

AGENDA

Meeting: Salisbury Area Board
Place: Five Rivers Health & Wellbeing Centre, Hulse Road, Salisbury.
SP1 3NR
Date: Thursday 6 February 2025
Time: 6.00 pm

Including the Parishes of: Salisbury .

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opportunity to do so.**

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Cllr Sam Charleston, Salisbury St Paul's (Chairman)
Cllr Caroline Corbin, Salisbury Bemerton Heath (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Brian Dalton, Salisbury Harnham West
Cllr Sven Hocking, Salisbury Harnham East
Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Salisbury St Francis & Stratford
Cllr Charles McGrath, Salisbury Milford
Cllr Ricky Rogers, Salisbury Fisherton and Bemerton Village
Cllr Paul Sample JP, Salisbury St Edmund's

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Items to be considered	Time
<u>Welcome and Introductions</u>	
<p>1 Apologies for Absence</p> <p>2 Minutes (<i>Pages 7 - 28</i>)</p> <p>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 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 Updates</p> <p>The Chairman will give an update on outcomes and actions arising from previous meetings of the Area Board, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salisbury Transport Strategy: Locally Prioritised Schemes (table attached as Appendix 1 to LHFIG) <p>5 Information items (<i>Pages 29 - 70</i>)</p> <p>The Board is asked to note the following Information items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community First • Wiltshire Council Consultation Portal • Wiltshire Council Information Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cost of Living Update Jan 2025 ○ School Appeal Panel Member Recruitment ○ Wiltshire Local Elections 2025 ○ Devolution to Wessex ○ Family & Community Learning Impact 	6.00pm
<p>6 Partner and Community Updates (<i>Pages 71 - 80</i>)</p> <p><u>Verbal Updates</u></p> <p>To receive any verbal updates from representatives, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Lighting Audits – Liz Batten • Underpasses working group update – Cllr Hocking • Environment Action Group –Cllr Hocking <p><i>Note: Speakers are reminded that they each have a 3 minute slot, unless they have previously discussed alternative arrangements with the Chairman</i></p>	6.15pm

Written Updates

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

- Neighbourhood Policing Team
- Wiltshire Police - Spot the signs campaign & the VAWG Quarterly Update
- Fire & Rescue – [Update](#)
- Salisbury BID – [website link](#)

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| 7 | City Hall Update

An update from Paul Pritchard, Head of Development. | 6.30pm |
| 8 | Salisbury City Council

A presentation from Marc Read, Head of Environmental Services, on behalf of Salisbury City Council. | 6.50pm |
| 9 | Area Board Priorities

An update on any areas of work from the Lead Councillors and Engagement & Partnership Lead Officer: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities - Cllr Ricky Rogers• Addressing climate change - Cllr Sven Hocking• Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing - Cllr Caroline Corbin• Supporting under represented groups - Cllr Caroline Corbin• Improving transport and access - Cllr Sven Hocking | 7.05pm |
| 10 | Area Board Funding and Project Support Roundup

A look at the funding awards and the projects supported by the Area Board over the last 4 years.

<i>Officer: Karlene Jammeh, Engagement and Partnership Lead Officer</i> | 7.20pm |
| 11 | Area Board Funding (Pages 81 - 90)

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

Older & Vulnerable and Youth Grants reports, with recommendations are also attached. | 7.25pm |

Remaining Budgets:

Community Area Grant	Older & Vulnerable	Young People
£1137.90	£1377	£5422

Area Board Initiatives:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG2093	Youth Music Festivals Programme Total project cost £30,000	£2,559.90
ABG2104	Digital Inclusion project for older people and vulnerable adults to improve access to healthcare. Total project cost £500	£500
ABG2120	Carers and Past Carers Afternoon Tea with Slide Show and Portrait Photography event. Total project cost £500	£500

Community Area Grants:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG2100	Salisbury Street Pastors Mobile AED Total project cost £792	£500

Older & Vulnerable Grants:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG21443	Safer and Supportive Salisbury Showcase event on Mental Wellbeing with focus on Men's Health Total project cost £1325	£500

Young People Grants:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
ABG2102	Salisbury Community Circus Activities Roadshow Rig Safety Extension and Equipment Total project cost £15,265	£3000
ABG2150	Folio Theatre Drama workshops for Young Carers	£500

	to promote wellbeing and enhance career opportunities Total project cost £500	
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Delegated Funding

There have been no funding awards made under the Delegated Funding Process, by the Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager, between meetings due to matters of urgency.

