at the right level. Every Friday morning the relevant agencies, such as Wiltshire Council, the MOD, police, the Department for Work and Pensions et cetera had a call to make sure that any issues were being addressed. For example, schools in the area may require more funding. Earlier in the meeting the police had discussed aspects where they had been involved, however, they only got involved when there were tensions. The message that he wanted to give was that for the majority, there were no issues, and that all the headteachers with Afghan children in their schools had enthusiasm and that there was a lot of good coming from this. In relation to Avon Valley Academy, there was a real admiration for what the school were doing as they had engaged in a very positive way. They wanted to bring people together and details had been given earlier regarding the youth pop up events and the youth fair where youth organisations and young people had been brought together. The effort was made to extend the invitation to Afghan young people who took that up showing that integration worked when it was done positively. They would continue to look for further opportunities to do this.

In other community engagement news, there would be a Stonehenge Area Board Community SpeedWatch (CSW) Recognition Award event held on 7 February 2025 at Durrington Village Hall to thank the CSW teams for all their hard work. All CSW teams and parish councils would be invited. In addition, at the event would be a roads update, including which roads Wiltshire Council was planning to resurface in the area and an update on the Netheravon speed limit reduction trial.
- **Youth Engagement** – Cllr Mark Verbinnen
This was covered earlier under Youth Updates.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the health and wellbeing of our community – Cllr Monica Devendran and Cllr Graham Wright This was covered earlier under the HWB Group.
46	<p><u>Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p>Cllr Rob Yuill, as Chairman of the LHFIG, gave an update on the LHFIG. Detailed notes from the meeting could be found in the agenda pack. Cllr Yuill highlighted that whilst details were given in items at the LHFIG meeting it was very useful to go and see the locations as well. Cllrs Yuill and Blair-Pilling had gone to visit several locations, and it was different when you saw the locations in real life. It helped to see what the problems were, and also to see that sometimes what people wanted was not really feasible. The funding recommendations made by the LHFIG were detailed on the agenda. On the proposal of Cllr Yuill, seconded by Cllr Mark Verbinnen, it was resolved to make the following decision.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the discussions from the Stonehenge LHFIG meeting on 3 July 2024. • To approve the funding recommendations as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1-21-5 B3083 BSTJ & WSPC amendments to warning signing £975 ○ 1-24-16 Amesbury Holders Rd H- Bar marking £300
47	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>Cllr Mark Verbinnen as lead Member for grants introduced the item. He noted that on the agenda it stated that there was £3,023.22 remaining in the Community Area Grant budget. However, due to moving the GUL grant awarded at the last meeting from the Community Area Grant budget to the Youth Budget (as described under Youth Updates), there was now £8,023.22 left in the Community Area Grant Budget. However, due to the amount of Community Area Grant applications, if all were granted in full, the budget would still be overspent.</p> <p>As a result, due to the lack of funds remaining, the Area Board heard from all the Community Area Grant applicants in attendance who gave a brief overview of and were questioned about their project, prior to making any decisions.</p> <p>Cllr Monica Devendran did not take part in the debate or decision on the grant from Amesbury Men’s Shed due to her interest which was declared earlier in the meeting.</p> <p>The Board indicated if there were supportive of each grant, following which funding amounts were decided and voted upon.</p> <p>The Board were supportive of all the Community Area Grants, so, as a solution, it was decided to award all the grants, but at lesser amounts than those</p>

requested.

Community Area Grants:

- Amesbury Men's Shed requested £5,000.00 towards Men's Shed voluntary help.

Cllr Mark Verbinnen proposed to grant £2,000 of the £5,000 requested, due to the lack of funds remaining in the budget. This was seconded by Cllr Graham Wright.

Decision:

Amesbury Men's Shed was awarded £2,000 towards Men's Shed Voluntary Help.

Reason – the application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25 and there were not enough funds remaining to award in full.

- Figheldean Working Men's Club requested £5,000 towards Figheldean Working Men's Club Heating System.

Cllr Mark Verbinnen proposed to grant £3,000 of the £5,000 requested, due to the lack of funds remaining in the budget. This was seconded by Cllr Graham Wright.

Decision:

Figheldean Working Men's Club was awarded £3,000 towards Figheldean Working Men's Club Heating System.

Reason – the application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25 and there were not enough funds remaining to award in full.

- Shrewton United Football Club requested £5,000 towards Shrewton United Football Club Project 2024.

Cllr Mark Verbinnen proposed to grant £2,000 of the £5,000 requested, due to the lack of funds remaining in the budget. This was seconded by Cllr Graham Wright.

Decision:

Shrewton United Football Club was awarded £2,000 towards Shrewton United Football Club Project 2024.

Reason – the application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25 and there were not enough funds remaining to award in full.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stonehenge Disc Golf Club requested £2,000 towards Stonehenge Disc Golf Course Extension and Improvements. <p>Cllr Mark Verbinnen proposed to grant £1,000 of the £2,000 requested, due to the lack of funds remaining in the budget. This was seconded by Cllr Graham Wright.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>Stonehenge Disc Golf Club was awarded £1,000 towards Stonehenge Disc Golf Course Extension and Improvements.</p> <p>Reason – the application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25 and there were not enough funds remaining to award in full.</p> <p>Following these awards, there was £23.22 left in the Community Area Grant Budget.</p>
48	<p><u>Urgent Items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p> <p>The Chairman announced the dates of the next area boards, thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.</p>

Area Board Briefing Note

Wiltshire Local Transport Plan Consultation

Service:	Highways and Transport
Date prepared:	28 November 2024
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The consultation for the Local Transport Plan 4 (LPT4) began on Thursday 28 November and runs until 23:59 on Friday 24 January 2025.

LTP4 covers the period 2025-2038 and will set the strategic direction for all transport in Wiltshire, including roads, buses, rail, walking and wheeling, freight, electric vehicles, road safety, highway network management and enhancement, car parking and more. It will set out how the county’s existing transport infrastructure will be improved in the coming years.

Transport is an enabler for economic growth and so the council has taken a strategic, place-based approach to this LTP, as what is right for the county’s market towns and city may not be right for rural areas. The plan aims to work for everyone, wherever they are in Wiltshire and however they wish to travel.

It is also recognised that cars are critical to Wiltshire’s economy and so the LTP is not about stopping people using cars, but about reducing congestion and enabling people to move to alternatives, such as electric vehicles.

To enable people to find out more about the consultation and to ask questions, anyone can sign up for information webinars on Tuesday 3 December at 6pm and Monday 13 January at 6pm. Both webinars will have similar content, so if you can’t make one of them, please sign up for the one you can attend.

Physical copies of LTP4 are available in Wiltshire Council hub and libraries, and people can respond to the consultation online in any library with computer access.

Please help to share this information and encourage your communities to take part and share their view through online survey, which is available on the Wiltshire Council website – please search for ‘Wiltshire Local Transport Plan’.

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Oxenwood 2025 School Holiday Clubs

Join us at Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre for an action-packed, school holiday adventure with our new holiday clubs launching in Spring 2025.

Activities include:

Paddle sports - From April onwards and will include an introduction to Stand up Paddleboard and canoeing. The equipment to be used, the dangers that could be encountered (and how to not get in that situation in the first place!) paddle strokes and self-rescue. Ensuring you get the skills necessary to enjoy and safe and fun day on the water

Mountain biking - Learn the skills necessary to conduct repairs and identify faults with your bike, skill-based sessions designed to make better riders of all abilities, journeys out from the centre teaching the skills for moving across country safely and added basic navigation.

Bushcraft - Could you fend for yourself without any home comforts? How would you get on if you were lost or stranded in unknown territory? This day will teach you to get to grips with a few vital survival skills that could keep you alive and get you home in one piece. Learn how to prepare yourself for the unexpected, find water and make it safe, prepare and cook game, build a shelter, make fires for warmth and cooking and live in harmony with nature. You will also learn how to make distress signals for rescue or to navigate your way home.

Targets and trajectories - This day will involve various shooting techniques, utilising archery, olympic style air rifle, snap barrel air rifle and BB guns. The day will cover how to safely use all systems, how to zero your rifles, utilise alternate point of aim, how to fire from different positions and learn how to achieve the maximum points on offer every time!

History / theme days - The British Isles boasts a long and proud history and what better way to explore this history as becoming part of it! During our history day you will find out what its like to be drilled into shape as a Roman Legionnaire or discover how the Vikings became a feared invader of our islands, this immersive experience will ensure you leave here ready to invade and pillage!

Multiple activity day - This will incorporate all activities available during the week, condensed to give the attendees a taste of each. This will incorporate, bushcraft, mountain biking, riles shooting, Ar chery and climbing. A fun multi activity day for a range of ages.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	09:00 - 16:15	09:00 - 16:15	09:00 - 16:15	09:00 - 16:15	09:00 - 16:15
8 - 11 years	Mountain Bike	Bushcraft	Targets and trajectories	History / Theme Day	Multi activity day
12 - 16 years	Bushcraft	Mountain bike	History / Theme Day	Multi activity day	Targets and trajectories

Price: £30 per person, per day

Ages: 8 - 11 years old
12 -16 years old

Lunch: Attendees should bring a packed lunch.

For more information or to reserve your place email: info@oxenwood.org.uk

Village Halls Week 2025

Village Halls Week is an annual campaign led by Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE). As the ACRE network member for Wiltshire and Swindon, Community First will be supporting local village halls and community buildings as part of the 2025 #VillageHallsWeek campaign which will take place between 17th - 23rd March 2025. The aim of Village Halls Week in 2025 is to encourage and support the efforts of volunteers to keep these important rural community buildings open.

In England alone, it is estimated that over 80,000 people regularly volunteer their time with village halls, from those on management committees who oversee the day-to-day use of the building and its finances, to those who organise events and group activities for the benefit of the local community.

Community First Village Halls Advisor Heather will be attending several local events throughout the week and we will be sharing information about the campaign on our social media channels. ACRE has also set up a page where halls and buildings can share what is happening in their local area:

<https://acre.org.uk/village-halls-week-2025-local-events/>

Please keep an eye out for more information in March and help support the campaign by liking, sharing and commenting to show your support for our local village halls.

Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) Conference

The Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) celebrated its annual Conference at the Corn Exchange in Devizes on Tuesday 5th November.

The conference featured a keynote address from Andrew Towleron, National Planning Advisor at the SLCC, on the updated National Planning Policy Framework.

As part of the event, Andy Reeves, Principal Officer at Central Swindon North Parish Council, discussed his experiences of asset transfer from Swindon Borough Council and Perry Holmes, Director of Legal & Governance Our Wiltshire (Wiltshire Council), talked about improving decision-making through improved Councillors' conduct.

Conference workshop contributors included:

- Becky Maddern, talking about accessible and inclusive play parks
- Jason Salter, Head of the Passenger Transport Unit at Wiltshire Council, setting out the Council's commitment to developing public transport in the county
- Trevor Cherrett and Steve Vaux our Rural Housing Enablers, looking at affordable homes in small rural communities.
- Justin Robinson led a practical session on preparing for next year's local elections.
- Chris Manuel from the Wiltshire and Swindon Local Resilience Forum, explored what Town and Parish Councils can do to help prepare their communities against the risk of flooding.
- Andrew Towleron considered how best to prepare and review a Neighbourhood Plan.

Thanks go to all our speakers and Community First staff who supported the day. Many thanks to everyone who attended and took part in the sessions and workshops.

Voice It, Hear It - Help shape the future of health and social care services.

