

AGENDA

Meeting: Pewsey Area Board
Place: The Bouverie Hall, Goddard Road, Pewsey, Wiltshire, SN9 5EQ
Date: Monday 3 February 2025
Time: 7.00 pm

Including the Parishes of: All Cannings, Alton, Beechingstoke, Burbage, Buttermere, Charlton, Chirton, Easton, Froxfield, Grafton, Great Bedwyn, Ham, Little Bedwyn, Manningford, Marden, Milton Lilbourne, North Newnton, Patney, Pewsey, Rushall, Shalbourne, Stanton St Bernard, Tidcombe and Fosbury, Upavon, Wilcot, Huish and Oare, Wilsford, Woodborough, Wootton Rivers.

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Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Pewsey (Chairman)
Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Pewsey Vale West (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Pewsey Vale East

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Items to be considered	Time
<p>1 Apologies for Absence</p>	
<p>2 Minutes (<i>Pages 7 - 14</i>)</p> <p>To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2024.</p>	
<p>3 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>4 Chairman's Announcements (<i>Pages 15 - 24</i>)</p> <p>The Chairman will give an update on outcomes and actions arising from previous meetings of the Area Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of Living Update – January 2025 • School Appeal Panel Member Recruitment • Local Elections – May 2025 • Devolution Update 	
<p>5 Information Items (<i>Pages 25 - 30</i>)</p> <p>The Board is asked to note the following Information items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community First • Update from BSW Together (Integrated Care System) 	
<p>6 Partner Updates (<i>Pages 31 - 40</i>)</p> <p><u>Written Updates</u></p> <p>The Board is asked to note the following written and online updates attached to the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Policing Team • Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Quarterly update - Link to YouTube video update • Kennet and Avon Medical Partnership - Update to follow <p><u>Verbal Updates</u></p> <p>To receive any verbal updates from representatives, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Wellbeing • Youth • Environment • Pewsey Community Area Partnership 	

- Parish Councils

7 Area Board Funding (Pages 41 - 44)

To note the remaining budgets and to consider any applications for funding, as detailed in the attached report and summarised below:

Remaining Budgets if all grants are agreed:

Community Area Grant	Older & Vulnerable	Young People
-£3,567.91	£1,286.17	£2,485

Area Board Initiatives:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG2206	Tackling loneliness and isolation	£1,000

Community Area Grants:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG2147	Rushall and Charlton St Peter Village Hall – community storage shed	£1,800
ABG2099	Upavon Village Hall – Flat roof repair	£4,000
ABG2132	Pewsey Vale Rugby Football Club – External canopy to Club House covering spectator area	£864.69
ABG2156	Pewsey Vale Youth FC – Parking at Pewsey Vale Youth FC	£5,000

Older & Vulnerable Grants:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG2188	Milton Lilbourne Village Hall - Heating improvements	£1,500
ABG2111	Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership – Printed Walking leaflets	£1213.83
ABG2134	Thursday Friendship Club Great Bedwyn	£1,000

Young People Grants:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG2197	Milton Lilbourne Parish Council -	£3,000

	Youth basketball area	
ABG2149	Upavon Parish Council - Blue Bus Monthly Services	£2,000

Delegated Funding

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

- None

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

8 **Urgent items**

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

9 **Future Meeting Dates and Close**

Future Meeting Dates (7.00-9.00pm):

- 20 May 2025 – County Hall, Trowbridge - Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
- 9 June 2025 - Great Bedwyn Village Hal
- 22 September 2025 - TBC
- 24 November 2025 - TBC

For information on applying for a grant or grant application deadlines for these meetings, contact the Engagement and Partnership Lead, Caroline.LeQuesne@wiltshire.gov.uk

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MINUTES

Meeting: Pewsey Area Board
Place: Pewsey Vale RFC, The Angela Yeates Memorial Community
Sports Ground, Wilcot Road, Pewsey, SN9 5NL
Date: 25 November 2024
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.40 pm

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to:

Stuart Figini Senior Democratic Services Officer, (Tel): 01225 718221 or (e-mail) stuart.figini@wiltshire.gov.uk