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

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Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) (Pages 91 - 120)

7.55pm

To note the minutes and consider any recommendations arising from the last LHFIG meeting held on 22 January 2025, as set out in the attached report.

Items requiring a funding decision are:

- 4b – Harnham 20mph Speed Limit – £7,000
- 4c – Relocation of Loading Bay in Estcourt Road - £500
- 4d – Ayleswade Road HGV Signing Improvements - £500
- 4f – Jewell Close Additional Lighting Column – £1,000
- 4h – Amendments to the Southern Wiltshire Off-street Parking Order - £1,000
- 4j – Lower Bemerton Advisory Footway - £2089.50

Milford Mill Road Update

The Board will receive an update from Cllr McGrath.

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

Close & Future Dates

Future Meeting Dates (6-8pm):

- 3 July 2025
- 11 September 2025
- 6 November 2025

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

MINUTES

Meeting: Salisbury Area Board
Place: Five Rivers Health & Wellbeing Centre, Hulse Road,
Salisbury.SP1 3NR
Date: 21 November 2024
Start Time: 6.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.22 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Charles McGrath,
Cllr Ricky Rogers and Cllr Paul Sample JP

Wiltshire Council Officers

Karlene Jammeh – Engagement & Partnership Lead Officer
Lisa Alexander – Senior Democratic Services Officer

Partners

Police & Crime Commissioner – Philip Wilkinson OBE
Wiltshire Police – Inspector Tina Osborn
Police Road Safety Partnership – Perry Payne

Total in attendance: 45

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
41	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Dr Mark McClelland • Mark Tucker – Director ICT (allocated to the Board)
42	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were presented.</p> <p>It was;</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
43	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>In relation to Item 9, Area Board Funding - application from Salisbury Rugby Club, Cllr Paul Sample declared an Other Registerable Interest (ORI) due to his position as Vice President at the Salisbury Rugby Club. As set out in the Code of Conduct, Cllr Sample withdrew from his capacity as a Councillor and did not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter.</p>
44	<p><u>Chairman's Updates</u></p> <p>The Chairman noted that an update on the Salisbury Transportation Strategy funding and list of scheme requests the Board had compiled had been received earlier that day. This update would be discussed further under item 11 – LHFIG.</p>
45	<p><u>Information items</u></p> <p>The Board noted the Information Items as set out in the agenda pack, these were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community First • Update from BSW Together (Integrated Care System) • Wiltshire Council Consultation Portal • Wiltshire Council Information Items: Cost of Living
46	<p><u>Partner and Community Updates</u></p> <p>The Board noted the written updates in the agenda and supplement 2. In</p>

	<p>addition to updates published with the agenda, a Wiltshire Police Violence Against Women and Girls quarterly report – Autumn 2024 is attached to the minutes for information.</p> <p>The Board also received the following verbal updates:</p> <p><u>Underpasses working group update – Cllr Hocking</u> A series of photographs were shown, depicting the recent underpasses painting project, which took the total completed to 3. Thanks were given to the Board for funding the project and to all involved in completing the work.</p> <p>A meeting with National Highways had taken place to establish areas of responsibility in relation to the subways, with a request for additional measures to increase users' safety. The Group aimed to produce a document which would set out the responsibilities of all authorities.</p> <p><u>Environment Action Group –Cllr Hocking</u> The recent Flood Preparedness event at Guildhall on 19 November 2024 had been well attended.</p> <p>The Group had recently received a presentation from Salisbury Reds bus company and had looked at options for sensor monitoring equipment. The LCWIP had also been published and would be considered in due course.</p>
47	<p><u>An update from the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC)</u></p> <p>The Police & Crime Commissioner, Philip Wilkinson OBE provided an overview of current work and priorities, the main points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An inspection on the strategic processes had been graded as outstanding. • There was a planning processes to deliver what was needed. • Antisocial Behaviour was down 16%, Domestic abuse was down 13%, and Violence in crime was down 13% • The Salisbury Community area had more speed awareness tickets and speeding fines issued than the whole of Swindon and Wiltshire for 2022. • SID data collated from parish councils was used to target hot areas. • The force was the second lowest in terms of funding per population. Philip had been working to change the national Police funding formular. • An increase in funding was required to cover NI contributions and there was a degree of uncertainty regarding long term funding. • The Police & Crime Plan had been approved by the Police & Crime Panel. • Two main areas for focus were Retail crime and Rural crime. • Hare coursing in rural areas had become big business, with sessions livestreamed to other countries for betting purposes. • An increase in van break ins and tool theft around Salisbury had occurred over the last 2 months.