Voice It, Hear It, is a new project that unifies the collective strength of its partners to support the voice and engagement of people in Wiltshire. The project is delivered by Community First, Wessex Community Action, Wiltshire Service Users' Network, Age UK Wiltshire, Alzheimer's Support and Celebrating Age Wiltshire. Working alongside Wiltshire Council and the Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board (BSW ICB), Voice It, Hear It engages with people living and working in Wiltshire to co-produce, co-design and co-develop health and social care services in Wiltshire.

The team works alongside people with physical disabilities, sensory needs, mental health conditions, learning disabilities, neurodiversity, long-term conditions, complex needs, older people and dementia. Empowering and facilitating them to have their say and get involved in shaping how health and social care services work for them now and in the future.

How you can be involved:

Register with us - Complete our registration form and let us know how you would like to be involved. This helps us reach the right people for consultations and ensures diverse representation from a range of audiences. When we engage and consult, we provide summarised insights that you can use to inform your own work, advocate for change, or shape the services you provide. Your voice really does matter! You can make a difference.

<https://survey.zohopublic.eu/zs/7DDXym>

Stay up to date - Sign up to our email list to stay up to date with the latest engagement and consultation opportunities. You'll receive updates on newly published reports, which could serve as helpful evidence for future funding applications or advocacy work. We'll also keep you posted on what Wiltshire Council has achieved as a direct result of your feedback, options, and proposed actions - ensuring accountability and transparency.

<https://mailchi.mp/3d305f3b4ab7/voice-it-hear-it-sign-up-form>

How you can help us:

- **Spread the Word:** Inform your clients and members when we are seeking input on their experiences.
- **Stay Informed:** You can find the most up-to-date information on consultations through our Voice It Hear It page on Wiltshire Together (<https://wiltshiretogether.org.uk/voice-it-hear-it>)
- **Shape Sessions:** Help us design consultations or share relevant information you have already gathered that could inform the engagement process.
- **Encourage Registration:** Invite other groups and organisations you work with to register with us, building a stronger network that reaches deeper into our communities.
- **Share Information:** Distribute engagement event details, flyers, postcards, and surveys that promote our engagement opportunities.
- **Support Participation:** Assist those you work with attending events and workshops, completing surveys, providing feedback, or signposting them to someone who can offer further support.

Current Engagements:

Learning Disability Strategy Aims Engagement

Do your clients wish to share their views on whether the aims are appropriate or if anything is missing from the strategy?

- Encourage your members to book a 1-to-1 telephone consultation: voice@communityfirst.org.uk
- Invite us to run a workshop or group chat in person or online via voice@communityfirst.org.uk

Young People 18-25yrs with Learning Disabilities and Autism on Technology Enabled Care

We're exploring what tools young people might use or would like to use for maintaining and creating greater independence. Can you help us engage with young people? Email: voice@communityfirst.org.uk

Share this information in your newsletters and social media posts.

For more information about Voice It, Hear It visit: www.communityfirst.org.uk/voice. You can also follow us on Facebook by searching 'Voice It, Hear It.'

Recruiting Community Health Champions

Does Your Organisation Support Inclusion and Health Equity? We're seeking your help to identify potential Health Research Champions from among your members, staff, or volunteers.

This is a fantastic opportunity for individuals to gain new skills, make a real difference in health research, and promote inclusion and diversity in the field.

What Do Health Research Champions Do?

- **Raise Awareness:** Help others learn about health and care research and encourage participation.
- **Speak to Groups:** Share information with community and patient groups.
- **Promote Research Opportunities:** Inform people about studies, like those on Be Part of Research and Join Dementia Research.
- **Engage with the Public:** Join events, media interviews, or school visits to promote health research.

Why Encourage Your Members to Get Involved?

Becoming a Health Research Champion provides:

- **Skill Development:** Champions receive full training, adding valuable skills to their personal and professional toolkit.
- **Personal Growth:** A chance to connect with others, learn, and grow while making a tangible impact.
- **Increased Impact:** Champions play a vital role in shaping more inclusive health research and improving treatments for all.

Our Motto: *"No Research About Us, Without Us."*

Let's ensure health research reflects everyone's voice and needs. Together, we can promote equity in health and care research. Share this opportunity within your organization and help us identify individuals from the global majority or people with disabilities who would like to take part. For more information or to connect potential champions with us, please contact askyring@communityfirst.org.uk.

We're happy to share more details about the role, the available training, and how we'll support champions every step of the way.

To register your interest as a Community Health Champion - please complete the online form:
<https://www.cognitofrms.com/communityfirst2/healthresearchchampionregistrationform>

Employability Programmes

Referrals for the Building Bridges Programme in Wiltshire are temporarily paused. We are still accepting referrals for the Building Bridges Swindon programme and via the Wiltshire Housing Support and Rough Sleeper Team. For more information, please visit: www.buildingbridgessw.org.uk or email: hello@buildingbridgessw.org.uk

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Outdoor Education

Alternative Provision

Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre and Linkenholt Countryside Adventure Centre provide a valuable learning experience for vulnerable children and young people. Our Centres can support young people who may struggle to access mainstream education, including those who face social and academic exclusion. Under the leadership of our trained and experienced Outdoor Education Instructors, we foster a nurturing and positive environment where young people feel safe, heard and valued.

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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Area Board Briefing Note

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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.

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.



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.

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:

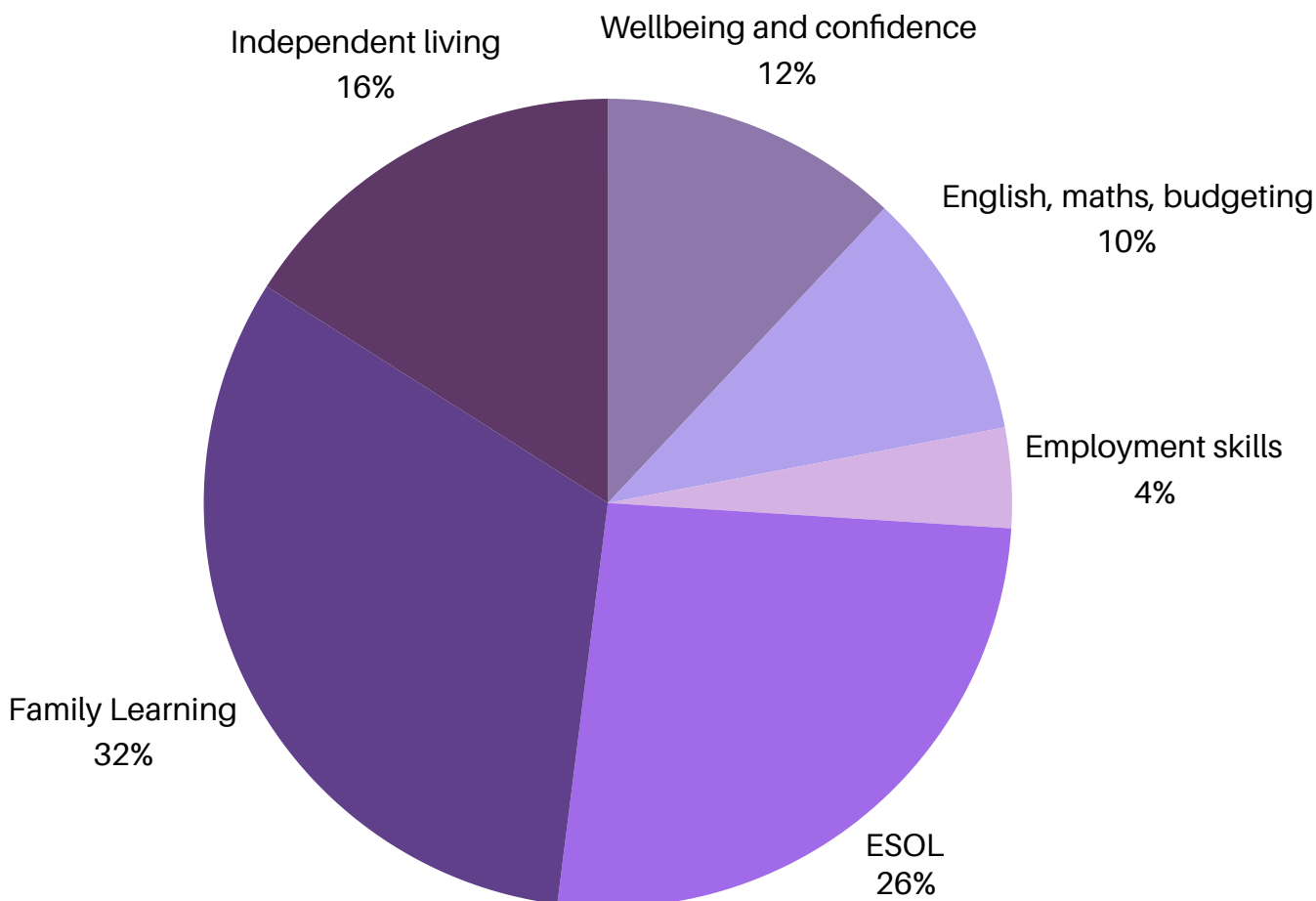
Courses cover four key areas:

- 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

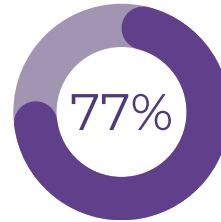
“We are so grateful for all the wonderful work you do for us. It is clear to see the positive impact it has on the customers and staff.”

Sarah, Senior Support Worker
Medley Day Opportunities Centre

LEARNER REFERRALS



Nepalese learners celebrating completing their course



Partner referrals

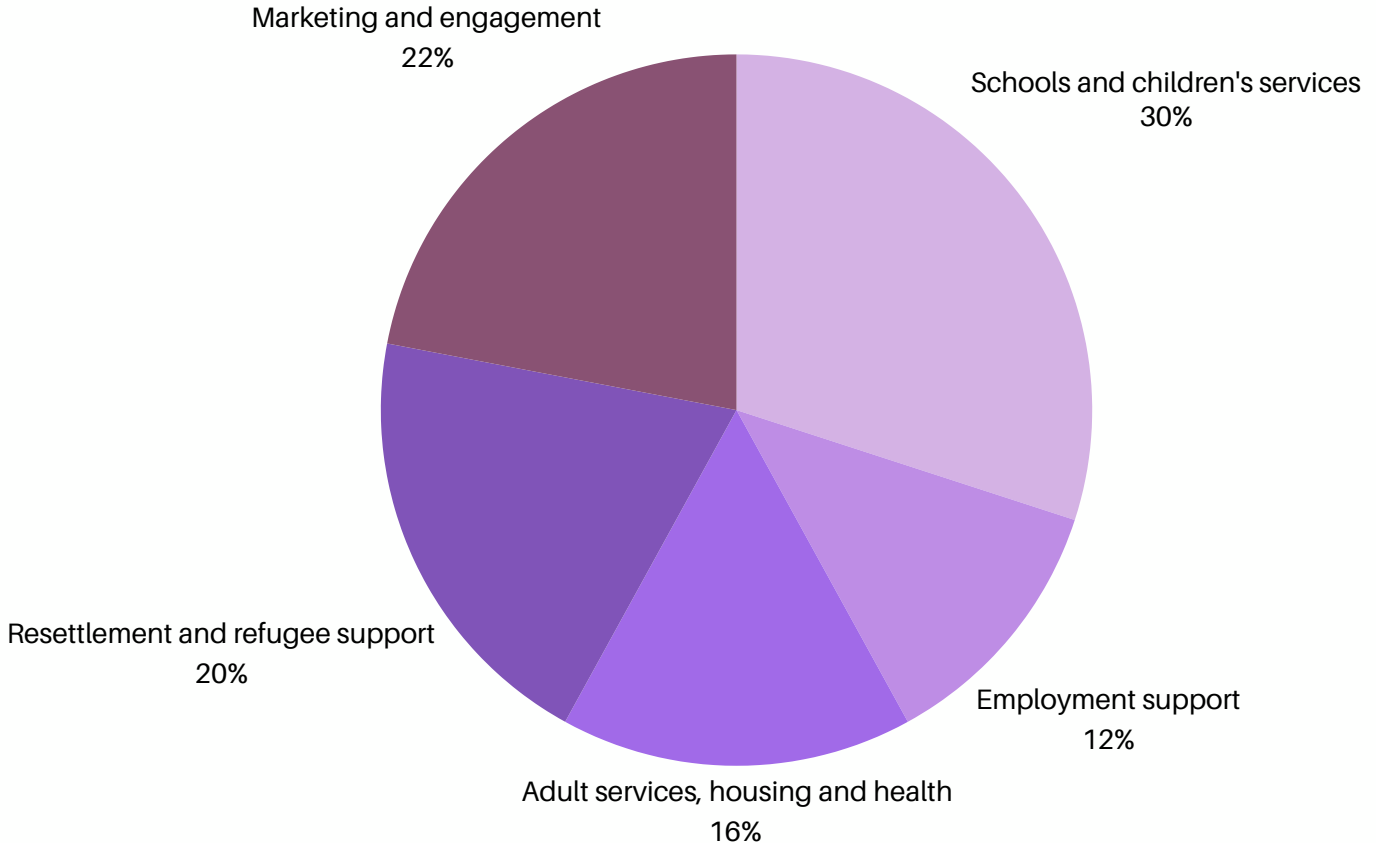
77% of learner referrals came from partner organisations.