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Jerry Kunkler (Chairman), Cllr Paul Oatway QPM (Vice-Chairman) and
Cllr Stuart Wheeler

Wiltshire Council Officers

Richard Rogers – Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager
Dom Argar – Technical Support Officer
Stuart Figini – Senior Democratic Services Officer

Partners

Insp Simon Garrett - Wiltshire Police
Perry Payne - Wiltshire Road Safety Partnership

Total in attendance: 25

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
145	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dawn Wilson - Anna Patterson - Catherine Roper – Chief Constable
146	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
147	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
148	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The following written Chairman’s updates were received and noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details about the Draft Local Transport Plan 4 Consultation • Vaccine Confidence Training Session • EV Chargers
149	<p><u>Information Items</u></p> <p>The following written updates and information items were received and noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community First • Update from BSW Together (Integrated Care System) • Cost of Living Update
150	<p><u>Road Safety Update</u></p> <p>The Area Board received a presentation from Perry Payne, Wiltshire Road Safety Partnership, which included detail about the members of the Partnership, Vision Zero, the three main workstreams – engineering, education and enforcement, traffic surveys, community speed watch – including statistical data and traffic survey information for the Pewsey area, speed indicator devices, Operation Snap, CSEO activity both county wide and in the Pewsey area, the Road Policing Unit and emerging issues.</p> <p>The Partnership representative responded to the following comments and questions:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The apparent lack of action or engineering measures taken at accident blackspots in particular along the Devizes Road from Rushall to Devizes. The Partnership representative reported that accident blackspots are analysed and if an engineering solution is required to improve the safety of the road this would be forwarded onto Wiltshire Council for action. He indicated that maybe on the occasions when accidents have occurred along Devizes Road that the threshold for action had not been reached. The Area Board noted that the Department for Transport retained statistical data about road accidents and the current Stats19 road accident injury statistics reporting was soon to be updated with an improved Stats20 statistical reporting method. • Operation Snap and the impact of GDPR on members of the public uploading CCTV footage of traffic offence allegations. • The use and effectiveness of AI to combat driving offences. <p>The Chairman thanked Perry Payne, Partnership Representative for his very informative presentation.</p>
151	<p><u>Pewsey and Marlborough Surgeries</u></p> <p>This item was deferred until the next Area Board meeting as the Social Prescriber was unable to attend this meeting.</p>
152	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>The Area Board received a number of updates from Partners and community organisations as detailed below:</p> <p>1. <u>Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP)</u></p> <p>The Area Board received an update from the PCAP representative Susie Brew and Colin Gale as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PCAP celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the Memory Café and the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership. - Cost of living food vouchers were still available, and residents were encouraged to apply for them. - Wilton Windmill and necessary repairs to the sails. - A successful grant application to provide a number of kissing gates and replacement stiles in the Pewsey area. - Residents were encouraged to read the draft Local Transport Plan 4 - The expansion of the Connect Bus Service to the Collingbournes, Tidworth and Avebury. - Additional funding received for the Bus Improvement Plan, and electric buses are being introduced by Salisbury Reds. - The Network Rail Wiltshire Rail Strategic Study has been published and the Pewsey Vale Rail User Group and Bedwyn Trains Passenger Group have been working with TransWilts on the Strategy. There

were concerns that the change in government may stifle the improvements as nationalisation may take up funds and resources.

- Winter railway works were starting on Christmas eve with some extensive works along the west railway line would continue until 27 January 2025.
- The Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership had expressed concern about the impact of the Government's recent budget on the local economy in particular pubs and farmers.
- Hopeful that the direct services from Great Bedwyn to Paddington would be reinstated

2. Health & Wellbeing

The Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager circulated a number of information sheet that provided details about support for older people, children's and families and financial support. He would be meeting with the local Social Prescriber to discuss help and support for vulnerable people and will set up a working group to look at what additional support can be offered.

3. Youth

- The Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager provided an update on the recent Area Board initiative for free swimming at Pewsey Leisure Centre, which would help in the region of 25 young people and their carers. He highlighted that about £3,000 of funding that had been agreed to help young people and also provide 2 events for Oxenwood remained unspent and suggested that this is added to the free swimming fund. He also agreed to speak to the Pewsey Vale Leisure Centre to see if carers can also be accommodated by the initiative.
- Cllr Wheeler reported on an exciting presentation received by Shalbourne Parish Council about the upgrade and modernisation works at Oxenwood outdoor education centre, which would also provide improved facilities for disabled people.