- There had been improvements on call centre 999 & 101 response times.
- Large investment in a new IT system.
- Much greater reinforced NHPT with more officers on the beat.
- The NPT had established partnerships with local retailers, to be more effective in stopping retail crime.
- Working to replicate the Salisbury BID model in Swindon town centre.

Inspector Tina Osborn from the Neighbourhood Policing Team and Perry Payne from the Wiltshire & Swindon Road Safety Partnership were also in attendance to respond to any questions.

Questions and comments included:

Thanks were given to the Officers who had worked to support the recent Novichok enquiry.

Answer: There had been weekly cyberattacks during the investigation, with attempts to penetrate police systems.

Would there be another round of the Safer Street's funding?

Answer: Whilst in London last week, Philip had an opportunity to ask the question on future funding. If there was no more funding then there would be a problem.

Could you provide an update on the plans for a new police station?

Answer: The whole process was frustrating and there had been many delays and hurdles to contend with. Out of the two options currently on the table, Old Sarum, had been progressing, however there was now a new level of planning which needed a biodiversity inspection, leading to a restart on negotiations. The Highpost site was refused by Planning.

Regarding a feeling of safety – if you had dealings with National Highways, could you ask them to progress the repairs in the underpasses.

Answer: Perry Payne was introduced, as he was currently liaising with National Highways to devise a more comprehensive solution where necessary.

There was an ongoing issue in Lower Bemerton, with professional drivers of HGV's who regularly broke the law. Contact had been made to the companies of the repeat offenders, but the reply was often that the drivers were agency. Residents would continue to log evidence and report issues, but would like to see prosecutions, as it was believed that some stronger action would solve the issue.

Answer: For any particular issues like that contact my office and if possible, the NPT may be able to apply some measures.

On the A360 between Fugglestone Red and St Peters Place, we were trying to get that stretch of road reduced to 40mph, did you have any stats on speeding along there?

Answer: Contact the office directly and we could check. It was now also possible

	<p>to use vehicle/mobile camera data for prosecutions if the quality was good enough. Clips could be sent in via the Operation Snap report system or via the website.</p> <p>There had been resident reports of bogus gardeners etc. knocking on people's doors. What could be done about this? <u>Answer:</u> (TO) All incidents need to be reported to us, if we don't know, we are not able to fix the issues. We often work with Trading Standards who deal with issues of this nature.</p>
48	<p><u>Community Conversations</u></p> <p>Adele Owens, Community Conversations Lead, supported by Meski Bond of Wiltshire Council and Sam, a local resident involved with the project, provided an overview of the initiative which was taking place on Bemerton Heath and other areas around Wiltshire.</p> <p>Community Conversations was born in autumn 2022. It was about having conversations with those in neighbourhoods, understanding living conditions and seeing what could be done to provide support to local groups and activities.</p> <p>Sam was involved with the Bemerton Bright Ideas Community Panel, which met to look at ideas for projects. Residents were able to take part in the decisions on things that impact them.</p> <p>The Brothers of Bemerton was a men's mental health page on Facebook, set up by Sam which had 75k followers. The page offered monthly engagement with around 3.5k people.</p> <p>Sam also acted as a trustee for Wiltshire Community Independent Living and was a tenant member on Wiltshire Council's Housing Board.</p> <p>Some of the projects included the beautiful Bemerton project, a community garden, and the creation of a Neighbourhood watch group. The project had also been supported by Officers at SCC.</p> <p>In addition, after listening to the residents on what was needed. A minibus was arranged to run from Bemerton to the Aldi food store, to enable residents to shop for affordable food. An additional bus route was also added to include coverage for St Peters Place.</p> <p>The group were discussing the regeneration of a Street watch initiative, to reintroduce the former Street watch scheme which ran for 10 year and played a part in reducing crime.</p> <p>Action – Feedback the request for a Street Watch Initiative to Inspector Osborn for further discussion.</p>

