

# AGENDA

**Meeting:** Trowbridge Area Board  
**Place:** Conference Suite - County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN  
**Date:** Thursday 20 February 2025  
**Time:** 6.30 pm

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Including the Parishes of: Hilperton, North Bradley, Southwick, Trowbridge, and West Ashton.

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## Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Antonio Piazza, Drynham  
Cllr Jo Trigg, Lambrok (Chair)  
Cllr Daniel Cave, Park  
Cllr Ernie Clark, Hilperton  
Cllr Mel Jacob, Paxcroft  
Cllr Edward Kirk, Adcroft  
Cllr Stewart Palmen, Central (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr Horace Prickett, Southwick  
Cllr David Vigar, Grove

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- Engagement and Partnership Lead – **Caroline LeQuesne**: [Caroline.LeQuesne@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Caroline.LeQuesne@wiltshire.gov.uk)
- Democratic Services Officer – **Ellen Ghey**: [ellen.ghey@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:ellen.ghey@wiltshire.gov.uk)

<b>Items to be considered</b>		<b>Time</b>												
1	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	<b>6.30pm</b>												
2	<p><b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b> (<i>Pages 7 - 16</i>)</p> <p>To approve and sign as a true and correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 December 2024.</p>													
3	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>													
4	<p><b>Information Items</b> (<i>Pages 17 - 58</i>)</p> <p>The Area Board is asked to note the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Devolution to Wessex Update</li> <li>• Wiltshire Local Elections 2025</li> <li>• Update from Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service: <a href="#">Service Update December 2024 - YouTube</a></li> <li>• Community First Update</li> <li>• Cost of Living Update</li> <li>• Family and Community Learning Impact Report 2023-24</li> <li>• Defect and Potholes Dashboard</li> </ul>													
5	<p><b>Wiltshire and Swindon's Police and Crime Commissioner</b></p> <p>To receive an update from Wiltshire and Swindon's Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Wilkinson.</p>	<b>6.40pm</b>												
6	<p><b>Area Board Funding</b> (<i>Pages 59 - 64</i>)</p> <p>To note the remaining budgets and to consider any applications for funding, as detailed in the attached report and summarised below:</p> <p><b>Remaining Budgets:</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="264 1619 1377 1697"> <thead> <tr> <th>Community Area Grant</th> <th>Older &amp; Vulnerable</th> <th>Young People</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>£11,963.02</td> <td>£0.00</td> <td>£9,170.68</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Community Area Grants:</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="264 1843 1377 2033"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ref/Link</th> <th>Grant Details</th> <th>Amount Requested</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><a href="#">ABG2192</a></td> <td>Trowbridge Girl Guiding Hall – <i>Trowbridge Girl Guiding Hall Move to Electric</i></td> <td>£500</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Community Area Grant	Older & Vulnerable	Young People	£11,963.02	£0.00	£9,170.68	Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested	<a href="#">ABG2192</a>	Trowbridge Girl Guiding Hall – <i>Trowbridge Girl Guiding Hall Move to Electric</i>	£500	<b>7.05pm</b>
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<a href="#">ABG2201</a>	Southwick Community Hub – <i>Southwick Community Hub Refurbishment</i>	£5,000
<a href="#">ABG2208</a>	Friends of The Down Cemetery – <i>Non-Conformist Chapel Window Restoration</i>	£1,500
<a href="#">ABG2209</a>	Friends of Southwick Country Park – <i>Additional Equipment to Extend our Maintenance Programme</i>	£481.07

### Young People Grants:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
<a href="#">ABG2178</a>	Trowbridge Child Wellbeing Partnership – <i>Trowbridge for Youth</i>	£500
<a href="#">ABG2196</a>	Wiltshire Mind – <i>2025 Children and Young Peoples Counselling</i>	£4,000
<a href="#">ABG2199</a>	Wiltshire Treehouse – <i>NEST Young Peoples Bereavement Support Trowbridge</i>	£5,000
<a href="#">ABG2200</a>	SMASH Youth Project – <i>Street Based Youth Engagement and Detached Youth Work</i>	£1,260

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

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| 7  | <p><b>Youth Event Planning</b></p> <p>To receive an update from Colin Kay on Youth Event Planning.</p>  | 7.45pm |
| 8  | <p><b>Trowbridge Integrated Care Centre Update</b></p> <p>To receive an update on the new Trowbridge Integrated Care Centre.</p>                                    | 7.55pm |
| 9  | <p><b>Melksham Legal Arts Wall Update</b></p> <p>To receive an update from Caroline LeQuesne, Engagement and Partnership Lead, on the Melksham Legal Arts Wall.</p> | 8.10pm |
| 10 | <p><b>Area Board Four Year Overview</b></p> <p>A brief recap of the last four years of Trowbridge Area Board successes.</p>   | 8.20pm |



11 **Partner Updates**

8.30pm

To note the written reports and receive any updates from the following:

- a) Wiltshire Police
- b) Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service
- c) Child Friendly Trowbridge
- d) Trowbridge Future
- e) Family Hub Wiltshire Council
- f) Town and Parish Council Nominated Representatives

Town and Parish Council Nominated Representatives are encouraged to attend the meeting and provide an update on issues and successes arising in their respective areas.

12 **Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group** (Pages 65 - 76)

8.35pm

To note the minutes and consider any recommendations arising from the last LHFIG meeting:

<b>Agreed Commitments</b>	<b>Estimates</b>
SID Infrastructure – 3 Sockets and 2 Posts in Southwick	Total = £900 <b>(£600 LHFIG &amp; £300 SPC)</b>
Hardstanding Adjacent to Layby Outside Grove School, Hazel Grove	Total = £3,500 <b>(£3,000 LHFIG &amp; £500 Contribution from Grove School)</b>

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

13 **Urgent Items**

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

14 **Close**

8.40pm

Future meeting dates:

- 20 May 2025 – *Extraordinary Meeting on the Rising of Full Council*
- 26 June 2025
- 18 September 2025
- 13 November 2025

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# MINUTES

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### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Caroline LeQuesne – Engagement and Partnership Lead  
Ellen Ghey – Democratic Services Officer

**Total in attendance:** 16

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<b><u>Minute No..</u></b>	<b><u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decisions</u></b>
50	<p><b><u>Apologies</u></b></p> <p>Apologies for absence from Members were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Ernie Clark</li> </ul> <p>Further apologies were noted from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspector Andy Lemon – Wiltshire Police</li> </ul>
51	<p><b><u>Minutes</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 October 2024 were considered.</p> <p>Following which, it was:</p> <p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b></p> <p><b>The Area Board approved and signed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 October 2024 as a true and correct record.</b></p>
52	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <p>In relation to Agenda Item 5, Area Board Funding, the following interests were declared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Jo Trigg declared an Other Registrable Interest in respect of the grant for which Trowbridge Future was a beneficiary by virtue of her position as the Chair of Trustees.</li> <li>• Councillor Stewart Palmen declared an Other Registrable Interest in respect of the grant for which Trowbridge Future was a beneficiary by virtue of his position as a Trustee, and the grant related to Wiltshire Rural Music for which he is a representative of Wiltshire Council.</li> </ul>
53	<p><b><u>Information Items</u></b></p> <p>The following updates were provided through the Chair as per the agenda pack:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire Local Transport Plan Consultation - <a href="#">Wiltshire Council Consultation Portal</a></li> <li>• Wiltshire Police Spot the Signs Campaign</li> <li>• Wiltshire Police VAWG Quarterly Update</li> <li>• Vaccine Confidence Training Sessions</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EV Chargers</li> <li>• Community First Update</li> <li>• Update from BSW Together (Integrated Care System)</li> <li>• Cost of Living Update</li> </ul>
54	<p><b><u>Area Board Funding</u></b></p> <p>The Area Board considered the following applications for funding:</p> <p><b><u>Community Area Grants:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire Rural Music - £1,600 towards Wiltshire Rural Music Building Repairs</li> </ul> <p>On the motion of Councillor Mel Jacob, seconded by Councillor Horace Prickett, it was:</p> <p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b></p> <p><b>The Area Board awarded £1,600 to Wiltshire Rural Music for Wiltshire Rural Music Building Repairs.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Young People Grants:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable Image Lac CIC - £2,460 towards Colour and Light Youth Art Programme</li> </ul> <p>During the discussion, the applicant explained that in tandem with Trowbridge Future they would advertise the programme throughout the local Secondary Schools in order to access a broad range of students, and they emphasised the importance of providing accessible creative experiences for all children and young people. In response to a query, the applicant confirmed that they would review their safeguarding policies ahead of the project and that an updated version would be sent to officers to ensure compliance. Members thanked the applicant for re-submitting their grant application with a further breakdown in costs associated with the programme.</p> <p>On the motion of Councillor Mel Jacob, seconded by Councillor David Vigar, it was:</p> <p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b></p> <p><b>The Area Board awarded £2,460 to Sustainable Image Lab CIC for the Colour and Light Youth Art Programme.</b></p>