Decision:

That the remainder of the unspent Oxenwood grant fund of £3,000 be diverted to the free swimming fund.

4. Environment

The Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager reported that he had acquired two new air quality monitors that can be used to check the air quality outside schools during the drop off and pick up times. They were also available for use by community groups.

5. Parish Councils

There were no Parish Council updates.

6. Neighbourhood Policing Team

The Chairman welcomed recently appointed Insp Simon Garrett to his first Area Board meeting. The Area Board received a written update and presentation from Insp Garrett, Wiltshire Police, which included detail about the Community Policing Team, the community commitment, crime statistics for Pewsey between September and October 2024 including comparisons with 2023 and the previous 2 months, with a deep dive into burglary crime, local priorities and updates in relation to the Pewsey area, local links and how to become involved in receiving the latest news and alerts by signing up to the Community Messaging Service.

Members and Area Board representatives commented on hare coursing, a further request for Police PCSO's to attend Parish Council meetings and response times for calls to 101. Insp Garrett explained that the Police understood the impact of hare coursing on farmers and had made a number of arrests in this area. He noted that early reporting was vital in helping the Police make arrests. Attendance of PCSO's at community meetings would be difficult with the number of officers available, however the Police are aware of their importance to the community and that the community have a point of contact and know where to go for help and support. Improvements have been made to the 101 service with the training of new staff although the service may take a while to be at full capacity.

The Chairman thanked Insp Garrett for attending the Area Board meeting and his comprehensive report and responding to questions.

7. Dorset and Wilts Fire and Rescue Service

Cllr Paul Oatway – Chairman of Dorset and Wilts Fire Authority provided an update on the Service included detail on the role of the Service, which included other activities apart from fighting fires, the need to use resources effectively, although it was anticipated that the budget for the next few years was expected to be in deficit, and therefore cost savings would be required to provide a balanced budget. He reported on one way this may be achieved with a reduction in the number of number 2 fire tenders.

8. Kennet and Avon Medical Partnership

There was no update provided for this meeting.

153	<p><u>Area Board Priority Updates</u></p> <p>The Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager provided updates to the Area Board about the work undertaken in each of the Board's priority areas, detailed below, as reported under partner updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 1 – To help provide positive activities for young people • Priority 2 – To help protect the environment and reduce carbon footprint • Priority 3 – To improve the health and wellbeing of older and vulnerable adults
154	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered two applications for Community Area Grant funding. The Chairman invited a representative of each application to give a brief overview of their project to the Area Board.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>To approve the following grant funding:</p> <p>1. Community Area Grant funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pewsey Vale Bowls Club - to award £1,650 towards a new electric mower. • Stanton St Bernard Village Hall Committee – to award £677.22 towards Joyce Hale memorial bench.
155	<p><u>Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p>The Area Board received the minutes and considered the recommendations arising from the last LHFIG meeting held on 9 October 2024, as detailed in the report.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr Oatway QPM and seconded by the Chairman, it was resolved:</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>1. To add the following Issues (with funding) to the Priority Schemes List:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 10-23-4 Rushall Pewsey Road Footway (£3750) b. 10-23-7 Burbage Stibb Green Footway (£3750) c. 10-24-04 Great Bedwyn Granary Lane over-run area (£1320) d. 10-24-05 East Grafton Wilton Road lining (£250) and Pewsey Broomcroft Road warning sign (£250) <p>2. To allocate funding to Issues currently on the Priority Schemes List:</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"> a. 10-23-9 A345 Sunnyhill Lane Bus Stop infrastructure (£5,000) b. 10-24-10 Great Bedwyn Browns Lane Gateway (an additional £1,200) </p> <p>3. To close the following Issue:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">a. 10-22-12 Upavon High Street Footway</p>
156	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Area Board noted the sad loss of Richard Youens, Life President of Wiltshire Air Ambulance. • The Area Board were informed of an opportunity to re-align and repaint the junction of Old Hospital Road and Vale Road following its recent resurfacing. The Chairman agreed to raise the matter with the Pewsey LHFIG Engineer - Mark Stansby.
157	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates and Close</u></p> <p>The Area Board noted the following future meeting dates (7.00-9.00pm):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 February 2025 (brought forward from 3 March 2025 due to the pre-election period) • 20 May 2025 • 9 June 2025 <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.</p>