	<p><u>Comments and Questions included:</u></p> <p>The Area Board supported the initiative and the amazing projects which had started and were progressing.</p> <p>Was there the likelihood of this sort of work in other areas? <u>Answer:</u> There was another Officer who was dealing with other pockets of deprived areas; however it was about packaging up the key principles and approaches and enabling others to take the work on in other areas.</p> <p>There was support from the Leader of the Council on rolling this out to other areas. It was great to see that finally, this was being approached in the right way, by supporting the residents to come forward and tell us what they want and setting them up to lead on the projects themselves.</p>
49	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Board noted the budgets remaining for allocation at the meeting and heard from representatives in attendance who gave a brief overview of their project followed by any questions by the Board.</p> <p><u>Older & Vulnerable Adults Grants:</u></p> <p>Sounds Better 2022 CIC - Sounds Better Singing for Parkinsons - requested £1,000. The Applicant Liv McLennan, spoke in support of the project.</p> <p>Cllr Corbin moved the motion to award in full. This was seconded by Cllr Sample.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Sounds Better 2022 CIC was awarded £1,000 towards the Sounds Better Singing for Parkinsons project. <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25</p> <p>MUSE SW CIC – Yoga for all, requested £475 The Applicant Jane Eble, spoke in support of the project.</p> <p>Cllr Sample moved the motion to award in full. This was seconded by Cllr Corbin.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> MUSE SW CIC was awarded £475 towards the Yoga for all project. <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25</p> <p><u>Young People Grants:</u></p> <p>Apprenticeships in Salisbury trading under Supplytrain CIC - Salisbury 2025</p>

Apprenticeships & Early Careers Directory, requested £500

The Applicant Catherine Short, spoke in support of the project.

Cllr Rogers moved the motion to award in full. This was seconded by Cllr Hocking.

Decision

Apprenticeships in Salisbury trading under Supplytrain CIC was awarded £500 towards the Salisbury 2025 Apprenticeships & Early Careers Directory project.

Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25

Salisbury Rugby Club, Free coaching after school to girls in years 7-12, requested £4452.83

After making a declaration of Interest Councillor Paul Sample withdrew from his capacity as a Councillor and did not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter.

Karlene Jammeh, spoke in support of the project.

Cllr Corbin moved the motion to award the recommendation of the youth panel. This was seconded by Cllr Hocking.

Decision

Salisbury Rugby Club was awarded £4,000 towards Free coaching after school to girls in years 7-12.

Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25

Rise 61 - Open access drop ins for young people on Bemerton Heath, requested £4950.

The Applicant Joe Deal spoke in support of the project.

Cllr Rogers moved the motion to award the recommendation of the youth panel. This was seconded by Cllr Corbin.

Decision

Rise 61 was awarded £3,000 towards the Open access drop ins for young people on Bemerton Heath project.

Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25

Community Area Grants:

St Marks Church, Barrington Centre Heaters, requested £993.60

The Applicant Jo King spoke in support of the project.

Cllr Hocking moved the motion to award in full. This was seconded by Cllr McGrath.

	<p><u>Decision</u> St Marks Church was awarded £993.60 towards the Barrington Centre Heaters project. <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25</p> <p>Delegated Funding: There had been no funding awards made under the Delegated Funding Process, by the Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager, between meetings.</p> <p>Information links: Area Board Grants & Grants Criteria</p>
50	<p><u>Area Board Priorities</u></p> <p>The Board received updates from the Lead Members and Karlene Jammeh, Engagement & Partnership Lead, on the Area Board Priorities:</p> <p><u>Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities - Cllr Ricky Rogers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support the Salisbury Youth Forum of partners and to set up and develop a Safe Spaces network – “The YOU Network” • Develop the AB youth grants panel in partnership with St Joseph’s School • Practical support in 2024/25 for young people’s mental wellbeing • Practical support that facilitates access to career development <p><u>Addressing climate change - Cllr Sven Hocking</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salisbury Flood Preparedness event in the Guild Hall – Nov 2024 • Support the City Council and partners to strengthen Salisbury’s Flood Plan • Achieve up to date position regarding air pollution • Monitor outputs of Transportation Strategy and LCWIP in achieving modal shift, joining with community initiatives to support this <p><u>Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing – Cllr Caroline Corbin</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support engagement activities and initiatives with Safer and Supportive Salisbury • Continue to support the Salisbury Area Board’s Carer’s Champion and Older People’s Champion in promotion of the Silver Salisbury Programme • To support dementia support groups and activities • Improve access to healthcare – Develop new digital support sessions for accessing online <p><u>Supporting underrepresented groups - Cllr Caroline Corbin</u></p>