**Resolved – The application met the Young People Grants Criteria.**

- The Pump Trowbridge CIC - £4,975 towards Future Sound of Trowbridge 2025

During the discussion, the applicant provided further details on the events with regard to attendance, performers, and the different ways in which young people could get involved such as mentoring in audio and lighting skills, and marketing and advertising opportunities. Members congratulated the recent accomplishment of the venue in being jointly awarded the “Outstanding Contribution to Grassroots Music” Award during the Music Venue Trust event in October 2024.

On the motion of Councillor Antonio Piazza, seconded by Councillor Jo Trigg, it was:

**Resolved:**

**The Area Board awarded £4,975 to The Pump Trowbridge CIC for the Future Sound of Trowbridge 2025.**

**Reason – The application met the Young People Grants Criteria.**

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**Update on Neighbourhood Collaborative Model**

Caroline LeQuesne, Engagement and Partnership Lead, provided an update on the Neighbourhood Collaborative Model.

It was explained that the Neighbourhood Collaborative and the “Core20PLUS5” approach was designed to support Integrated Care Systems (ICS) in driving targeted action in healthcare inequalities improvement. “Core20PLUS5” was then broken down and explained as:

Details	Adults	Young People
<p><b>“Core 20”</b> -The most deprived 20% of the national population as identified by the Index of Multiple Deprivation</p>		
<p><b>“PLUS”</b> - Population groups chosen by the ICS who experienced poorer-than-average health access, experience, and/or outcomes, who may not be captured</p>	<p>Wiltshire Specific Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gypsy Roma Travellers</li> <li>• Boaters</li> </ul>	<p>Wiltshire Specific Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gypsy Roma Travellers</li> <li>• Boaters</li> </ul>

within the Core20 alone and would benefit from a tailored healthcare approach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manual Workers (specifically those in minority groups)</li> </ul>	
“5” - Key clinical areas of health inequalities nationally.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maternity</li> <li>Severe Mental Illness</li> <li>Chronic Respiratory Disease</li> <li>Early Cancer Diagnosis</li> <li>Hypertension</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asthma</li> <li>Diabetes</li> <li>Epilepsy</li> <li>Oral Health</li> <li>Mental Health</li> </ul>

It was then explained that each Neighbourhood Collaborative was based on Primary Care Networks, with Trowbridge being its own. It was further explained that there was a Steering Group in place which connected leaders of different organisations in the public health space to work in tandem to support the improvement of health inequalities. The Steering Group also supports the local Neighbourhood Collaboratives which work to six core principles:

- 1) Partnership Working
- 2) Co-Production
- 3) Whole Community Approach to Addressing Equality Gaps in Health and Wellbeing
- 4) Integration to Create the Community Led Vision
- 5) Enabling Volunteers and Staff to Thrive
- 6) Creating a Movement for Change

It was confirmed that the Trowbridge Neighbourhood Collaborative had its first meeting the week prior to the meeting in which attendees raised priority areas that they felt was most important for the Trowbridge community. It was highlighted that many of the areas were linked to cost-of-living issues which despite not necessarily being an area that the NHS would usually focus on, had significant repercussions on their services.

During the discussion, points included:

- It was confirmed that each Collaborative would choose a general area for a first project which could then be targeted more specifically during the Launch Programme. During this programme, as many professionals and front-line workers would be sought as possible to bring further experience, knowledge, and expertise to support the group in reaching their aims and making the most impact.
- Members specifically highlighted concerns such as loneliness and isolation with older people, and lack of support for special guardians,

	<p>particularly financial support, who were often older people with limited income.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was emphasised that the importance of the right interventions and ensuring that a broad range of voices were heard during the process and who could then communicate and promote the Collaborative’s messaging throughout their organisations and communities.</li> <li>• It was further emphasised that services should be accessible, particular for those residents who had limited technology literacy or where English was not their first language, to build their confidence in getting the right support needed.</li> <li>• The need to push for a stronger community spirit was highlighted and getting as many people involved as possible to ensure the success of any project undertaken by the Collaborative, and Members were encouraged to invite any appropriate groups or individuals to future meetings.</li> <li>• Finally, Members thanked officers for their hard work and were keen for further updates in the future.</li> </ul>
56	<p><b><u>Area Board Priority Update</u></b></p> <p>The Area Board received updates from the following Lead Councillors in respect of each of the local Area Board priorities:</p> <p><b><u>Councillor Jo Trigg – Youth Engagement, Employment, and Positive Activity</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was confirmed that Trowbridge Future were undertaking various Junior and Senior “Life-Skills Sessions” in areas such as budgeting and healthy relationships.</li> <li>• The Youth Forum had been established which comprised of Members of School Councils from the three main Secondary Schools and who had met twice. During the meetings, Members had discussed the reopening of the Town Hall, the new Trowbridge Leisure Centre Project, and working with Trowbridge Town Council to understand how young people’s voices can be heard.</li> <li>• Collective discussions were being undertaken regarding detached work provision and understanding how several groups can work together to make an impact in their communities.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Councillor Mel Jacob – Addressing Climate Change and Protecting Green Spaces</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was confirmed that there had been lots of tree planting in the local area, including 3 community orchards, as a result of additional grant funding as well as looking at the different policies for leaving areas of long grass, meadows, and pollinator areas. Furthermore, a few Tree Wardens had been appointed and there would be a focus on how to further support them in the future.</li> <li>• Members were working towards a more cohesive approach to tree</li> </ul>



planting between different services within Wiltshire Council and emphasised the importance of education within the community to ensure residents understood the benefits of additional tree planting.

- Further updates were given including community activities such as litter picking, bulb planting, and supporting people with cost-of-living concerns and waste reduction.
- Future points of focus were noted as reviewing the EV Charging Consultation responses, monitoring air quality, active travel and the safety and ease of using cycle routes, and efficient home heating.

**Councillor Antonio Piazza – Supporting Low Income Individuals and Families**

- The Community Area Joint Strategic Needs Assessment report was raised, and it was noted that approximately a third of houses in Trowbridge were considered deprived in accordance with the 4 main measures of deprivation: education, health, crime, and barriers to housing and services.
- It was acknowledged that the work undertaken by the Neighbourhood Collaborative would look to improve that statistic, but it was noted that the vast majority of the community were impacted by cost-of-living issues and Members raised concerns as to the sustainability of relying on a volunteer-based system during the current economic climate.

**Councillor Stewart Palmen – Older and Vulnerable People: Supporting Positive Mental and Physical Health**

- The work of the Neighbourhood Collaborative was raised alongside the positive impacts that different projects could have on communities.
- Regular meetings were noted as being key and all Members were encouraged to attend and engage in future discussions to benefit Trowbridge residents.