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Area Board Briefing Note

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Area Board Briefing Note

School Appeal Panel Member Recruitment

Service:	Democratic Services
Date prepared:	22 January 2025
Further enquiries to:	Tara Hunt, Senior Democratic Services Officer
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Do you have some free time? Are you looking to give back to society? Are you passionate about education?

If so, then Wiltshire Council is looking for volunteers to sit on their Independent School Appeal Panels. The Panels hear and determine appeals submitted by parents or guardians as a result of being refused a place for their children at their preferred school.

The Panels not only play an important role in considering the needs of both schools and children but are a rewarding way of giving back to the community and developing new skills.

Members sitting on the Panel must be independent of Wiltshire Council for the duration of their service. We welcome people from all backgrounds and value a range of perspectives. We are ideally looking for thoughtful, considerate people that are good listeners and have a keen regard for due process.

Compulsory training will be provided for the role, with refresher courses when necessary. A Clerk is available during and in the run up to appeals to give legal and procedural advice. The role is a voluntary position, so is unpaid.

There is no minimum time commitment, but the role can vary from a few hours a month to a couple of days a week occasionally, particularly during the summer months before the start of the new academic year each September.

Being a volunteer Panel Member can be a good way of giving back to society, taking part in important decisions that affect the welfare of children and parents, as well as keeping busy and maintaining social interaction if you are not currently working.

We would urge people who are interested to get in touch and find out more. Contact the council's Democratic Services Appeals Team, either by email at

educationappealsadmin@wiltshire.gov.uk or by calling 01225 718352.

Follow this link to see the job advertisement [Independent School Appeal Panel Members - Wiltshire Career Site Careers](#)

Please note that the **closing date** for applications is **Sunday 16 February 2025**.

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Wiltshire local elections 2025

Background

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

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

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

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

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

Information for prospective candidates – webinar on 11 February

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

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

Key websites:

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

Additional information

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

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

Area Board Briefing Note

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 is seeking 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.

If Wessex is accepted onto the Devolution Priority Programme there will be a period of public consultation led by the government, following which constituent councils will be asked to give their formal assent to the proposals. Mayoral elections would then take place in 2026. If not accepted onto the programme the constituent councils will consider their next steps together.

The proposal to create a Mayoral Strategic Authority with Dorset, BCP and Somerset councils is not a merger of the councils. Each council will remain independent, continuing to serve its local communities as individual authorities.

FAQs

Why are the councils supporting 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 have also 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.

When will we hear back from the government regarding the proposal?

We expect to hear back by early February.

What will the process of consultation look like?

We expect the process of any consultation by government to be set out soon.

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'. The mayor will 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.

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Oxenwood 2025 School Holiday Clubs

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

Activities include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Price: £30 per person, per day

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

Lunch: Attendees should bring a packed lunch.

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

Village Halls Week 2025

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

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

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

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

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

Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) Conference

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

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

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

Conference workshop contributors included:

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

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

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

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

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

How you can be involved:

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

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

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

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

How you can help us:

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

Current Engagements:

Learning Disability Strategy Aims Engagement

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

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

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

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

Share this information in your newsletters and social media posts.

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

Recruiting Community Health Champions

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

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

What Do Health Research Champions Do?

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

Why Encourage Your Members to Get Involved?