	<p>Date for the diary - Tue 4 March 2025 – 11 – 2.30pm at St Thomas' church – disability themed speakers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead the 'Foodie' network of local partners • Support all cultural-based community groups/projects to develop opportunities for support • Support the community conversations project in Bemerton Heath • Design, deliver and lead a disability themed engagement event <p><u>Improving transport and access - Cllr Sven Hocking</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-ordinate the Underpasses Working Group to support improvements, inc community artwork initiatives
51	<p><u>Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p><u>Salisbury Transport Strategy Funding</u> The Chairman had received an update relating to approved funding for some of the schemes submitted to be progressed. A list of approved projects were circulated at the meeting.</p> <p>The remaining requests would continue to be progressed by the LHFIG and future updates on this would be brought to the Area Board.</p> <p>Members discussed the update and praised the positive news. A request for this to become a standing item on future agendas was supported by the Board, as was the request to establish the amount of remaining funding in the STS budget for the other schemes.</p> <p>Action: - Report back remaining STS budget and add as a standing item on future agendas.</p> <p><u>LHFIG</u> The Board considered the report and funding recommendations arising from the last LHFIG meeting held on 19 September 2024.</p> <p>It was;</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To approve the LHFIG funding recommendations to the following schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4a – Hawksridge Pedestrian Warning Signs – £210 • 4e – Cecil Terrace Tarmac Ramp - £400 <p><u>Milford Mill Road Traffic Concerns</u> Cllr McGrath presented context to the issue and an overview of the local</p>

concerns regarding HGV and speed of vehicular traffic along Milford Mill Road.

This issue had previously been to LHFIG for consideration. Since that time, National Highways had confirmed that any traffic calming measures on A36 would now not start for at least 10 years. This news meant that the issues along Milford Mill Road (MMR) would continue for the next 10 years until something was done about the A36.

Following resident reports of danger along the road to get access properties and the unsuitability of the bridges for HGVs, Cllr McGrath asked the Board for its support in exploring the matter further. He stated that the time for gathering evidence had passed, and that a solution was now expected.

A member of the Milford Area Preservation Group (MAPG) also spoke on the issue. The issues were highlighted as the unsuitability of the old marching road for modern day HGV access and the huge volumes of speeding traffic which were reported as being a danger to the residents living along MMR. We need action now.

The Chairman of Salisbury LHFIG, Cllr Corbin expressed her understanding of the issues reported and noted the Road Safety Partnership Officer's offer for people to make direct contact with him regarding individual road safety issues.

Cllr Corbin noted the extent of traffic calming measures which had been implemented along MMR.

The Board discussed the request for progressing the issue back through LHFIG and supported the approach, with the addition of a pre-meeting to be held to discuss options available and establish local input.

Members requested that at MMR straddled two community areas, that the LHFIG officer for the Southern Wiltshire community area and the local Area Board Member for Southern Wiltshire Area Board be included in the invite.

The Board noted the history of the ancient packway and suggested that a ban on HGV vehicles should be put to the LHFIG Officer for consideration.

Cllr Hocking noted that he had been involved with the LHFIG for many years and was aware of the history of MMR. He highlighted the difficulty in changing Google traffic map search results, which were often the cause of congestion on back roads and cut throughs.

Data from a Lorry Watch scheme active in the area had collated information which had not been acted on by the Police. The Board supported writing to the Road Safety team to request their input and action.

The Chairman of Laverstock & Ford Parish Council was also in attendance and spoke in support of finding solutions to address the local concerns.

The restrictions to implementation of physical obstructions was explained in relation to a legal right to access.

The Chairman proposed that in relation to the requests to restrict access to traffic from the A36, a meeting should be convened, inviting all stakeholders to discuss what was available within the law, prior to the next LHFIG.

This proposal was supported by the Board, with the request that it be held prior to Christmas.

Councillor Charles McGrath moved an amended motion, to include all of the agreed proposals. This was seconded by Cllr Sample.