**Councillor David Vigar – Community Safety**

- It was noted that although crime figures were rising, this was due to increased reporting and a minority of prolific offenders.
- It was confirmed that a Retail Crime Forum was held at the Civic Centre which resulted in challenging but rewarding conversations, and that Wiltshire Police were working hard with serial shoplifters to consider future rehabilitation plans.
- Although there was a meeting scheduled to discuss concerns regarding the multi-storey car park, it was noted that some anticipated partners did not attend. However, it was confirmed that the owner of Castle Place was in the process of conversations with Wiltshire Council concerning improvements to the car park.
- Other updates included CCTV improvements, additional Speed Indicator Devices, and Police and community enforcement for parking and safety around schools and other high traffic areas.

57	<p><b><u>Partner Updates</u></b></p> <p>The Area Board received updates from the following partners:</p> <p><u>Wiltshire Police</u></p> <p>As Inspector Andy Lemon had given his apologies, Members noted the written update included within the agenda pack.</p> <p><u>Trowbridge Future</u></p> <p>Councillor Jo Trigg provided a brief verbal update under Agenda Item 7, Area Board Priority Update: Youth Engagement, Employment, and Positive Activity.</p> <p><u>Family Hub Wiltshire Council</u></p> <p>Carl Houghton, Community and Family Navigator, provided a verbal update and highlighted that there were Family Navigators available in libraries across the County for residents to speak to regarding any additional support that they may need. Members were also informed that there were two projects starting in 2025, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Aid Awareness Sessions – to be held in community libraries in collaboration with St John Ambulance to provide first aid knowledge to residents where needed.</li> <li>• Funky Foods – a series of cookery sessions throughout the County.</li> </ul> <p>Members queried if further information regarding the range of services available through the Family Hubs could be promoted within schools, and it was confirmed that officers would work to create an electronic flyer that could be distributed to parents.</p>
58	<p><b><u>Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor Jo Trigg, alongside Councillor David Vigar, introduced the minutes and recommendations from the previous meeting of the Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) held on 21 November 2024.</p> <p>After which, it was:</p> <p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b></p> <p><b>The Area Board approved the notes and recommendations of the Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group meeting held on 21 November 2024.</b></p>

59	<b><u>Urgent Items</u></b> There were no urgent items.
60	<b><u>Close</u></b> The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 20 February 2025.

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## 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

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### 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](http://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>.

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### **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>.

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### **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](http://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

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### **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](mailto:elections@wiltshire.gov.uk) with any queries or questions.

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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/>

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## 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](mailto:info@wiltshirecommunityledhousing.org.uk)**

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## 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.

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## 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>

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## 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](http://www.communityfirst.org.uk/voice)

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## 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.

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## 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](http://www.buildingbridgessw.org.uk) or call 01380 732821

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## 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@carerstogetherwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:jo.hiller-culley@carerstogetherwiltshire.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](https://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://carerstogetherwiltshire.org.uk>

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## 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](mailto:mhardwidge@communityfirst.org.uk).

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## Area Board Briefing Note

<b>Service:</b>	<b>Cost of Living</b>
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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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living).

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## Area Board Briefing Note

### Family and Community Learning Impact Report 2023-24

<b>Service:</b>	<b>Family and Community Learning</b>
<b>Date prepared:</b>	<b>23/01/2025</b>
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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.

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Family and Community Learning

*Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions*

# FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LEARNING

## Transforming lives through learning across Wiltshire

- 2023 / 2024 -



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Learner at our 2023-2024 Learner Awards



# ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING AS A NATIONAL PRIORITY

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

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



Learners at their supported living setting.

# ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING AS A LOCAL PRIORITY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH LEARNING ACROSS WILTSHIRE

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

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



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



# OBJECTIVES

The Family and Community Learning programme mission statement is:  
**Growing a lifelong love of learning with communities in Wiltshire**  
**Discover opportunities – Develop skills – Achieve ambitions**

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

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

# OUR LEARNERS

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



**English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) learners**



# OUR 2023-2024 LEARNERS

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

**605**

Individual learners  
(target 500)

**1105**

Learner enrolments  
(target 1100)

**844**

Learner referrals  
(target 700)

**3%**

Learner withdrawals  
(target <5%)

**32%**

Learners with  
disability

**29%**

Learners from  
BME backgrounds

**58%**

Learners qualified  
below Level 2

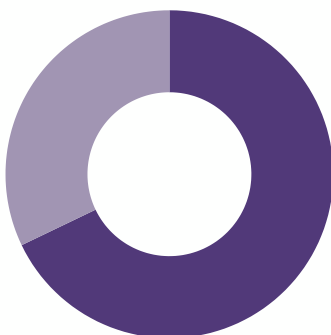
**74%**

Learners on means  
tested benefits

**33%**

Male learners

■ Community Learning enrolments  
■ Family Learning enrolments



**750**

Community Learning  
enrolments

**355**

Family Learning  
enrolments



Learners with their certificates

## OUTCOMES FOR LEARNERS

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

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



Learner achievement

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



Completed course

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



Learners started work

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



Achieved progression outcome

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



Enrolled on progression course

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



Into Work Award Winner

## IMPACT ON LIFESTYLE

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

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



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

# OUR 2023-2024 COURSES

Our courses are designed with our partner organisations and learners.

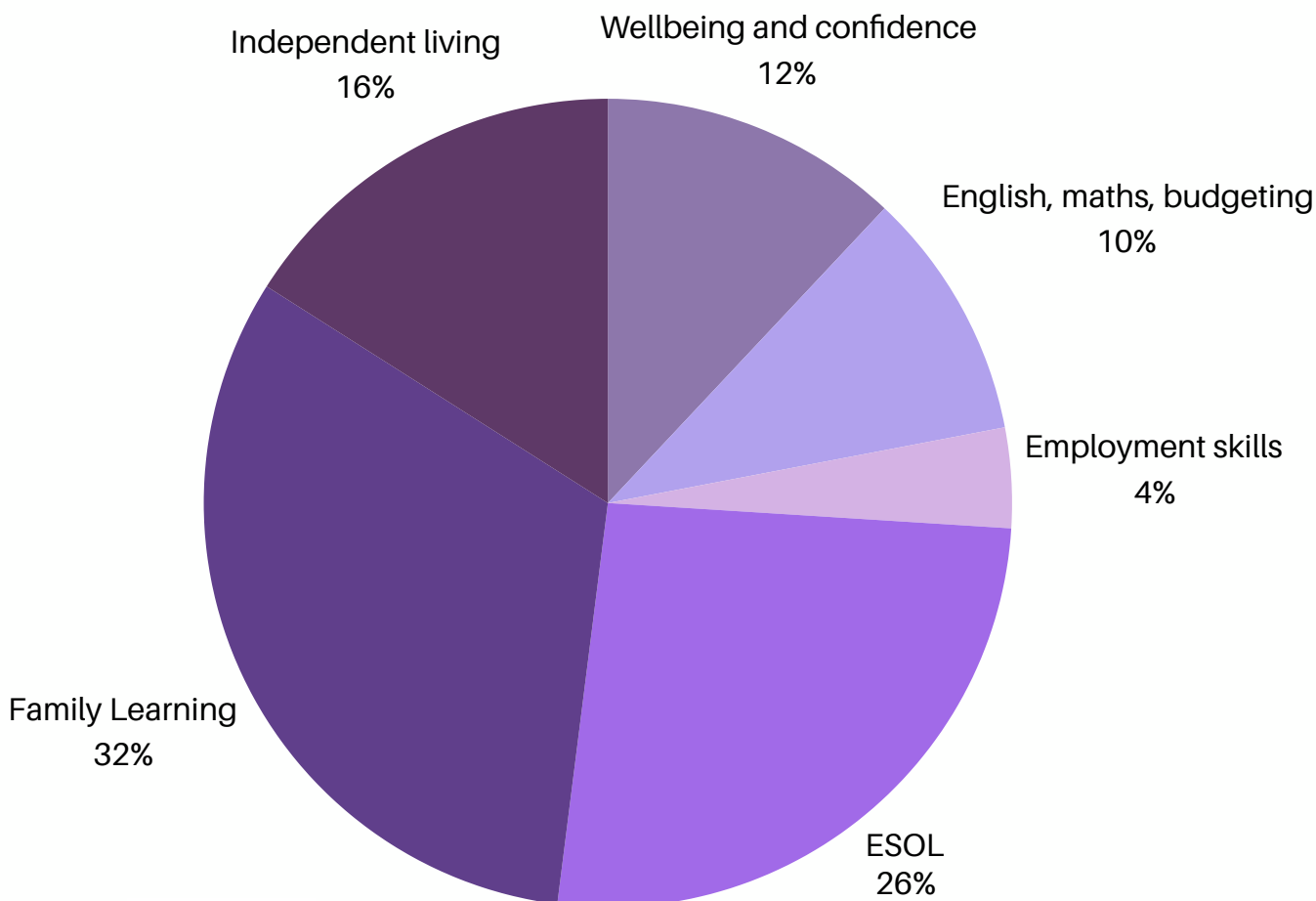
Courses cover four key areas:

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



Learners and tutor in an MOD community building in Tidworth

## 2023-2024 ENROLMENTS BY COURSE TYPE





# PARTNERSHIPS AND CURRICULUM

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

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

We work with a range of partners including:

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



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

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

Sarah, Senior Support Worker  
Medley Day Opportunities Centre

# LEARNER REFERRALS



**Nepalese learners celebrating completing their course**



**Partner referrals**

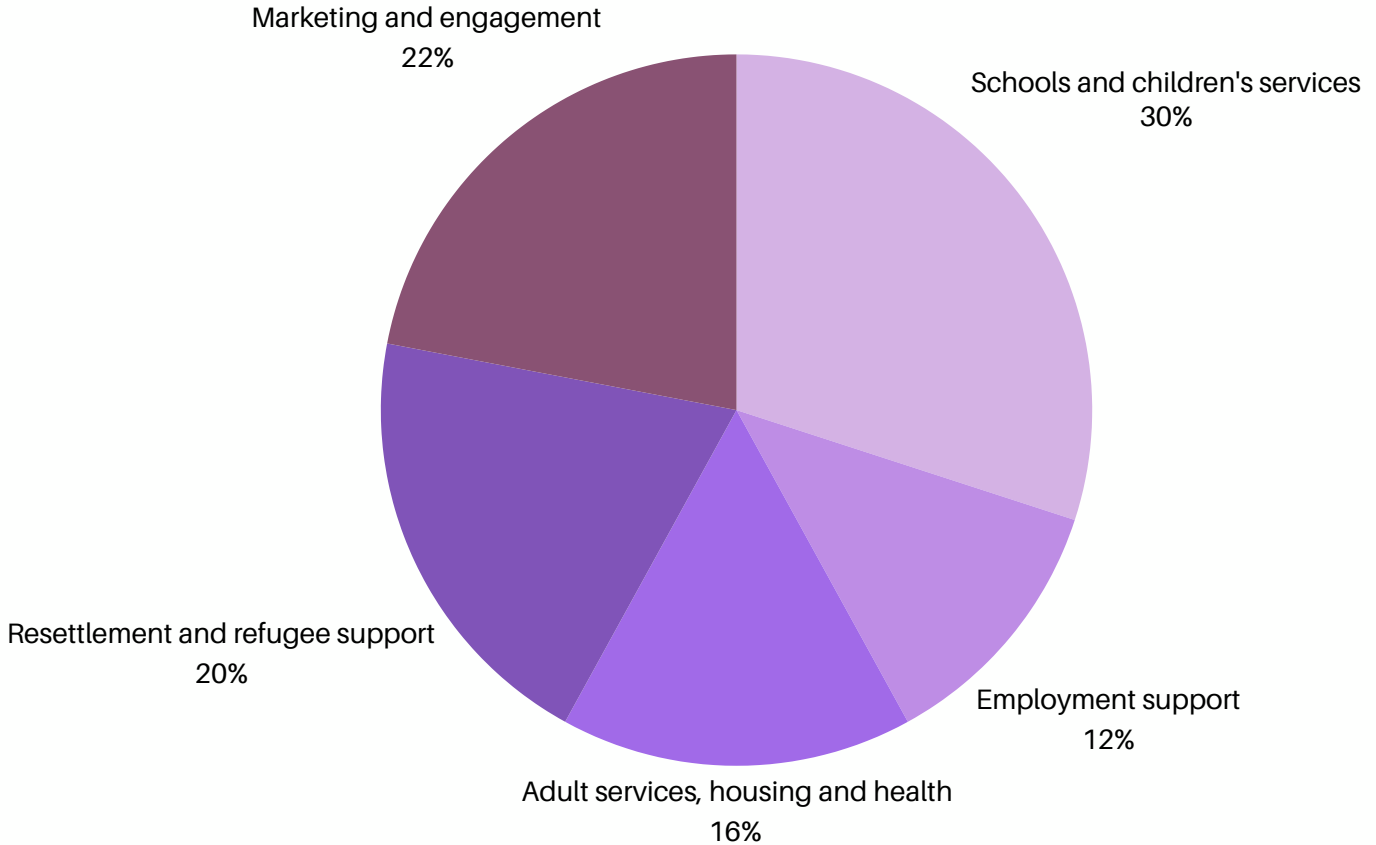
77% of learner referrals came from partner organisations.



**Engagement referrals**

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

## 2023-2024 LEARNER REFERRAL SOURCE



# PARTNERSHIP WORKING

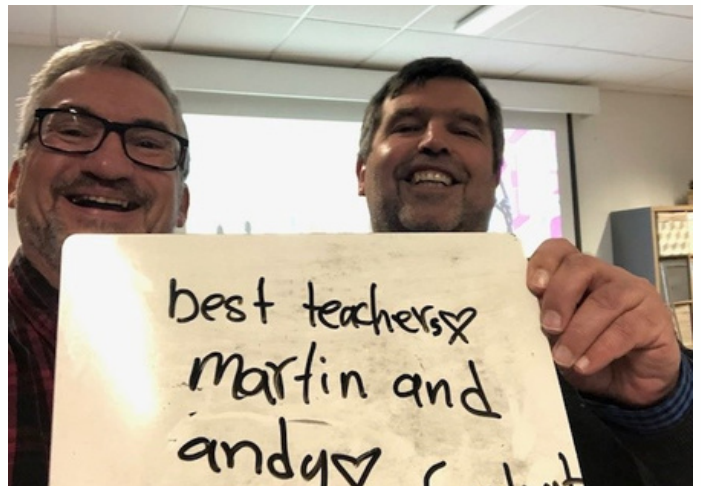
## ESOL

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

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

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

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



**Tutors Andy and Martin with a note from their class**

## Adults with SEND

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

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



## Wellbeing partnerships

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



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

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

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

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

Janice, Deputy DEAL/Disability Employment Advisor, DWP

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



# FAMILY LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS

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

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

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



**Together**  
we help you to support your child

#TogetherWeHelp  
#TogetherCourses

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

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

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



# CELEBRATION EVENT



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



## LEARNERS WERE NOMINATED FOR THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

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

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

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

# OUR 2024 AWARD WINNERS



## **New Directions Award Winner:**

### **Emily Rogers**

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



## **Learning for Health and Wellbeing Award Winner: Julian Lawson**

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



## **English Language Award Winner:**

### **Alsadiq Idriss Adam**

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



## **Overcoming Challenges Award Winner:**

### **Stephen Traveller**

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

# OUR 2024 AWARD WINNERS



## **Independent Living Award Winner: Tony Bishop**

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



## **Into Work Award Winner: Maria Barandalla-Fernandez**

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



## **Outstanding Individual Learner Award Winner: Christina Corderoy**

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

# OUR 2024 AWARD NOMINEES

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



# IMPACT FOR LEARNERS - CASE STUDIES



Learners and tutor Wafa at our celebration event.