Becoming a Health Research Champion provides:

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

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

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

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

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

Employability Programmes

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

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Area Board Report- Pewsey

Neighbourhood Policing Team
November and December 2024

Keeping Wiltshire Safe



Agenda Item 6

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team

Inspector: Simon Garrett

Neighbourhood Sergeant: APS Nicky Crabbe

Neighbourhood Officers:

PC Chris Rideout (Devizes Town)

PC Sarah Hardwidge (Devizes Town)

PC Jason Steele (Marlborough)

PC Nicky Crabbe (Pewsey / Devizes Rural)

PCSOs:

Amy Jones, Andrew Maclachlan, Debbie Lowe

Kelly Watts, Paula Yarranton (Devizes Rural)

Emily Johnson, Melissa Camilleri (Marlborough Rural)

Mark Braithwaite (Marlborough Town)

Jonathan Mills (Pewsey)



Our Community Commitment

ENGAGE REGULARLY WITH COMMUNITIES BY HOLDING FACE TO FACE EVENTS

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

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

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

ENGAGE REGULARLY THROUGH ONLINE CHANNELS

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

INCREASE AND BROADEN OUR ENGAGEMENT ACROSS NEED TO REACH COMMUNITIES

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

CONSULT AND ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITIES ON KEY DECISIONS

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

Our mission: Keeping Wiltshire Safe

























Our priorities:

Safer public spaces

Violence

Burglary

November and December 24 stats- Pewsey

		Last Year	Last 2 months
Violence Against The Person		17 	37 
Arson And Criminal Damage		11 	13 
Public Order Offences		5 	3 
Theft Offences		7 	0 
Burglary		7 	17 
Vehicle Offences		6 	5 
Miscellaneous Crimes Agains...		1 	0 
Sexual Offences		0 	0 

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Crimes
75

Incidents
82

- 62 Offences during same period last year
- 4 less crimes than during Sep/Oct months
- VAP - Includes Dangerous Dog offences and Harassment/ Stalking offences
- Increase in public order offences
- Increase in arson and criminal damage
- Increase in theft offences
- Reduction in burglary offences
- Reduction in vehicle offences

September and October Burglary - Pewsey

Crimes
4



- FAT outcome rate reports at 17.8% for the 12 months to Nov 24. This is an 8 month exceptional high (The last 8 months have all been above the (24-month) average) This represents 7060 crimes where the victim has received a positive outcome.
- Wiltshire continues to have the lowest recorded burglary of a home crimes per 1000 households, currently sitting at 1.863 compared to MSG average of 2.868 (iQuanta data to Sep-24)
- Attendance rate of 98.3% during Nov/Dec

In the community



- Rural crime operation during December
- Facebook Live
- Burglary prevention advice
- Charlton Village Hall and other community engagement
- Adverse weather

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Pewsey Police
29 Oct 2024 · 🌐

****Mobile Police Station - Community Engagement****
Please note, the Police Van will be in the following areas on the 7th November:

- British Legion, Burbage 10:00 - 12:00.
- Bouverie Hall, Pewsey 14:00 - 16:00.

👮👮 Please do pop along during these times to have a general chat, make any enquiries or raise any concerns you have! 👮👮



Local Priorities & Updates

Priority	Update
Theft/ Burglary offences	From our data burglary remains at reasonably consistent but one burglary is too many so there will be an ongoing focus on patrols within the area, during the hours of darkness both in relation domestic burglaries of garages and houses along with any theft from of theft of Motor vehicle offences.
Multi Agency enforcement in relation to persistent ASB at an address.	We are continuing to work with partners at Wiltshire Council, Mental Health teams, Aster Housing and the CPS around dealing with some persistent ASB/ issues at an address in Upavon.
Rural Crime/ hare coursing	We know through predictable trends that this time of year we see an increase of hare coursing offences. We are conscious of this and will make sure we are as visible as possible in the rural areas of the patch in the forthcoming months.
What do you want us to focus on	devizesareanpt@wiltshire.police.uk Subject – Pewsey area Priorities.