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

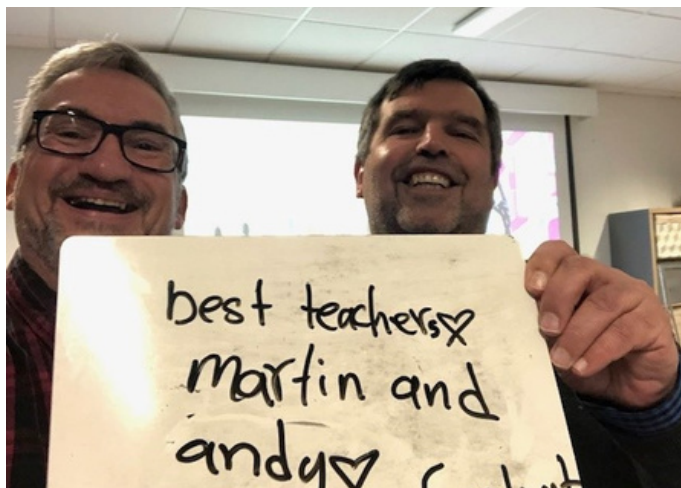
ESOL

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 2023-3034 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

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Area Board Highways Defect Dashboard



Completed P1-4 Defects by Area Board:
02/04/2024 to 29/01/2025

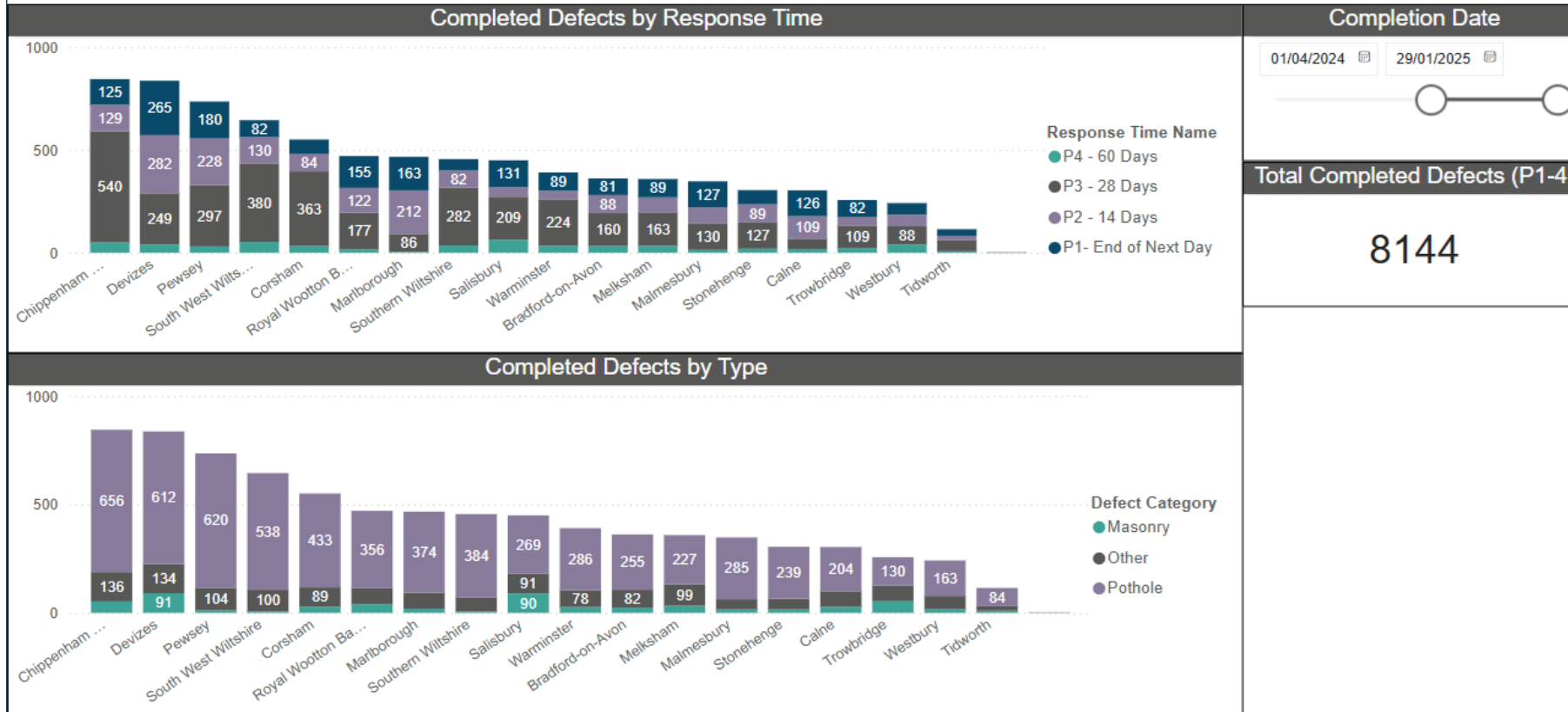


Table 1



Potholes Reported and Repaired since 1 Dec 2024 to 29 Jan 2025					
Area Board	Reported (This Month)	Reported (Last month)	Repaired (This Month)	Repaired (Last Month)	
Bradford-on-Avon	72	54	70	54	
Calne	50	30	49	28	
Chippenham and Villages	144	50	111	62	
Corsham	57	52	51	50	
Devizes	152	120	136	102	
Malmesbury	70	55	62	56	
Marlborough	72	84	63	79	
Melksham	41	67	40	66	
Pewsey	107	57	91	52	
Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	139	85	129	91	
Salisbury	35	38	40	27	
South West Wiltshire	127	111	128	78	
Southern Wiltshire	87	110	108	55	
Stonehenge	42	32	28	23	
Tidworth	19	25	15	14	
Trowbridge	38	38	32	37	
Warminster	99	42	83	47	
Westbury	27	29	24	30	

Table 2

Area Board Highways Defect Dashboard

Supporting Notes:

1. Table 1 breaks down defects by response time as laid out in the Wiltshire Highways Safety Inspection manual. In addition to this there is a breakdown between Defect Types - Potholes are typically small surface defects to tarmac surfaces, masonry type defects are those such as damaged kerbs, flagstones and slabs. https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/media/12952/Wiltshire-Council-Highways-Safety-Inspection-Manual/default/Wiltshire_Highways_Safety_Inspection_Manual_5tf2s8ptwasn.odt?m=1710487628513
2. Table 1 contains data for the financial year running from 1 April 2024 until 29 January 2025.
3. Table 2 looks in more detail at potholes specifically and compares reports received against repairs made over December 2024 and January 2025.
4. When looking at numbers reported it is possible that there can be multiple reports for a single defect repair hence the figure for repairs will be lower than the overall reported figure.

Community Report

Amesbury Neighbourhood
Policing Team

February 2025



Your NPT

Inspector: Inspector Gavin Brewster

Neighbourhood Sergeant: Sergeant Caroline Ralph

**Neighbourhood Officers: Pc Ryan MEARS, PC Juliet COX, PC Jody KINGE,
PC Emma SMITH, PC Beth COLLINS**

**PCSOs: PCSO Mark DOUSE, PCSO Will HOUSE, PCSO Ruby KAUR, PCSO
Chloe PERRY, PCSO Levi MORPHY**



WILTSHIRE POLICE

Keeping Wiltshire Safe

Local Priorities & Updates

Priority	Update
Burglary	Burglary remains a Force Priority and as such is a priority for our area. Burglaries currently remain stable on our area with mainly rural locations including outbuildings, garages and sheds being targeted. There are no known 'series' in our area and we continue to work with our neighbouring forces in sharing information and intelligence. The rural community continues to be a focus on our patrols with security and target hardening advice being offered by our team.
Retail/ Business Crime	The local Neighbourhood team continues to focus on working more closely with both local and national businesses to tackle shop thefts, repeat/prolific offenders and establish better communication links between the police and the businesses in our community. January saw our first Retail/ Business premises, online TEAMS meeting for the area. Those in attendance provided valuable feedback with regards current trends and concerns. The next meeting is scheduled for March 18 th and we are hopeful more retailers will join in order to further foster closer working relations and sharing of information to try and reduce the impact of retail crime in our area.
ASB and criminality in public spaces	<p>Our last report to the Area Board featured an increase in ASB in the areas of Durrington, Larkhill and Bulford. Some of this was linked to tensions in schools and part of the community regarding the Afghan Relocation and Assistance Programme. Over the last quarter this situation has stabilised with fewer reports. Regular weekly consultation is still held with the Military and our partners to ensure we are able to respond to tensions in the community as and when they arise.</p> <p>In terms of other ASB this is sporadic but stable. Our NH team are focusing patrols in known hotspots and are working with our Military partners to identify spaces that could be utilised for youth activities and interventions to improve amenities.</p>

Local Priorities & Updates cont

Priority	Update
Rural Crime	<p>Rural crime continues to be a focus for the team especially now we are in poaching/hare coursing season. We are continuing to conduct proactive operations with our neighbouring NPT teams and our Rural Crime Team (RCT).</p> <p>The weekend of 1st, 2nd and into 3rd February, saw a joint operation with the Salisbury Plain Training Area rangers, RCT and Amesbury NH Police following information of a large Hare Coursing event expected on our area. This was double pronged, to also address illegal Green Laning.</p> <p>The event did not take place on the scale expected but some Green Laners and believed hare coursers were disrupted by local police attendance, National Police Air Support and our Hampshire colleagues.</p> <p>Rural crime continues to be a priority for Amesbury NH team and the Rural Crime Team.</p>

Useful links

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

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

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Road Safety update – Stonehenge Area Board

27th February 2025

Keeping Wiltshire Safe



• #FATAL5 education



Not wearing a seat belt

It is a legal requirement in the United Kingdom to wear a seat belt if one is fitted, there are only a [few exemptions](#).