## ESOL

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

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

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

# SMART COURSES

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

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



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

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

# FAMILY LEARNING

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

# WELLBEING

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



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

# SKILLS FOR WORK

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

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



# Festival of Learning



## FESTIVAL OF LEARNING 2023 FINALIST TUTOR JENNY HAM

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

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

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

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

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

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

# ELIGIBILITY

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

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

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

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# Area Board Highways Defect Dashboard



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

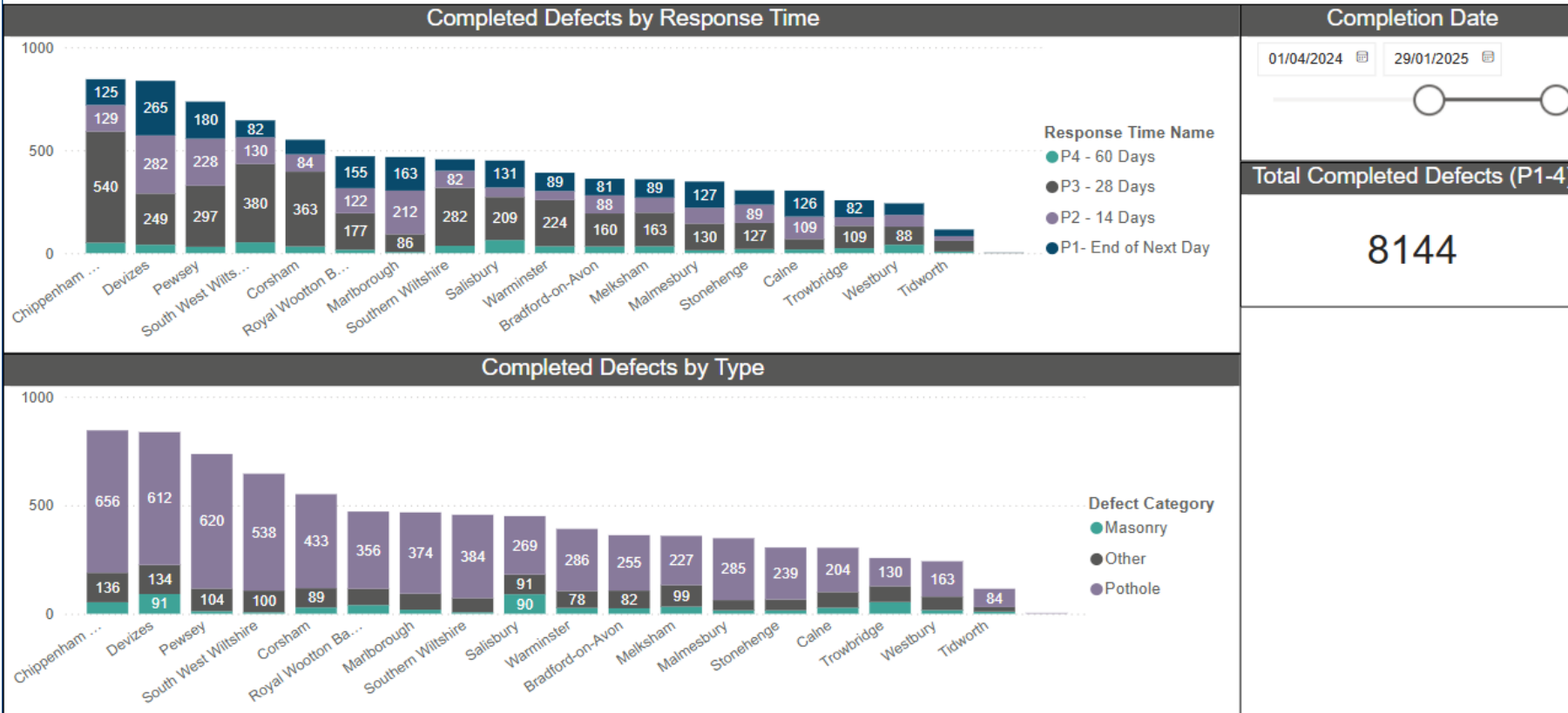


Table 1



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](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.

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**Wiltshire Council**

**Trowbridge Area Board**

**20 February 2025**

**Trowbridge Area Grant Report**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Trowbridge 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**

	<b>Community Area Grants</b>	<b>Youth Grants</b>	<b>Older and Vulnerable People Grants</b>
<b>Opening Balance For 2024/25</b>	£ 34,670.00	£ 30,464.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 22,706.98	£ 21,293.32	£ 7,700.00
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 11,963.02	£ 9,170.68	£ 0.00
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ 4,481.95	£ -1,089.32	£ 0.00

**Grant Funding Application Summary**

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Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG2192</a>	Community Area Grant	Trowbridge Girlguiding Hall	Trowbridge Girl Guiding Hall Move to all Electric	£919.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Currently the hall is supplied with Gas &amp; Electric, economically the hall would be better supplied by one supplier in this case electric. this would require an electric water heater in place of the existing Gas Heater, also require an Electric re cooker, replacing the existing Gas cooker.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG2201</a>	Community Area Grant	Southwick Community Hub	Southwick Community Hub Refurbishment	£70000.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>The Village hall bar and social club bar have not had any investment in recent years and we are looking to bring the facilities up to date and more welcoming for all users. Part of the Village Hall building also has changing room facilities for the sports and playing field, these also need improvement as we look to encourage having a community based football and cricket team.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG2208</a>	Community Area Grant	Friends of The Down Cemetery	Non conformist Chapel window restoration	£4985.00	£1500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>The Grade II listed building which is the non conformist chapel at the Down Cemetery, has been neglected for many years, so that we can restore this building, so that it can be used as a public space, we decided to start with the windows. Several of the leaded light windows have been replaced by Perspex, and some of the pains are broken. We hope that with grants, public funding and maybe sponsor ship from local companies, we can bring this building back to life,</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG2209</a>	Community Area Grant	Friends of Southwick Country Park	Additional equipment to extend our maintenance programme	£481.07	£481.07
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>We now have six members of the Friends who are qualified to use power Hedge Trimmers within the reserve on Council land. This addition will allow us three teams, particularly during the summer, to maintain clear paths for the public, by cutting back encroaching Brambles and Blackthorn. There are approximately 4 miles of such paths within the reserve.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG2178</a>	Youth Grant	Trowbridge Child Wellbeing Partnership	Trowbridge for Youth	£500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>The project is to run an event for young people in Trowbridge in September 2025 to insource them to a range of new activities. It is inspired by the Teamtakeover project that took place in Chippenham in May 2024. This application is to fund the the detailed planning of the project. The Trowbridge Child Wellbeing Partnership has no financial reserves and no paid employees. Although we are working with a range of other partners none of them have the spare capacity to undertake this work although they are all supportive and will contribute to the project. £500 will be used to engage someone to carry out the detailed planning. and feasibility. Once this is done a further application with matched funding will be submitted later in the year to implement the plan.</b></p>					



Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG2196</a>	Youth Grant	Wiltshire Mind	2025 Children and Young Peoples Counselling	£22596.00	£4000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Our proposed project for 2025 offering free counselling for children and young people will provide a safe space where specialist counsellors use a range of creative therapeutic methods to help young people connect to, and express, their emotions. Helping young people develop coping strategies can mean they are able to thrive rather than just survive. The service offers a confidential space enabling young people aged 11-18 (and up to 25 for SEND) to talk to one of our trained counsellors, about how they are feeling. It may be that they are experiencing problems at home or at school, or that they are finding some things in life difficult and need support to work through their thoughts and emotions. Our counsellors will help them to make sense of what they are feeling, and develop ways of coping with difficulties so that they can enjoy life more fully. Depending on the age and need of the young person, our counsellors offer creative ways to help them express their feelings, such as through art or play. Our sessions will be held in person at our Trowbridge office. The session takes place once a week at the same time, and continue for 8 to 24 weeks depending on what the young person needs. This is unique for our area, and no other organisation provides this depth of counselling. The impact and benefit to their wellbeing is longer lasting. The service is accessible to all for anyone residing in the county.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG2199</a>	Youth Grant	Wiltshire Treehouse	NEST Young Peoples Bereavement Support Trowbridge	£13367.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  NEST is a young people bereavement support group that Wiltshire Treehouse have piloted within Trowbridge. Following increase in referrals and feedback that getting from the Wiltshire area into Swindon was a challenge. Wiltshire Treehouse have created a NEST programme for young people 11 - 18 years of age that runs over 6 weeks. The Bereavement support group will run twice a year, supporting 12-15 young people per group.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG2200</a>	Youth Grant	SMASH Youth Project	Street based youth engagement and detached youth work	£2520.00	£1260.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Applying on behalf of the Trowbridge Child and Wellbeing Partnership to deliver street-based youth engagement and detached youth work to introduce and connect older young people to existing leisure-time activities in the community area. For example, door-step sports, local sports clubs and facilities, arts, culture, informal education, leisure activities, existing youth work provision, etc. This application is to deliver 18 hours work across a 9-12 week period from March to May 2025 in locations including but not limited to Longfield, Studley Green, Trowbridge Central, Wiltshire College and nearby, and other locations as directed by the trowbridge child and wellbeing partnership. Youth workers will be identifiable by hooded jumpers with the trowbridge child and wellbeing partnership logo on the front, along with 'Youth Worker' in bold font on the back.</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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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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## TROWBRIDGE LOCAL HIGHWAY AND FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENT GROUP – AGENDA/TRACKER

IN PROGRESS	APPROVED – AWAITING SLOT	AWAITING UPDATE - X	AWAITING REMOVAL
Project approved & underway	Project approved but awaiting available resources	Project not yet approved and requires further input	Project to be removed by mutual agreement or failure to progress

Previous Status	Item	Progress to Date	Actions and Recommendations	New Status
	<b>Trowbridge LHFIG – 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025 – 10AM COUNTY HALL – PRATCHETT ROOM</b>			
	<b>1. Apologies and Attendees</b>			
	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Cave</p> <p><b>Present: WC:</b> Cllr Vigar (Chair), Cllr Clark, Cllr Trigg, Cllr Palmen, Cllr Jacob,</p> <p><b>TC/PC:</b> Lance Allan, Karl Buckingham, Andrew Bryant (TTC), Roger Evans (NBPC), Stephen Carey (SPC), Richard Covington (WAPC), Richard Culverhouse (HPC)</p> <p><b>WC Engineers:</b> Jamie Mundy, Mark Banks</p>			
	<b>2. Notes of last meeting</b>			
	Notes from this meeting will be published as part of the agenda for the next scheduled Trowbridge Area Board (20th February 2025)			
	<b>3. Financial Position</b>			
	<p><u><b>Commitments agreed at this meeting:</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>£900</b> (£300 from SPC) For SID infrastructure in Southwick, 3 sockets 2 posts</li> <li>• <b>£3,500</b> (Request £500 contribution from Grove School) – Hazel Grove hardstanding adjacent to layby outside Grove School</li> </ul>			

## TROWBRIDGE LOCAL HIGHWAY AND FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENT GROUP – AGENDA/TRACKER

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	4.	On-going Schemes			
JM to issue works order	a)	<b>Woodmarsh, North Bradley</b> To include speed reduction measures at Westbury Rd	<p>Implementation update:</p> <p>Milestone lining and signing gangs are steadily working through a backlog therefore Woodmarsh among others has been pushed back in the programme slightly.</p>	<p>Gateways at Woodmarsh and Southwick Road, the High Friction surfacing at Westbury Road and the lining works providing the marked Bus Stops and SLOW markings have been completed.</p> <p>New signage at Westbury Road is slightly larger than existing and the lighting pole on the nearside will need to be raised, to enable the required clearance above the footway to be achieved.</p>	Ongoing
Awaiting Cabinet decision	b)	<b>Brook Road traffic calming (Wingfield Rd end)</b>	<p>20mph limit consultation completed.</p> <p>A final design of the traffic calming solution that was recommended at the Wingfield Road end of Brook Road in a 2022 Atkins feasibility report will be required. TTC supported option 1 for a formal traffic calming feature along this section of Brook Road.</p>	<p>Awaiting implementation of 20mph scheme (4c below), speeds will be monitored and decision taken on whether traffic calming is required.</p>	Awaiting implementation of 20mph speed limit
Cabinet Report now approved	c)	<b>20mph speed restrictions across the town</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broadmead estate</li> <li>• Innox Road</li> <li>• St Thomas' Road area</li> </ul>	<p>Implementation will be split, delivering Broadmead &amp; Innox this financial year and St Thomas' area next.</p>	JM to update group on programme



## TROWBRIDGE LOCAL HIGHWAY AND FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENT GROUP – AGENDA/TRACKER

			Signing team now preparing final design and works order for implementation.	Cllr Palmen has requested a discussion regarding the Newtown area 20mph not previously progressed.	date once known
Awaiting update	d)	<b>NAL socket for SID - Silver Street Ln</b>	DV & JM agreed a socket location for a SID. TTC have agreed to contribute.  Cost estimate: £400 per site depending on placement (verge or footway) including Traffic Management required  (£300 LHFIFG & £100 TTC) Group approved.	Milestone have confirmed this week that this has been re-programmed for 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Prog 03/03/25
Approved at 14/09/23 meeting	e)	<b>Repair of grass verges - Manor Road</b>	Phase one completed w/c 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 While first phase now complete, Cllr Trigg requested this item stay on the tracker as a reminder that phase 2 needs discussion and funding...	JM/Cllr Trigg to arrange site meeting to confirm which areas to include in phase 2.	Phase 1 Works completed Phase 2 tbc
JM preparing report	f)	<b>20mph speed limit request – Bratton Road, West Ashton</b>	Speed assessment report was issued to WAPC in July Whilst just meeting criteria for 20mph limit, there are some difficulties in implementing, due to minimum lengths of speed limits. PC requested low cost alternative speed calming measures to be explored. JM has recommended that we proceed with the Parking restrictions and push the Advisory 20mph outside the school initially and then review.	Waiting restrictions will be included below with other Parish requests.  Advert date anticipated early Jan '25. JM to advise once TRO team have confirmed dates.	Will be actioned with 4g below
Awaiting TRO consultation dates	g)	<b>Parish parking restrictions</b>	Parish parking restriction proposals  Advert date anticipated early Jan '25. JM will advise once TRO team have confirmed dates.	Advert dates now confirmed and communicated to the LHFIFG via email.  Advert – 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025 End of Objection – 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Consultation 31 Jan to 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb

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<p><b>Approved at 14/09/23 meeting</b></p>	<p>h)</p>	<p><b>Staggered pedestrian barrier, Ashton Rd/Lacock Gards, Hilperton</b></p>	<p>PC request a staggered barrier to be installed, which was supported by the group.</p> <p>JM advised that only one barrier had been installed due to available footpath widths, to maintain access for buggies etc.</p>	<p>JM/Cllr Clark met on site to discuss solution. Agreed a position to install a narrower barrier that would have the desired effect.</p>	<p><b>Awaiting resource/programme</b></p>
<p><b>Approved at 14/09/23 meeting</b></p>	<p>i)</p>	<p><b>20mph speed assessment - Hilperton</b></p>	<p>Assessment carried out and recorded speeds met criteria for a 20mph speed limit.</p> <p>JM has advised HPC that further data is required to determine the extents of the 20mph limit, due to the Active Travel scheme on Devizes Road (Summer '24)</p>	<p>Report in final draft – with JM</p>	<p><b>Awaiting report to be issued</b></p>
<p><b>New request at 30/11/23 meeting</b></p>	<p>j)</p>	<p><b>Pedestrian crossing, West Ashton Road</b></p>	<p>The group was previously advised by Sustainable Transport/Planning that a pedestrian crossing would form part of the development at Ashton Park, yet that the development could still be a way off.</p> <p>JM advised that: <i>Current Wiltshire Council practice requires a minimum level of pedestrian flow before a formal crossing is considered. In general, a minimum average level of 50 pedestrians per hour (counting vulnerable pedestrians as 2) over the four peak hours is required.</i></p> <p>Cllr Cave advised he was unable to get any volunteers to conduct an informal survey.</p>	<p>Planning have advised that they are finalising the S.278 to start to deliver phase 1 infrastructure. It is the developers intention to start the road works this year, and reserved matters will be submitted shortly.</p>	<p><b>See update</b></p>

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<p><i>Approved at 08/02/24 meeting</i></p>	<p>k)</p>	<p><b>HIF: 16-24-02 Parking issues, Chantry Gardens, Southwick</b></p>	<p>The Parish Council has explored with the Highways Engineer the possibility of creating a layby in Chantry Gardens to provide parking; thereby protecting the green amenity space. Detailed cost estimate is <b>£9,688</b> Usual 25% contribution (£2,422), yet SPC have agreed to pay up to £3,000 So LHFIF funding would be: <b>£6,688</b> Group agreed funding.</p>	<p>Programme start date: 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025</p>	<p>Prog date 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 25</p>
<p>Awaiting programme date</p>	<p>l)</p>	<p><b>HIF ref: 16-24-03 Pedestrian signage, Brokerswood Rd, Southwick</b></p>	<p>JM has confirmed the detail of the request with SPC and will prepare a cost estimate for Pedestrian warning signs for the next meeting.  Estimated cost for 2 signs &amp; posts: £1,600 (<b>£1,200 LHFIF &amp; £400 Southwick PC</b>) Group agreed funding.</p>	<p>Programme start date: 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025</p>	<p>Prog date 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 25</p>
<p><i>Approved at 21/11/24 meeting</i></p>	<p>m)</p>	<p><b>HIF ref:16-24-05 Additional street lighting – Bratton Road, West Ashton</b></p>	<p>AtkinsRéalis have now provided an indicative design and an estimate for the works. The proposed scheme would be for 3 new streetlights, with an estimate of £7,500.  West Ashton Parish Council have confirmed a 25% contribution of £1,875 and request support from LHFIF for funding of <b>£5,625</b>. Group agreed funding.</p>	<p>JM to advise once programme date known  Need to engage SSE to sort supply, works likely to be next financial year.</p>	<p>JM to update group on programme date once known.</p>
<p><i>New request at 18/04/24 meeting</i></p>	<p>o)</p>	<p><b>HIF ref:16-24-06 Street Lighting County Way bridge</b></p>	<p>Various members of the public have complained about poor lighting at either side of the footbridges from the Town Park to The Tesco Site. The poor lighting leads to people not feeling safe and avoiding using the footbridges at night.</p>	<p>Cllr Palmen to engage with Tesco to request the unit within their site is put back into operation.</p>	<p>Awaiting feedback from Cllr Palmen and Tesco</p>

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<p><i>New request at 18/04/24 meeting</i></p>	<p>p)</p>	<p><b>HIF ref:16-24-07 Almond Grove/Hazel Grove, footway</b></p>	<p>The school would be very grateful if the grassy area at the east end of the footpath could be paved over as the area experiences congestion when children are arriving and leaving and that area cannot be used in wet weather.</p>	<p>JM advises estimate approx. £3,500</p> <p>Group requested a contribution from the school. JM to write and ask. General consensus was that if the school can contribute, great, if not LHFIF could fund.</p>	<p>Estimate provided</p>
<p><i>New request at 19/09/24 meeting</i></p>	<p>s)</p>	<p><b>Various dropped kerbs in Trowbridge Adcroft Ward</b></p>	<p>Cllr Kirk requests a number of dropped kerbs in his area that have previously been agreed by TTC, but not prioritised by the LHFIF. Group concluded that these should be phased and sites that would complete a route be prioritised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleveland Gardens x1</li> <li>• Springfield Close x1</li> <li>• St Thomas' Road x2</li> <li>• Victoria Road x4</li> <li>• Osborne Road x2</li> <li>• Middle Lane x2</li> </ul> <p>No update from Cllr Kirk in November, so group agreed for JM to determine which sites would complete a route and gave approval for 3 sets to be done; £4,500 (£3,375 LHFIF &amp; £1,125 TTC)</p>	<p>JM progressing final design and will confirm which sites will be included, prioritising those which would complete a route as previously agreed.</p> <p>JM to update group of programme once known.</p>	<p>Group agreed funding for 3 sets</p>
<p><i>New request at 19/09/24 meeting</i></p>	<p>t)</p>	<p><b>Late requests which Chair allowed to reviewed by group at Sept 24 mtg</b></p>	<p><b>HIF ref: 16-24-20</b> Request for motorcycle parking bay on West Street</p>	<p>JM confirmed an advisory bay between the two existing advisory access markings would be the best solution</p>	<p>JM will add to another scheme (See 5a)</p>
			<p><b>HIF ref: 16-24-21</b> Request to add a gate from TROW 52 into the cemetery to provide alternative access.</p>	<p>JM awaiting advice from Rights of Way team. JM to chase</p>	<p>Awaiting update</p>

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	5.	New requests received in November:			
<i>New request at 21/11/24 meeting</i>	a)	<b>HIF: 16-24-22 Request to mark give way markings at junctions</b>	The two T junctions within Summerleaze, Studley Green do not have give way paint markings. Could these be provided?	JM suggested an a lining order be raised to cover these and other requests including re-marking of Bus Stops, motorcycle bay on West Street at 4(t), plus any more that the group wished to add. Group agreed a works order up to <b>£3,000</b>	JM to collate list and raise works order with Milestone
<i>New request at 21/11/24 meeting</i>	b)	<b>HIF: 16-24-25 NAL socket for SID – Cockhill</b>	HIF received for the NAL socket mentioned at the previous meeting... Cockhill suffers from significant speeding and has a community speedwatch team. We have been told the lampposts are not suitable for fixing SIDs to.	Cost estimate: £400 per site ( <b>£300 LHF IG &amp; £100 TC/PC</b> )  Group agreed funding. Programmed for 3 <sup>rd</sup> March.	Prog 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
<i>New request at 21/11/24 meeting</i>	c)	<b>HIF: 16-24-26 Parking restrictions – Broadmead &amp; Brook Road junction</b>	Increasing number of vehicles parking on the bend of Broadmead and Brook Road junction and across the dropped kerb. Requires assessment of double yellow lines needed there and on Brook Road itself to deal with serious visibility issue. Double Yellow lines applied at the junction and to help drivers recognise the distant they should be from junction.	JM suggested adding this to the current batch of restrictions to be advertised shortly.	Will be actioned with 4g above
<i>New request at 21/11/24 meeting</i>	d)	<b>HIF: 16-24-27 HGV restrictions – Brook Road, Trowbridge</b>	HGVs using Brook Road as short cut. Used to just be the Wessex Water tankers but seeing increase in numbers of larger commercial vehicles using the road which is inappropriate for residential housing estate. Conscious this has been looked at previously but would like it explored again.	Advice from Sustainable Transport; “Generally, we would have to prove that a weight restriction is an appropriate course of action, in the form of a commissioned freight study (Est £15-20K)	See update