Useful Links

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

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

Get Involved

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

www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk



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Follow your NPT on social media

- [Devizes Police Facebook](#)
- [Devizes Police Twitter](#)
- [Marlborough Police Facebook](#)
- [Marlborough Police Twitter](#)
- [Pewsey Police Facebook](#)
- [Pewsey Police Twitter](#)

Find out more information on your NPT area at:

www.wiltshire.police.uk/area/your-area/wiltshire/devizes/

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Pewsey Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

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

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2024/25	£ 16,744.00	£ 14,135.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 8,647.22	£ 6,650.00	£ 1,700.00
Current Balance	£ 8,096.78	£ 7,485.00	£ 6,000.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ -3567.91	£ 2,485.00	£ 1,286.17

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG2206	Area Board Initiative	Pewsey Area Board	Tackling loneliness and isolation	£1000.00	£1000.00
<p>Project Summary: Loneliness and isolation has been identified as one of the greatest challenges for the Pewsey Community area, particularly amongst older people. The project is based on working with key partners in the area to map the available support and to take action where gaps exist. A task and finish group has been established to help lead this forward</p>					
ABG2099	Community Area Grant	Upavon Village Hall	Upavon Village Hall Flat roof repair	£8000.00	£4000.00
<p>Project Summary: We have a smaller area at the rear of our hall that has a flat roof. This unfortunately is leaking. We have had several roofers come to look at the problem and all have said that the roof needs stripping off and replaced with a much better material. Some of the lanterns may well need replacing aso.</p>					

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG2132	Community Area Grant	Pewsey Vale Rugby Football Club	External Canopy to Club House covering spectator area	£1729.38	£864.69
Project Summary: Provide an extension to current canopy to cover parents and children watch and supporting kids rugby					
ABG2147	Community Area Grant	Rushall and Charlton St Peter Village Hall	Community Storage Shed	£3600.00	£1800.00
Project Summary: We would like to purchase a secure robust shed to go in the village hall grounds to help with storage. This will free up existing storage space which can be used by regular event holders.					
ABG2156	Community Area Grant	Pewsey Vale Youth Football Club	Parking at Pewsey Youth Football Club	£13385.00	£5000.00
Project Summary: We are a small local based youth football club. We have approximately 140 children aged 5-17 who train and play matches at the club. At present we have minimal parking with limited alternative options. This is currently preventing our football club to grow, limiting how many children we can register at the club.					
ABG2111	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership	Printed walking leaflets	£2427.66	£1213.83
Project Summary: We are updating and printing 16x walking leaflets, used by people of all abilities. These are extremely popular with groups such as U3A, the Wellbeing Walks and other local walking groups and individuals. Although available online, access to printed material is really important to many walkers, including older walkers. For the leaflets, there is a need to update some content with map changes, logo changes, improved directions, etc.					
Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG2134	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	THURSDAY FRIENDSHIP CLUB GREAT BEDWYN	THURSDAY FRIENDSHIP CLUB ST MARYS GREAT BEDWYN	£3200.00	£1000.00
Project Summary: Most contributions are given by volunteers and incur no regular costs, however as the club uses Church premises, heating by oil has costs. I have asked for approx 50% of years heating and electric use (hot water, lights) ie 35 weeks at £60 a time					
ABG2188	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Milton Lilbourne Village Hall	Milton Lilbourne village hall heating	£3000.00	£1500.00

<p>Project Summary: The village hall is a hub for our community including many of our older residents. Coffee morning's, art clubs, lunch events, short mat bowls. Unfortunately our heating keeps failing and after fitting a thermometer some times its as cold as 12c in the hall. We wish to invite more elderly and vulnerable to our hall but feel this temperature is a health risk. We have an ageing ground source heat pump that desperately needs updating which will cost upwards of £3000.</p>					
ABG2149	Youth Grant	Upavon Parish Council	Blue Bus Monthly Services	£4000.00	£2000.00
<p>Project Summary: Upavon Parish Council, alongside Burbage Parish Council, recognises the shared risk of too many young people being left without structured activities outside school hours, which may lead to potential antisocial behaviour. Until a permanent replacement for our former community centre is established, the Blue Bus remains an essential, albeit temporary, focal point for the community on a monthly basis.</p>					
ABG2197	Youth Grant	Milton Lilbourne Parish Council	Milton Lilbourne Youth Basketball Area	£6000.00	£3000.00
<p>Project Summary: We are looking to install a permanent basketball hoop and dedicated basketball area for the older children of Milton Lilbourne. The current playpark is currently ageing and is focused on young children and toddlers, there is nothing for teenagers.</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.