In 2017, 27% - over a quarter - of those who died in cars on the road were not wearing seat belts.

You can be fined up to £500 for not wearing a seat belt.

Wearing a seat belt not only helps protect your safety, it helps protect the safety of others.

Only one person is allowed in each seat fitted with a seat belt. Never use the same seat belt across two or more passengers.

As a passenger over the age of 14 it's your responsibility to ensure you're wearing a seat belt. Failure to do so could result in a fine.

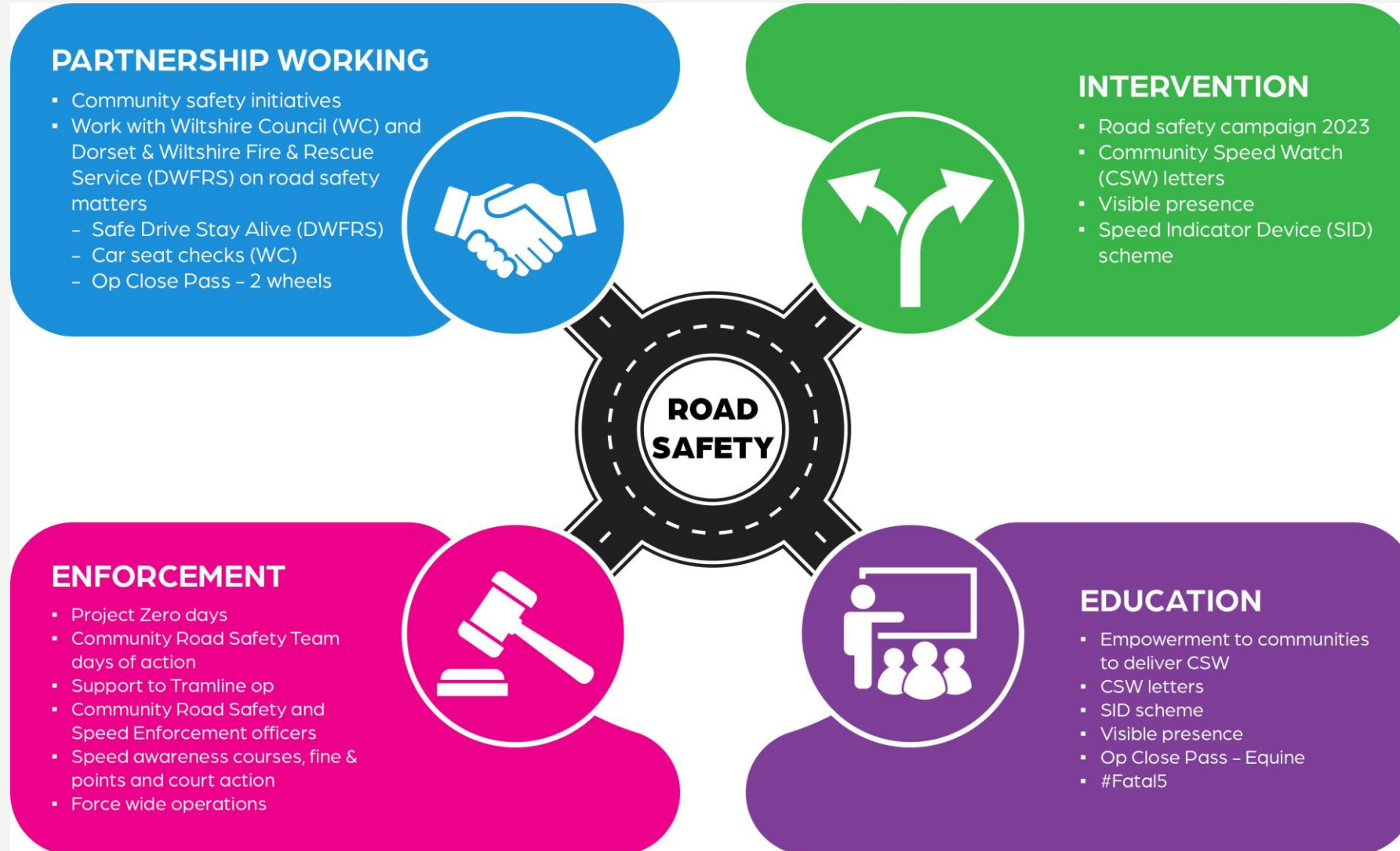
Child passengers

Children under 135 cm (4'4") tall must be in the correct car seat for their height and weight. You can be fined £500 if a child under 14 years old isn't in the correct car seat, or, if over 135cm tall, wearing a seatbelt whilst you are driving.

Find out car seat requirements and further information by visiting [child car seats: the law](#).



• Community Road Safety Team; what we do



• Traffic surveys – Stonehenge

January 2024 to February 25

Wiltshire Council

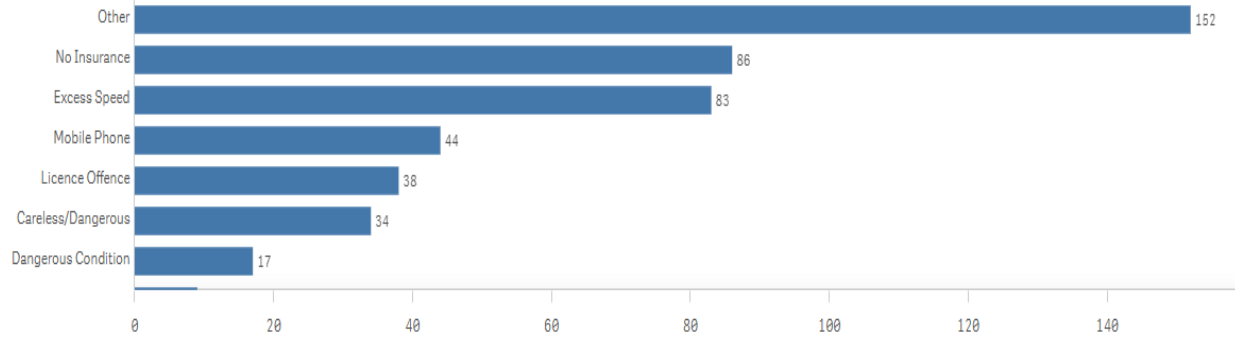
Title	Result	Survey start date	Speed limit	85th percentile	CPT	Area Board
Amesbury-Porton Road	No further action	15/04/2024	40	37.1	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Durrington - B3085 Hackthorne Road	Speed education	08/05/2024	20	29	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Durrington B3085 Church Street	Speed education	08/05/2024	20	24.7	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Durrington-B3085-Bulford Road	Speed education	08/05/2024	20	25.2	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Durrington-High Street	Speed education	08/05/2024	20	27.1	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Durrington-Windsor Road	Speed education	08/05/2024	20	24.6	Amesbury	Stonehenge

• Wider work recently

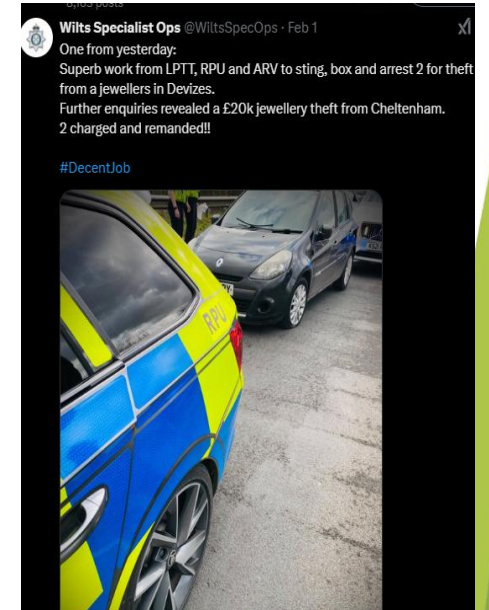
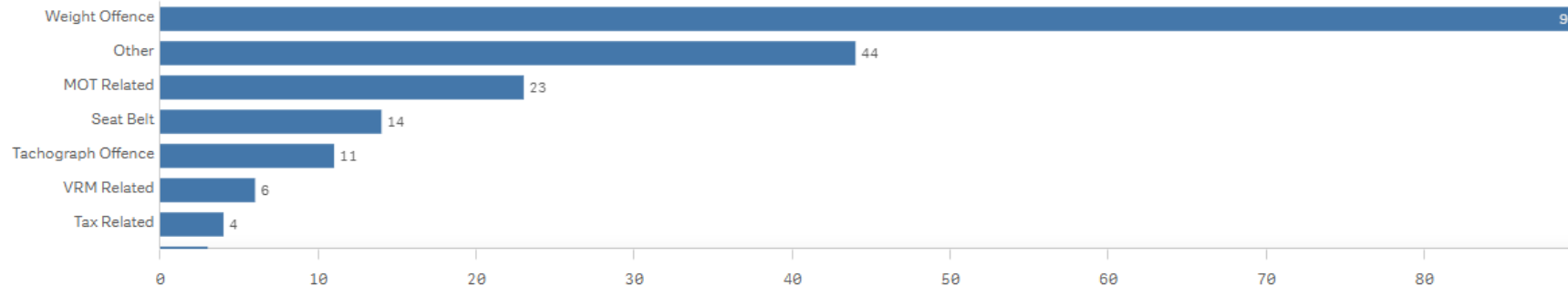
Our Roads Policing Unit (RPU) in the last quarter, covering **November to February** issued over **793 tickets** to motorists, for numerous road related offences.

The most common offences they are enforcing are:

Activity - Endorsable offences



Activity - Non-Endorsable Offences



Community Speed Enforcement Officers

CSEO's



• CSEO – Dashboard – 1st April 2024 to 17th February 2025

CSEO Activity Dashboard

Outcomes are dependent on previous convictions and history

8,825.00

No. Speed awareness co...