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				TRO's and signage etc would probably see another £5-7K added to that should a weight restriction be recommended and agreed"	
<i>New request at 21/11/24 meeting</i>	e)	<b>HIF: 16-24-28 Selwood Homes parking – Manor Road, Trowbridge</b>	Selwood Homes have been contacted by the residents regarding issues with residential parking. Currently, there is no allocated parking for residents and there are more cars in the area than available parking spaces. Specifically, outside this block parking is an issue as there is a bus stop and traffic calming measures in place. The block adjacent to this block, 89 – 99 Manor Road, has a parking bay that is making use of the pavement area. The request is for a similar arrangement for 101 – 111 Manor Road.	<p>JM advised this could be tricky to fit in another due to the proximity of the traffic calming and making sure there's sufficient room for the local bus.</p> <p>JM to check on site to see what is possible and will add to the current batch of restrictions or lining order accordingly.</p>	<b>JM to assess on site</b>

	<b>6.</b>	<b>New requests for Feb 2025 meeting:</b>			
<i>New request at 06/02/25 meeting</i>	a)	<b>HIF: 16-24-29 NAL sockets for SID's – Four locations in Southwick</b>	<p>The Parish Council is working to purchasing and installing a SID for the parish; to be moved between 4 potential locations and is seeking support from WC for the installation of the required NAL sockets. The SID project is designed to assist with the speeding issues experienced in the parish.</p> <p>Support for the installation of NAL sockets in the below locations:  Village side of both Frome Road gateways  Brokerswood corner  Between the village shop and roundabout</p>	<p>Stephen Carey confirmed that SPC have decided to purchase 2 SID's and is their intension to move these between the 4 sites requested.</p> <p>Cost estimate: £400 per site  <b>(£300 LHFIG &amp; £100 PC)</b></p> <p>Group agreed <b>£900</b> (£300 from SPC) for 3 locations to be confirmed on site by JM.</p>	



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<p><i>New request at 06/02/25 meeting</i></p>	<p>b)</p>	<p><b>HIF: 16-24-30 Verge parking – Marshmead, Hilperton</b></p>	<p>Priority 1) The protection of the verges from nuisance parking, ideally with a series of bollards to match those installed on the larger verge.</p> <p>Priority 2) Formal adoption of the verges by Wiltshire Council, if not already actually owned by the council, so that the green public spaces in the Marshmead neighbourhood are cared for to the same standard as any other streets in Wiltshire.</p> <p>HPC resolved at their November meeting to support this application and also provide 50% of the cost. However, they were surprised that Wiltshire Council denies ownership of the verges despite maintaining them and dispute of ownership should not be a barrier to resolving the issue and that they are part of the highway.</p>	<p><a href="#">MB to investigate further and feedback.</a></p>	
<p><i>New request at 06/02/25 meeting</i></p>	<p>c)</p>	<p><b>Rock Road access marking</b></p>	<p>Resident has contacted Cllr Vigar regarding difficulties with access being blocked, due to a new access being created just up the road, causing vehicles to park closer to their access and often causing obstruction. JM has advised that an advisory marking could be included in the ad-hoc lining batch, ahead of formal yellow line restrictions. Cllr Vigar to submit a HIF to TTC.</p>	<p><a href="#">White access marking agreed – to be done with Ad-hoc lining previously agreed at 5a.</a></p>	
<p><i>New request at 06/02/25 meeting</i></p>		<p><b>HIF: 16-24-31 Speeding concerns – Leap Gate / Castle Mead</b></p>	<p>Residents concerned regarding speeding around the crossing and area from Leap Gate to Hackett Place at school drop off and collection times. Speed limit is 40 mph – however it is a residential area and lots of pedestrians moving around to get to school and shops.</p>	<p><a href="#">JM to discuss further with colleagues, before recommending a speed survey as sceptical that a survey would deliver the outcome desired, due to the type of road, environment etc. JM to feedback to the group.</a></p>	

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			<p>Cars moving at speed throughout the day.</p> <p>The minimum approach would be a speed limit reduction from roundabout to Painters Mead (second entrance) or temporary speed limit reduction at school times (8am – 9am and 3-4pm?)</p> <p>Other alternative to consider is reduction from Castle Mead all way up to Roundabout as this is a residential area and would benefit from reduction in speed along the whole area (cars tend to speed up and don't slow as they enter Castle Mead)</p>		
	<p><i>New request at 06/02/25 meeting</i></p>	<p><b>HIF: 16-24-32 Extended parking restrictions – Hackett Place</b></p>	<p>Residents reporting congestion and parking which blocks road along Hackett Place and where the road has a junction into the housing.</p> <p>Parking on corners and opposite the junction cause problems for vehicles accessing the school and for residents and pedestrians in the area. There is traffic calming chicane in place which adds to issue when cars park in the area.</p> <p>Line markings to prevent parking opposite the road into housing – double yellow lines would be preferable.</p> <p>Or restrictions to prevent parking during week but allow during weekends for leisure use when school closed.</p>	<p>Group agreed this should be added to the next batch of Parking restriction proposals for Trowbridge to achieve economy of scale as TRO consultation is £3,000.</p>	

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<p><i>New request at 06/02/25 meeting</i></p>	<p><b>HIF: 16-24-33 Extended parking restrictions – Manor Road</b></p>	<p>I feel that by extending the double yellow lines from the junction of Frome Road (Mini roundabout) to Manor Close Junction on both sides of the road would alleviate this problem. in this short distance you have two bus stops and four pavement access slopes. With cars parking in the bus stop and cars blocking the slopes it can be a dangerous place. buses having to stop in the road blocking traffic , pedestrians crossing between parked cars and wheelchair users having to travel along the road to gain access back to the pavement.</p>	<p>Group agreed this should be added to the next batch of Parking restriction proposals for Trowbridge as above.</p>	
<p><i>New request at 06/02/25 meeting</i></p>	<p><b>HIF: 16-24-34 Pedestrian refuges with bollards – Silver Street Lane</b></p>	<p>Safe crossing points for pedestrians are limited and the ends of the section of Silver Street Lane where pedestrians would be expected to cross from one section of footpath to the other represent significant points of peril due to fast vehicles in unexpected parts of the road.</p>	<p>JM to arrange site visit with Cllr Vigar and Graham Hill (TTC) to discuss issues and produce preliminary design and estimated costs to bring back to the group.</p>	
<p><i>New request at 06/02/25 meeting</i></p>	<p><b>HIF: 16-24-35 Dropped kerb – Fore Street</b></p>	<p>The disabled bay outside Natwest Bank on Fore Street, Trowbridge doesnt have a low kerb so wheelchair users (who have parked legally in the bay) can't use the footpath unless they wheel themselves down the road and use the low kerb near Lloyds Bank. The carriage is now narrower there since the recent works and could be dangerous for a wheelchair user if they get caught between the kerb and a passing larger vehicle.</p>	<p>JM to discuss with colleagues working on the Future High Streets project to ask if this was considered and wider team to ask if this has been an issue elsewhere before coming back to the group on a potential way forward.</p>	

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<p><i>New request at 06/02/25 meeting</i></p>		<p><b>HIF: 16-24-36 Access markings /marked bays – Cloford Close</b></p>	<p>There is parking for cars at the end of the road close to the driveways of 4a and 4b Cloford Close. However, they are often parked in such a way as to make it difficult to get out of the driveways due to the angles involved. When the nearby hedges and trees are overgrown, cars park further and further back making it almost impossible to get in or out.</p> <p>Could parking bays be marked and/or hatching of some description to show where NOT to park and protect the driveways. This is not an appropriate place for the H bar.</p>	<p><i>JM to meet Cllr Trigg on site to see what could be achieved with some advisory markings. Any lining to be done with Ad-hoc lining previously agreed at 5a.</i></p>	
	<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Date of next meeting: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025 10am County Hall, Room TBC</b>  <b>(Next Trowbridge Area Board's are 20<sup>th</sup> Feb, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 26<sup>th</sup> Jun 2025 )</b></p>			