1,107.00

No. Fine & Points

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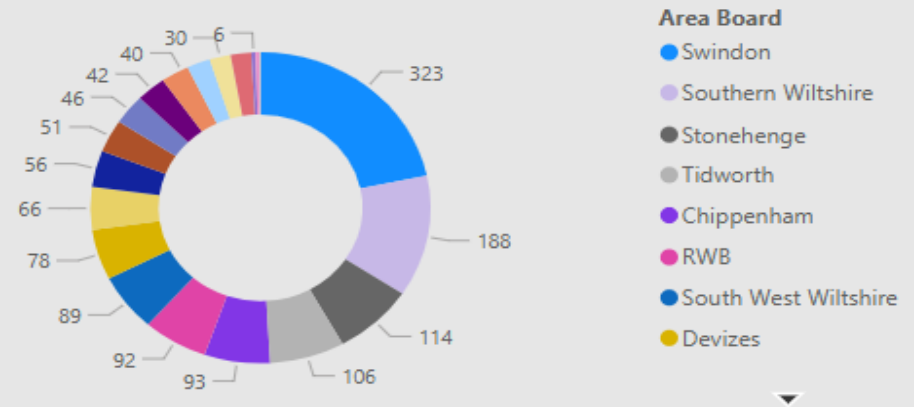
No. Court

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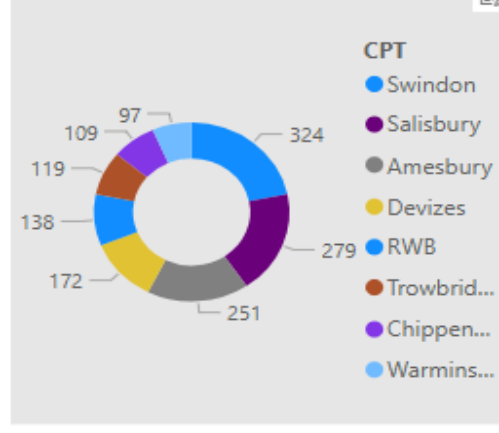
No. of Locations

Location	Year	Month	Speed awareness course	Fine & Points	Court	CPT	Area Board
Netheravon Road							
Enford - Bus Stop	2024	May	4.00	0.00	0.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Enford - Bus Stop	2024	July	14.00	0.00	0.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Enford - Bus Stop	2024	August	10.00	2.00	0.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Enford - Bus Stop	2024	September	0.00	0.00	0.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Enford - Bus Stop	2024	November	10.00	0.00	0.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Enford - Bus Stop	2025	January	10.00	0.00	0.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Enford - Old Vicarage	2024	November	13.00	3.00	1.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Enford - Old Vicarage	2025	January	2.00	0.00	0.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Middle Woodford - Village Hall	2024	April	2.00	0.00	0.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Middle Woodford - Village Hall	2024	May	3.00	1.00	0.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Middle Woodford - Village Hall	2024	June	0.00	0.00	0.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Middle Woodford - Village Hall	2024	September	0.00	0.00	0.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Middle Woodford - Village Hall	2024	November	0.00	0.00	0.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Middle Woodford - Village Hall	2025	January	0.00	0.00	0.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Netheravon - Court Farm Road	2024	April	5.00	0.00	0.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Netheravon - Court Farm Road	2024	June	0.00	0.00	0.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
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Total			8,825.00	1,107.00	102.00		

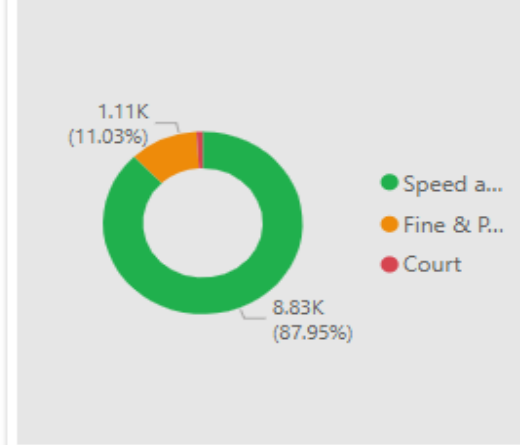
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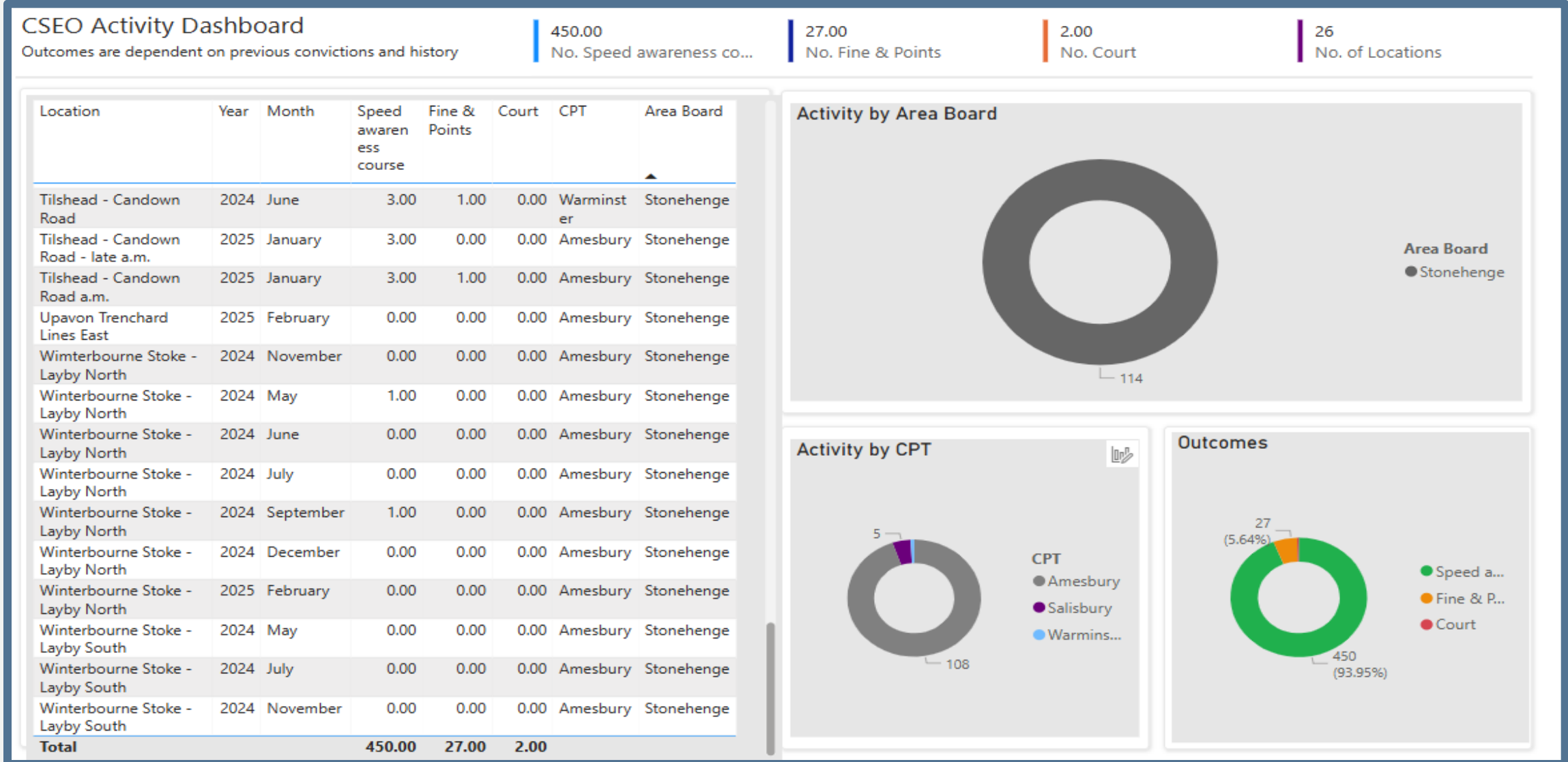
Activity by CPT



Outcomes



• CSEO – Stonehenge Area Board - 1st April 2024 to 17th February 2025



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STONEHENGE LOCAL HIGHWAYS AND FOOTWAYS IMPROVEMENT GROUP ACTION NOTES

	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
	Date of MS Teams meeting: 12th February 2025			
	Please see link to complete the highway improvements form: https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6149/Local-Highway-and-Footway-Improvement-Groups and submit to LHFIGrequests@wiltshire.gov.uk			
	<p><u>Chairmans announcement:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Mark Verbinnen interim chair in the absence of Councillor Robert Yuill. • Tribute to Bulford Parish Councillor Graham Jenkins. • Netheravon speed reduction implementation trial update. Final report currently being drafted for review by management. • Link for reporting maintenance issues to National Highways: https://report.nationalhighways.co.uk/#:~:text=In%20an%20emergency%2C%20call%20999,Centre%20on%200300%20123%205000 			
1.	Attendees and apologies			
	<p>Present:</p> <p>Apologies:</p>	<p>Cllr Mark Verbinnen (interim chair, WC), Cllr Graham Wright (WC), Cllr Ian Blair Pilling (WC), Cllr Dr Monica Devendran (WC), Kate Davey (WC), Grish Lohani (WC), Tania McCarthy (WC), Andy Shuttleworth (Winterbourne Stoke), Peter Paul (Durrington), Martin Farrow (Enford), Steve Black (Stoford & South Newton), Paul McKernan (Shrewton), Richard Harris (Shrewton), Sarah Tucker (Amesbury TC),</p> <p>Cllr Robert Yuill (Chair, WC), Cllr Kevin Daley (WC), Debbie Corbett (Netheravon), Richie Ayling (Netheravon), David Burke (Netheravon), Rae Owen (Woodford & Durnford), Ted Mustard (Woodford), Steve Hedge (Amesbury), Dorothea Georgeson (Fittleton cum Haxton), Tina Cole (Figheledean), Sean Noble (Great Wishford).</p>		

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	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
2.	Notes of previous meeting			
		The notes of the last meeting held on 2 nd October 2024 were accepted as a true record.		
3.	Financial Position			
		<p>2024-25 allocation: 35,462.00. The available budget at the start of the meeting is £22,869.11.</p> <p>The contribution level for Parish/Town Councils is set at 25%.</p> <p>Allocations made at this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-24-18 A345 Countess Road, Amesbury speed limit assessment £3,100 (LHFIG £2,325, ATC £775 TBC) • 1-24-15 Fittleton cum Haxton signing and road markings £5,500 (LHFIG £4,125, FHPC £1,375). <p>Remaining budget: £16,419.11</p>		

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4.	New issues / Issues requiring a decision			
a)	<p><u>1-24-20</u> Shrewton A360 / B3083 / B3086 / B390</p>	<p>The volume of traffic on the A360/B3083/B3086/B390 through the village is excessive ~ 4000 cars a day on normal days, rising to ~8000+ at weekends / Bank Holidays / start and end of term/ any occasion when the A303 is congested East or West bound. These roads are narrow, with limited pavements and blind bends and throughout the village of Shrewton, the traffic represents a serious threat to the safety and health of the villagers and to the infrastructure of the roads and houses. The Parish Council have been trying to have a solution provided to this issue on every occasion over the last 8 years. Wiltshire County Council to design and implement a scheme, or schemes, to reduce the volume of traffic. Ideally, the solution should reduce the traffic volume to 'village only' i.e. less than 1000 total per day. If this is not achievable, then a reduction by at least 50% on all occasions. This is Shrewton Parish Council's number one priority.</p>	<p><u>12/2/25</u> Group discussion on the concerns raised by Shrewton Parish Council. The group agreed in the first instance for a site meeting to discuss concerns in more detail. KD to arrange site meeting with SPC.</p>	KD
b)	<p><u>1-24-21</u> Shrewton B3086/B3083 footpaths & footways</p>	<p>The pavements in the high Street Shrewton (where they exist at all) are uneven and camber into the road. Their condition presents a risk that users will fall or be directed into this very busy road. In addition, the condition of many of the local footpaths is such that they cannot be used at night or in bad weather. The footpaths that allow users access to the village without using the High St need upgrading and maintaining to provide safe alternative routes to village facilities all year round in all weathers. Repair pavements where they are a danger to users. Upgrade the village footpaths to provide safe, all year-round, all-weather alternatives to using the High St.</p>	<p><u>12/2/25</u> Group discussion on the concerns raised by Shrewton Parish Council. The group agreed in the first instance for a site meeting to discuss concerns in more detail. KD to arrange site meeting with SPC and GL to investigate existing footway surfacing improvements.</p>	KD
c)	<p><u>1-24-22</u> Shrewton B3086 Furlong Way</p>	<p>The sightlines from the junction of Furlong Way with the B3086, are insufficient to allow drivers to adequately clear their path, especially to the right where there is a blind double bend, before pulling out and particularly</p>	<p><u>12/2/25</u> Group discussion on the concerns raised by</p>	KD

STONEHENGE LOCAL HIGHWAYS AND FOOTWAYS IMPROVEMENT GROUP ACTION NOTES

		<p>when turning right. There have been several accidents, most recently in Oct 2024, and this junction presents a severe hazard to the nearly 100 residents for whom this is the only entry and access to their properties. In recent years there has been a significant increase in the volume and speed of traffic through the village, particularly traffic on the B3086 inbound from Rollestone, and this is increasing the risk and likely severity of future accidents. Conduct a safety survey to identify what can be done to make this junction safe. It may be that this survey could be extended to other dangerous junctions in Shrewton:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nett Rd and Chalk Hill with A360. 2. Tanners Lane with A360 3. Tanners Lane with The Hollows <p>The S bend and road narrowing on the B3083 from Winterbourne Stoke as it approaches Rollestone Road. Shrewton PC have agreed funding contribution up to £625.</p>	<p>Shrewton Parish Council. The group agreed in the first instance for a site meeting to discuss concerns in more detail. KD to arrange site meeting with SPC.</p>	
d)	<p>1-24-23 Shrewton A360 / B3083 / B3086 / B390</p>	<p>The volume and speed of traffic on the A360/B3086/B3083/B390 through the village is excessive ~ speeds above 50 and 60mph routinely recorded on village Speed Indicator Devices, and a recent maximum of 90mph, on these roads. Historic traffic measurements suggest that average speeds are in the 33-35mph region which does not seem to be enough to trigger either Wiltshire Police or Wiltshire Highways to take effective action. These roads are narrow, with only limited pavements, contain blind bends and areas that are in deep shadow due to trees and hedges. In particular the junction of the High Street and Furlong Way, when approached from Rollestone, presents a sharp S bend and a concealed entrance (Furlong Way,) such that visibility for traffic exiting Furlong way is insufficient to avoid collisions, the most recent accident was in Oct. Throughout the village, the traffic represents a serious threat to the safety and health of the villagers and to the infrastructure of the roads and houses. The Parish Council have been requesting a solution to this speeding issue at every occasion in the last 8 years. Wiltshire County Council to design and implement a scheme, or schemes, to reduce the speed of traffic. Ideally, the solution would make speeding along these roads</p>	<p>12/2/25 Group discussion on the concerns raised by Shrewton Parish Council. The group agreed in the first instance for a site meeting to discuss concerns in more detail. KD to arrange site meeting with SPC.</p>	KD

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		impractical but as a minimum reduce the traffic speeds to 22mph or lower. This is Shrewton Parish Council's number two priority.		
e)	<u>1-24-24</u> Shrewton Nett Road and Chalk Hill junction with A360	<p>This junction is dangerous for vulnerable road users. For:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local school children who use the school bus drop off and collection points, in The Meadway and on the B3083 at the junction with Chalk Hill. 2. Horse riders who need to use this junction to move between local byways. The danger is increased by their need to move the horse into the A360 to provide the rider with a view of the road. This means that it is impossible to clear the junction in the time provided by the sightlines. The riders, who mostly wear hi-visibility clothing, must rely on motorists seeing them and being able to slow down before a collision occurs. 3. All pedestrians and motorists attempting to use this junction. <p>The danger arises from the volume and speed of traffic on the A360 and the poor sight lines at this junction which are further reduced by a telegraph pole, local vegetation and the topography of the A360. In addition, very few of the pedestrians wear hi-visibility clothing thus reducing the motorists' chance of seeing them in the dark.</p>	<u>12/2/25</u> Group discussion on the concerns raised by Shrewton Parish Council. The group agreed in the first instance for a site meeting to discuss concerns in more detail. KD to arrange site meeting with SPC.	KD
f)	<u>1-24-25</u> Durrington Hackthorne Road	Suggestion from resident that a 'Priority Lane' would improve road safety. On Hawthorne Rd line by the entrance to Manor Gardens the road is not wide enough for two way traffic as this is a bus route with most of the time traffic heading towards the A345 from Durrington pull into Manor Gardens to allow traffic heading into Durrington to pass, there is also very little footpath available to allow pedestrians to walk safely to an access path over the river Avon, many dog walks use this route to access the fields by the river to exercise their animals.	<u>12/2/25</u> Group discussion on issue raised and agreed for a site meeting to be arranged by KD with DTC. GW and GL are meeting in Durrington this week and committed to visiting the site and taking some photographs.	KD/GW/ GL

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g)	<p><u>1-24-26</u> Durrington Bulford Road bollards</p>	<p>Many residents are parking on the pavement on Bulford Rd, this makes it difficult for pedestrians to get past if they have pushchairs or are in a wheelchair. The installation of bollards on the pavement edge to prevent the parking of cars.</p>	<p><u>12/2/25</u> Group discussion on issue raised and agreed for a site meeting to be arranged by KD with DTC. GW and GL are meeting in Durrington this week and committed to visiting the site and taking some photographs.</p>	<p>KD/GW/ GL</p>
h)	<p><u>1-24-27</u> Stoford kissing gate</p>	<p>The wooden stile from the Mount Pleasant Estate to the field headland is now rotten and requires replacement. Access is to the "old" DEFRA financed permissive path that links to The Monarch's Way and other established footpaths. The access has been utilised since the estate was built in the 1950s. The stile is a hindrance to persons with mobility issues; the replacement with a kissing gate will be more accessible and practical. Approx estimates are for the kissing gate and installation are in the region of £1,000. The Parish Council would be willing to fund the 25% requirement.</p>	<p><u>12/02/25</u> SB explained the issue in more detail and confirmed the PC have applied for this to be made a formal public right of way (RoW). KD to check site with RoW team.</p>	<p>KD</p>
i)	<p><u>1-24-28</u> Shrewton junction of The Common and B3083</p>	<p>Somebody repeatedly rotates the terminal national speed limit sign at the junction of The Common (road 064201) and the B3083. It has been corrected several times by the Parish Steward, who once found a note attached asking if they knew what they were doing as the sign gives the wrong message to oncoming drivers. The issue is that the speed limit sign applies to The Common but when traveling northwards along the B3083 as you approach the junction the national speed limit sign is very prominent, the assumption is that drivers assume the sign is an increased speed limit on the B3083 and the 30mph limit approximately 75m further along the B3083 is then ignored. A secondary problem is that the other side of the sign has a 50 mph terminal speed limit sign which applies to drivers travelling south along The Common (which is subject to the National Speed limit) to advise them of the 50 mph speed limit on the B3083 – when the sign is rotated these drivers are not</p>	<p><u>12/2/25</u> Group discussion on the concerns raised by Shrewton Parish Council. The group agreed in the first instance for a site meeting to discuss concerns in more detail. KD to arrange site meeting with SPC.</p>	<p>KD</p>

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		being advised of the speed limit reduction (the sign on the other side of the road is usually obscured by the hedgerow). Either install a second post to stop the sign being rotated (this was done on the B3086 near the grain silos as somebody kept rotating the weight limit sign) or move the National Speed limit signage 90m (approx.) northwards along The Common so that it cannot be readily seen from the B3083.		
j)	1-24-18 Amesbury Countess Road	<p>The speed of traffic travelling at more than the 40mph speed limit. There have been several fatalities when speeding vehicles have hit pedestrians trying to cross the road. - 12th Feb 2023, 13th Nov 2022, Nov 2023 and one about 8 years ago. Vehicles leaving their driveways have been hit as have vehicles pulling out of the layby. Two dogs in separate incidents have been hit. There have been other incidents of cars colliding. These are but a few that residents can remember. If the speed limit could be reduced to 30mph and have a permanent speed camera set up. This would be ideal, but definitely a reduction in the speed limit.</p> <p>2/10/24 Group discussion to confirm permanent speed cameras are no longer used on Wiltshire roads. Recorded collision history confirmed as one slight in 2021 and one fatality in 2023, both elderly pedestrians walking into the carriageway at night with the primary contributory factor being failure to look properly. KD explained no significant changes to surrounding environment since last assessment in 2009 which recommended no changes. However, if a funding stream for the proposed shared use path (SUP) and Toucan crossing is identified in the future there might be an argument for a change to environment and increase in vulnerable road users. Group to decide if allocation of £3,100 for a speed limit assessment is justified currently.</p>	<p>12/2/25 Group discussion on speed limit assessments and the process in general. KD reiterated comments from October meeting. Group voted in favour to proceed with a speed limit assessment for this location.</p> <p>ATC to confirm £775 contribution.</p> <p>KD to commission assessment with consultant.</p>	<p>ATC</p> <p>KD</p>
k)	1-24-19 A345 to Enford Hill	<p>All concerns safety/traffic related and consist of the following: Speed of traffic through Newtown, increased traffic especially HGVs that struggle to pass through a narrow section, increased accidents. Two this year already, inability to safely drive from driveways in Newtown onto A345 due to speed of oncoming vehicles and vegetation. Inability to safely access bus stops which are overgrown. Request for safety review of the area.</p>	<p>12/02/25 Site meeting undertaken in January to discuss concerns. Proposal for enhanced signing and road markings to be</p>	<p>KD</p>

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		2/10/24 Enford PC provided overview of main concerns in this area. KD to arrange site visit with IBP and MF from EPC. GL to investigate the overgrown vegetation and obscured signs along this route.	drafted and costed to send to PC for review.	
l)	1-24-15 Fittleton cum Haxton	<p>There are no footpaths for pedestrians walking through Haxton to/from Salisbury Plain. Traffic ignores the 30mph speed limit and pedestrians have nowhere to retreat from fast moving vehicles. We would like to have a white line that denotes a pedestrian walkway and the erection of a speed indicator device. There is currently no pole on which to place the SID, so we would need one erected. The road is extremely difficult to navigate on foot. The demographic of the area is significantly elderly and people of all ages use the route to push prams and walk dogs.</p> <p>3/7/24 PC explained issues in more detail. Group agreed for site meeting to be undertaken with KD, FHPC, RY & IBP.</p> <p>2/10/24 Site meeting undertaken on 24th September 2024. Discussion on site determined KD committing to drafting a proposal to enhance the 30mph speed limit entry point along Everleigh Road and provide PC with estimate.</p>	<p>12/2/25 Proposal to enhance the 30mph speed limit entry point costed at £5,500 (LHFIG £4,125, FHPC £1,375). Fittleton cum Haxton PC agree with the proposal and confirm contribution. Group agreed to allocate funding. Order and implement proposal.</p>	KD
m)	1-24-06 Amesbury London Road	<p>The bus shelter on London Road near to Kitchener Street has been damaged and subsequently removed by Wiltshire Council. This was originally funded by Amesbury Town Council through a CATG grant in 2021 after the original one was also damaged. Request for replacement bus shelter.</p> <p>17/4/24 Group discussion resolved not to fund a replacement shelter. MD to liaise with Amesbury Town Council on whether they wish to fully fund a new shelter or would like to consider a bus stop flag signpost instead.</p> <p>3/7/24 Group agreed for site meeting to be undertaken with KD, ATC, RY & MD.</p> <p>2/10/24 Site meeting undertaken on 1st October 2024. Discussion on site determined this issue has evolved from the location the damaged shelter was removed near Kitchener Street to a request for a new shelter at bus stop outside The Cloisters. Cllr Devendran committed to gathering evidence from adjacent residents on quantity using bus stop to determine if a new shelter is justified.</p>	<p>12/02/25 MD carried out survey with residents of The Cloisters on 31st January 2025. Majority surveyed concluded a bus shelter was not required at this location.</p> <p>No further action. Remove and close issue.</p>	KD

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n)	1-22-10 Amesbury village gates and planters	The first site at A345 Salisbury Road is now completed and scheduled for installation during July. Amesbury Town Council would now like to request the next priority site entrance to the town to be considered for implementation and funding. 3/7/24 ATC confirmed location for next site, GW raised concerns over positioning and the existing Amesbury sign. Group agreed for site meeting to be undertaken with KD, ATC, RY & MD to agree best location. 2/10/24 Site meeting undertaken on 1 st October 2024. Discussion on site determined location for village gate. KD to draft proposal and send estimate to ATC.	12/02/25 Ongoing discussion with ATC regarding number of gates and location at this site. KD to revisit site with ATC and MD to consider alternative options.	KD
5.	Other Issues			
a)	1-24-05 Amesbury Solstice Park	Lorries are using these roads for overnight stays and as a result drivers are leaving human faeces on verges. They are also damaging the footway verges and are causing a hazard to drivers who are exiting the in-roads from businesses on the Park. This has gotten worse with the closure of laybys along the A303. These roads offer a safe haven, away from the public eye and provide local food offerings within easy reach. Limited lorry parking at Solstice Park means they are parking on public roads, where no restrictions are currently in place. The issue has been raised to National Highways. Request for waiting restrictions for the whole Solstice Park estate to the highway boundary. 17/4/24 KD to collate all WR requests, assess sites and draft proposals for PC/TCs to review. 3/7/24 WR Assessments completed. Proposal plans with TC/PCs for review. 2/10/24 Final confirmation of sites and extent of WR received. All information to be sent to TRO team this week for legal process to commence.	12/02/25 TRO formal consultation period from 23 rd January – 17 th February 2025.	To note
b)	1-24-08 Figheldean, High Street/Pollen Lane	A request to put double yellow lines along the road next to the old school on the high street from the corner of high street and Avon banks to the post box opposite the working man's club, Also another section of double yellow lines on both sides of the junction of Pollen Lane and High street.	12/02/25 TRO formal consultation period from 23 rd January – 17 th February 2025.	To note

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		<p>17/4/24 KD to collate all WR requests, assess sites and draft proposals for PC/TCs to review.</p> <p>3/7/24 WR Assessments completed. Proposal plans with TC/PCs for review.</p> <p>2/10/24 Final confirmation of sites and extent of WR received. All information to be sent to TRO team this week for legal process to commence.</p>		
c)	<p>1-24-04 Durrington, George Close</p>	<p>The entrance has a cut away that was designed to keep vehicular access available especially for emergency vehicles/bin collections etc. It is being used as a car parking area. Can hatched keep clear be installed please.</p> <p>7/2/24 Group agreed to support this issue and add this location to the waiting restrictions review list for 2024/25.</p> <p>17/4/24 KD to collate all WR requests, assess sites and draft proposals for PC/TCs to review.</p> <p>3/7/24 WR Assessments completed. Proposal plans with TC/PCs for review.</p> <p>2/10/24 This site will need to be included in a future WR review once the road has been adopted as public highway.</p>	<p>12/02/25 No further action at this time.</p>	To note
d)	<p>1-23-19 Bulford, Junction 16 roundabout</p>	<p>15/11/23 Group agreed. Request quote from consultant. Further discussion required on funding for audit.</p> <p>7/2/24 Group agreed to support this issue and allocate £2500 (25% contribution from BPC of £625). KD to finalise details with BPC and order the safety audit.</p> <p>17/4/24 Safety review with consultant for completion. KD will issue report once received.</p> <p>3/7/24 Safety review issued to BPC for review. Arrange meeting with GJ, MV, RY to discuss safety review and Bulford cycle signing.</p> <p>2/10/24 Meeting conducted on 17/9/24 and safety review recommendations discussed. Further investigation into alignment and profile of the double mini roundabout required. Refreshing of road markings and sign relocation in progress.</p>	<p>12/02/25 Refreshing of all road markings at this site is now complete.</p> <p>KD to chase the sign relocation works.</p>	To note KD
e)	<p>1-21-17 A345 Netheravon</p>	<p>Confirmation given that a trial will take place in Netheravon, initial meetings have taken place with an intended implementation in Summer/Autumn. This will also be discussed within the task group. Update given within the chair's</p>	<p>12/02/25 Final report currently being drafted for review by</p>	

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		<p>updates. Confirmation provided by the Traffic Order team was given on 08/08/2023 that no complaints were raised against the order.</p> <p>16/08/23 RS to proceed with submission of works pack and implementation.</p> <p>15/11/23 Implementation of trial 40mph speed limit complete. Trial will be monitored over a 12-month period. Check if previously agreed by management for monitoring data to be shared throughout trial.</p> <p>7/2/24 Monitoring data has been shared.</p> <p>Group agreed to support additional SID post and have allocated £500 (25% contribution from NPC of £125). KD to liaise with RS to arrange installation.</p> <p>17/4/24 RS has ordered additional SID infrastructure.</p> <p>3/7/24 Works order for additional SID infrastructure with contractor.</p> <p>Installation is imminent, noticeable difference in speed and expressed thanks.</p>	management.	
f)	<p>1-23-15 Pedestrian Crossing, The Packway Larkhill Durrington</p>	<p>16/08/23 Following on from a meeting with the MOD, there are crossing points required on The Packway, Larkhill. Group agreed to proceed with pedestrian crossing assessment (Durrington support 25%) for further consideration/potential substantive bid. Further investigations are required.</p> <p>15/11/23 Assessment in progress, report to be drafted by end of November.</p> <p>7/2/24 Assessment report to be issued imminently.</p> <p>17/4/24 Report issued. Cllr Blair-Pilling raised concerns regarding wider area if Stonehenge tunnel goes ahead.</p> <p>3/7/24 IBP commented awaiting outcome of Stonehenge tunnel decision which will have an impact at this location. Appeal date 15/7/24.</p>	<p>12/02/25 Stonehenge Tunnel has now officially been postponed.</p>	To note
g)	<p>1-22-16 Figheledean speed limits</p>	<p>7/2/24 20mph speed limit assessment in progress.</p> <p>A345 signing proposal works pack with contractor, anticipate completion by end of financial year.</p> <p>17/4/24 Report issued. A345 signing project to be completed imminently.</p> <p>3/7/24 Group agreed funding to implement 20mph speed limit as per assessment recommendation. Estimate £10,000. Figheledean PC confirmed 25% contribution. Progress speed to Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) stage.</p> <p>2/10/24 Legal documents with TRO team for processing and advertisement.</p>	<p>12/02/25 TRO formal consultation period from 13th February – 10th March 2025.</p>	To note

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h)	<p>1-23-10 Bollard request Lower Backway Shrewton</p>	<p>16/08/23 Group agreed to progress bollard. 15/11/23 Further information required from Shrewton PC regarding land ownership and future status of right of way. Bridleway application in progress. SPC will continue to monitor and report back. 7/2/24 Group agreed to support this issue and allocate up to £500 (25% contribution from SPC of £125). KD to arrange site visit with SPC to review best location for a bollard and determine land ownership extents. Move back to issues requiring decision section above. 17/4/24 Site meeting now scheduled for 22/04/24. 3/7/24 KD has contacted Rights of Way and still awaiting response. Chase update and progress design. 2/10/24 Rights of Way have responded and do not permit bollards to be installed. Ongoing discussions between SPC and RoW team.</p>	<p>12/02/25 Ongoing discussion between SPC and RoW.</p>	To note
i)	<p>1-21-5 B3083 between A303 and Berwick St James</p>	<p>Task group placed on hold until progression of the Netheravon Trial. AS asked RS to provide full SLA report. 15/11/23 KD to send PC SLA report information. 7/2/24 Further correspondence received from PC. Environment Select Committee (member led) have set up a task group working with Wiltshire Council Highways officers to look at a new policy for speed limit assessments going forward.</p>	<p>12/02/25 Environment Select Committee findings distributed with October 2024 minutes.</p>	
j)	<p>1-21-10, 1-21-11, 1-21-12 C42 Woodford Valley – speeding and lack of footways</p>	<p>Environment Select Committee (member led) have set up a task group working with Wiltshire Council Highways officers to look at a new policy for speed limit assessments going forward.</p>	<p>12/02/25 Environment Select Committee findings distributed with October 2024 minutes.</p>	
k)	<p>1-22-9 Amesbury speed limit requests</p>	<p>Environment Select Committee (member led) have set up a task group working with Wiltshire Council Highways officers to look at a new policy for speed limit assessments going forward.</p>	<p>12/02/25 Environment Select Committee findings distributed with October 2024 minutes.</p>	

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l)	<p>1-23-1 Amesbury road markings & waiting restrictions</p>	<p>Often there are parked cars either side of the road (South Mill). The bigger issue is then, for instance, fire engines/larger vehicle access. There are also no road markings once you leave Salisbury Road into South Mill. Waiting restrictions to be added to the next years submission of waiting restrictions if agreed by group, existing white lining can be raised via maintenance or LHFIG but will be the new financial year. Group supported to be submitted on waiting restrictions order for 2023/2024 order. Amesbury TC to confirm if they wish to fully fund themselves or wait for the next batch. Amesbury confirmed inclusion within next WR batch. 16/08/23 Keep on agenda to build a new batch of WR requests. 3/7/24 WR Assessments completed. Proposal plans with TC/PCs for review. 2/10/24 Amesbury TC confirmed final decision on extent of WR at South Mill Road refer to email 2/10/24. All information to be sent to TRO team this week for legal process to commence. 2/10/24 Amesbury TC confirmed final decision on extent of WR at South Mill Road refer to email 2/10/24. All information to be sent to TRO team this week for legal process to commence.</p>	<p>12/02/25 TRO formal consultation period from 23rd January – 17th February 2025.</p>	
m)	<p>1-23-3 Stonehenge Road Amesbury speed limit</p>	<p>Environment Select Committee (member led) have set up a task group working with Wiltshire Council Highways officers to look at a new policy for speed limit assessments going forward.</p>	<p>12/02/25 Environment Select Committee findings distributed with October 2024 minutes.</p>	
n)	<p>1-23-6 Middle Woodford school keep clear markings</p>	<p>Request for school keep clear marking to be moved from current position and repositioned to location of current vehicular entrance to the school. 16/08/23 Group agreed to add to waiting restrictions list for new financial year. 3/7/24 WR Assessments completed. Proposal plans with TC/PCs for review. 2/10/24 Final confirmation of sites and extent of WR received. All information to be sent to TRO team this week for legal process to commence.</p>	<p>12/02/25 TRO formal consultation period from 23rd January – 17th February 2025.</p>	

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6.	Orders issued, awaiting construction		
a)	<p>1-24-16 Amesbury Holders Road</p>	<p>Concerns raised by local community regarding employees of the school parking all day in the layby near No. 10 holders Road. Request for signing to state visitors and workmen only. 3/7/24 WR Assessments completed. Proposal plans with TC/PCs for review. 2/10/24 Amesbury TC have now confirmed via email on 4/9/24 to remove this location from the WR review and request an access protection bar marking (H-Bar) across Property No. 10 Holders Road. Group discussion on funding for road marking requests (see AOB below). To implement this request as a standalone project will cost £600 including road marking establishment fee. Group request a 50/50% split with Amesbury TC. Group agreed to order and implement subject to 50% contribution (£300) from Amesbury TC.</p>	<p>12/02/25 ATC confirmed 50% contribution. Works order with contractor. Anticipate completion in spring when weather conditions improve.</p>
b)	<p>1-21-5 B3083 Berwick St James</p>	<p>Request for amendments to the warning signs installed in 2022 to include a relocation, supplementary plate and distance. 3/7/24 Cllr Daley mentioned issues with the adjacent landowner, also confirmed support for this request. Design and estimate to be drafted. 2/10/24 Design and estimate with Berwick St James PC for review. Cost estimate £1,300 (25%=£325). WSPC have confirmed agreement and contribution of £325. Group agreed funding of £975. KD to order and implement.</p>	<p>12/02/25 Works order with contractor. Anticipate completion by end of February.</p>
c)	<p>1-24-10 Shrewton, London Road</p>	<p>The Parish Council would like to mount a solar powered SID at this location; however the pole is not long enough to do this; the Parish Council would like the redundant bus stop pole replaced with a suitable SID mounting pole. 17/4/24 KD to assess site and draft proposal and cost for SPC to review. Group agreed funding up to £500 (with 25% contribution from SPC). 3/7/24 Landowner permission received. Order and implement. 2/10/24 Works order with contractor.</p>	<p>12/02/25 Works complete.</p>

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d)	<p><u>1-23-5</u> Trinity grain LTD Shrewton signs</p>	<p><u>7/2/24</u> Trinity Grain have now agreed to fund this scheme. Progress design to implementation. <u>17/4/24</u> RS to finalise design and order with contractor. <u>3/7/24</u> Design agreed. RS to order with contractor. <u>2/10/24</u> Works order with contractor.</p>	<p><u>12/02/25</u> Works order with contractor.</p>	
e)	<p><u>1-22-2</u> Orcheston 20mph speed limit</p>	<p><u>16/08/23</u> Orcheston PC are yet to confirm contribution and agreement to implementation phase of 20mph speed limit. RS and GW to meet with PC to discuss options. <u>15/11/23</u> Orcheston PC confirmed they wish to progress the 20mph speed limit. PC meeting next week to discuss as funding of contribution might be problematic. Group discussion on parish precepts and how this funding can be used for improvement projects within the parish. Confirmation of agreement to implement and contribution. <u>7/2/24</u> Orcheston PC have confirmed contribution for the implementation of the 20mph speed limit at £1,750. KD to progress with TRO legal process. <u>17/4/24</u> Legal documents with TRO team for processing. Advert dates for consultation period to follow. <u>3/7/24</u> Legal TRO consultation period ended. No objections received. Progress to implementation. <u>2/10/24</u> Works order with contractors. Anticipated completion end of October.</p>	<p><u>12/02/25</u> Works complete.</p>	
f)	<p><u>1-23-23</u> Bulford, Old Coach Road</p>	<p>Where the public footpath meets Old Coach Road there is no signage for motor vehicle users to make them aware of the emergence of pedestrians and cyclists. There have been a number of dangerous occurrences. With the proliferation of electric vehicles the junction has become more dangerous. Bulford Parish Council requests that a survey of signage be carried out and where necessary appropriate signage added. <u>7/2/24</u> Group agreed to support this issue and allocate up to £500 (25% contribution from BPC of £125). KD to carry out site visit and recommend viable solution. <u>17/4/24</u> BPC confirmed contribution towards increased cost of £600. Group</p>	<p><u>12/02/25</u> Works complete.</p>	

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		agreed funding for increased cost. Agree sign locations and order works with contractor. 2/10/24 Works order with contractor for implementation.		
g)	1-23-24 Netheravon, A345 Harefield Crescent	The bus stop is very dangerous for bus users. It is not visible by drivers as it is not lit and it is set back from the road. Also, the bus stop sign is not at the bus stop. When children get off the bus from school (Durrington and Amesbury) the visibility left is very poor as there is a bend in the road with tall foliage obstructing the view. Vehicles come out of the new 40mph speed limit and accelerate away along this stretch of road with no consideration for anyone trying to cross the road. The bus stop needs to be lit, a proper bus stop sign installed, foliage at the bend to the north cut back, and illuminated signs saying 'Slow Down Children Crossing'. 7/2/24 Group agreed to support this issue and allocate up to £500 (25% contribution from NPC of £125). KD to arrange of bus stop flag sign to be relocated and check highway boundary for adjacent tree removal and potential to increase width of bus stop hardstanding. 17/4/24 Works order with contractors for implementation. Highway boundary plan sent to NPC & Cllr Blair Pilling for information. 2/10/24 Works anticipated to be completed by end of October.	12/02/25 Works complete.	
h)	1-24-01 South Newton SID deployment	Speeding traffic is an issue through the Parish. South Newton Parish Council is supportive of the local Community Speed watch Team purchase of a Speed indicator Device (SID). The SID is to be sited at temporary locations around the villages to highlight the speed of oncoming vehicles and record the number of speeding vehicles. This information will be used to determine the best times for the team to perform speed watch activities. Poles are required to support the SID; assistance is required as to the most practical and suitable location. 7/2/24 Group agreed to support this issue and allocate up to £500 (25% contribution from SNPC of £125). KD to send contact details for National Highways to GW who has made a commitment to find out the process for SID deployment on A36. KD to arrange site meeting with SB to confirm	12/02/25 SID infrastructure complete. Results from several traffic surveys carried out during 2024 issued to PC confirming this site does not meet the criteria for an on-carriageway footway.	

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		location for SID infrastructure on C283. 17/4/24 Works order with contractors for implementation. KD to organise new traffic surveys for C283 to reassess location for on-carriageway footway against criteria. 3/7/24 Works anticipated to be completed by end of July. The latest traffic survey undertaken in May 2024, awaiting results. KD to chase. 2/10/24 SID infrastructure complete. Another traffic survey on C283 to be conducted during October/November to compare with May result and consider viability of virtual footway against criteria.		
i)	1-22-8/11 Amesbury waiting restrictions	Group agreed funding of £7,000 to progress Waiting Reviews batch 001 for 2022/23. Waiting Restriction batch 001 cabinet report has been submitted for a final decision following the end of the formal consultation phase will be 20 th October – 21 st November 2022. Cabinet member report accepted – this will be submitted via the website and now awaits final appeal time. Order for the contractor is being prepared by the apprentice for implementation ASAP 17/4/24 Work 95% complete, one location outstanding. Will continue to chase contractor to finish.	12/02/25 Mills Way is only outstanding site to complete. Issues with adjacent business and parking.	
j)	1-22-24 Bulford cycle signing	RS to now order SDR to capture data to allow an additional sign, to stay on the agenda and discuss following the results. 16/08/23 Group support, Bulford confirmed 25% via email prior to meeting. RS to draft proposal 15/11/23 Works pack in progress. 17/4/24 Work complete. BPC commented they never received a proposal plan and not sure what signs have been ordered or if work has been completed. KD to discuss with RS. 3/7/24 Ongoing discussion with BPC regarding location of signing. BPC to confirm if they are happy for sign to be moved as per KD email. 2/10/24 Discussion at meeting on 17/9/24. KD to investigate feasibility of shared use path along Double Hedges.	12/02/25 After considering the site constraints and costs involved in a short section of shared use path on the north east side of Double Hedges it is recommended the benefit does not outweigh the costs.	

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k)	<p>1-22-10 Amesbury village gates and planters</p>	<p>16/08/23 RS met with Amesbury TC to discuss, initially site was chosen for Countess Road but this has changed to Vineys Farm. Group offer support 1 x village gate at Vineys Farm. RS will provide Amesbury TC with a design and cost. 15/11/23 Design & estimate sent to Amesbury TC for review. £3,300. Contributions as follows: LHFIG 75%=£2,475, PC 25%=825. Group agreed funding. ATC agreed contribution. 7/2/24 Order issued; construction anticipated Spring 2024. 17/4/24 Work to be completed imminently. 2/10/24 Works anticipated to be completed by end of October.</p>	<p>12/02/25 Works complete.</p>	
l)	<p>1-22-6 Durrington issues</p>	<p>Group agreed funding. Town Council agreed contribution at July 2022 meeting. 1. Two street nameplates missing to be replaced. Group agree.(Stonehenge Road o-s Inn & Glendale Road north) 7/2/24 Street name plates outstanding. Works pack in progress. 17/4/24 Order with contractor, awaiting construction. 2/10/24 Works anticipated to be completed by end of October.</p>	<p>12/02/25 Works order with contractor.</p>	
7.	<p>AOB</p>			
a)	<p>Speed limit reviews</p>	<p>The group discussed in detail the way speed limit reviews are done. Graham Wright confirmed the process of how Atkins carry these out once they have been requested by the LHFIG. Further consideration is required, and GW took an action to set up a task group with members of the LHFIG who have outstanding or completed contentious speed limit reviews to discuss in more detail how this will be raised with the cabinet for a potential review of the processes and policies. RS to provide contact details to GW to set up a first meeting. Many issues on the agenda plus a trial of Netheravon have been discussed. GW to provide an update at the next LHFIG meeting on how this has gone to the group. Cllr wright has sent initial emails with an aim to set up this task group between April/May</p>	<p>12/02/25 KD distributed findings from Environment Select Committee with October 2024 meeting minutes.</p>	<p>To note</p>

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		2/10/24 Confirm findings from the outcome of the Environment Select committee task group reviewing speed limit assessments.		
b)	Telegraph Hill	Bulford PC raised the matter surrounding ongoing issues on Telegraph Hill. GW and RS have taken an action to investigate further. Update 16/08/23 – Spoken with Spencer Drinkwater, no positive update at this stage	12/02/25 Cllr Yuill contacted Spencer Drinkwater for an update on LTP4, awaiting response.	
c)	Ordering of road markings	Discussion on the suggestion to batch road marking requests (white lining such as H-Bars and SLOW markings) to be delivered together to ensure cost efficiency due to the establishment fee for road markings. This will result in a waiting period whilst a batch of sites are collected and ordered. 2/10/24 Group agreed in principle to collect road marking requests in a list and order a batch as and when necessary.		To note
d)	Mavic Database	Information on the DfT Mavic database provided by AS, please follow the link below to access: DfT's MAVIC (Mapping Application for Visualising Road Injury Casualties) https://dft.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/ea3b071df62a434aa21ed80a6214d690		To note
e)	Maintenance update from Grish Lohani	78 highway defects completed between October 2024-12 February 2025.		
8.	Date of Next Meeting:	9 th April 2025 (Microsoft Teams meeting)		

STONEHENGE LOCAL HIGHWAYS AND FOOTWAYS IMPROVEMENT GROUP ACTION NOTES

Stonehenge Area Local Highways and Footways Improvement Group

Highway Officer – Kate Davey

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 Stonehenge 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, Stonehenge Area Board will have a remaining Highways funding balance remaining budget of **£16,419.11**.

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.

Wiltshire Council

Stonehenge Area Board

27 February 2025

Stonehenge Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Stonehenge 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	£ 24,831.00	£ 22,414.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 24,807.78	£ 22,095.08	£ 6,703.13
Current Balance	£ 23.22	£ 318.92	£ 996.87
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ -626.78	£ 318.92	£ 496.87

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG2232	Area Board Initiative	Stonehenge area Board	Stonehenge Wellbeing Fair	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: An event to enable local groups delivering activities and services to older and vulnerable adults to promote themselves to the public.</p>					
ABG2039	Community Area Grant	Enford Short Mat Bowls Club	Enford Short Mat Bowls Club Replacement Mat	£1300.00	£650.00
<p>Project Summary: The Short Mat Bowls Club was set up in 2009 when the new Enford Village Hall was built and opened. We have around 18 members and three mats. Several of the members are in their 70's and 80's and one of the mats is too heavy to move, often restricting us to the use of two mats. We would like to replace the old heavy mat with a lighter one so we will have three 'lanes' in operation.</p>					

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 persons 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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