It was;

Resolved:

The Salisbury Area Board agreed to:

- 1. Convene a scoping meeting before 25 December 2024, to include invites to residents through the Milford Preservation Group, Southern and Salisbury LHFIG Highways Engineer's, Laverstock & Ford representative and Area Board Cllrs for both Salisbury and Southern Wiltshire to discuss options available.**
- 2. Discuss available measures at the next Salisbury LHFIG meeting, with agreed recommendations to be considered at the next Area Board meeting on Thursday 6 February 2025.**
- 3. Request that agreed measures for Milford Mill Road be programmed for action before May 2025.**
- 4. Write to National Highways and Wiltshire Police (Road Safety Team/Neighbourhood Policing Team) to seek collaboration and support in addressing the issues on Milford Mill Road.**

Attachments - additional updates

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Salisbury Environmental Working Group – Action Plan

Date: 18/09/24

Attendees: Cllr Sven Hocking (Chair) , Karen Linaker (WC), Marc Read (SCC) , Margaret Willmot (COGS), Elaine Reid (STC), Gemma Heath (SDH), Brett Warren (WC), David Newton (Reds)

Apologies: John Wells (SCC)

Theme	Goals	Issue	Update	Action	Lead
Air Quality Improvement	To improve air quality in identified pollution hotspots, through careful monitoring and analysis of spikes and trends	Improved monitoring and analysis	This group’s efforts to be refocused to maximise its impact in responding to the findings of air quality monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elaine and Brett to meet to more fully discuss previously raised questions and issued. 2. Brett and Millie (new AQ Officer) to provide written responses to the questions previously raised at the June meeting and follow on questions with Elaine after the Sept meeting 3. Invite Millie to next meeting 4. Brett to clarify if the A36 Mova lights improvements have been made and if not, when they will be made 5. Brett and Gemma to liaise over future monitoring equipment for SDH from the Council’s new air quality monitoring project 	ER/BW BW KL BW BW/GH
	To support existing or initiate new schemes to mitigate air pollution	Deliverable outcomes	The group to prioritise which existing initiatives it can better support and which new initiatives it needs to prioritise, resource and implement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marc to provide an update at the next meeting about any new tree planting or orchard schemes in the city 	MR

	To analyse the impact of mitigation schemes, e.g. from health data	Communicate successes and challenges, and use analysis for ongoing development of this groups work	The group to get better at knowing where it is having best impact and how to build on its successes	2. Further discussions required at future working group meetings, now that there are stronger expectations of government requirements of local authority monitoring linked more clearly to public health outcomes	ALL
Modal Shift through LCWIP	Change habits through encouragement to use more sustainable modes of transport (e.g. school travel plans, active travel plans, e-car/bike schemes, footway/byway access)	Based on improved air quality monitoring and analysis of this data, re-focus the group's action to support existing and stimulate new LCWIP related initiatives	The group to prioritise which existing initiatives it can better support and which new initiatives it needs to prioritise, resource and implement – also taking stock of the information in the links below:	1. Fiona to report to the next meeting when the LCWIP is ready	FS
				2. David to keep the group up to date on plans progressing to purchase new electric buses for Salisbury	DN
				3. David to update the group following discussions with Phil Grocock (WC) about possible new scheme to help more primary school pupils/parents get to school by bus	DN
				4. All to support the Car Free 22 Sept Day in Salisbury, including the Reds and COGs initiatives in particular	ALL
Flooding	Review and improve Salisbury's Flood Plan	SCC, EA and the Environmental Action Group to re-group around a better focused and more effective Flood Plan	The group is asked to add this workstream to its action planning to ensure Salisbury is more ready for the next major flood event	1. Sven, Marc and Asa to meet to clarify SCC's role in any future Salisbury flood events	SH/KL
				2. Karen and Marc to continue to design and prepare the Flood Preparedness event for the 19 th November and keep the group updated	KL/MR
				3. Sven to clarify if there is a central budget to help with the flood event	SH



WILTSHIRE POLICE

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

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

Ending VAWG Coalition Wiltshire (E-VAWG)

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

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

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

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

Angiolini Report Recommendations

Wiltshire have delivered the first tranche of recommendations, including:

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

Operation Soteria

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

Project Vigilant

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

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

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

Domestic Abuse Scrutiny Panels

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

Salisbury LHFIG – List of Schemes Submitted for Salisbury Transport Strategy Funding

	Scheme	Funding requested	Current situation / Narrative	Alignment with Salisbury Transport Strategy	RAG Rating (Note Blue = completed)
1	Improved pedestrian crossing facility at the junction of Stratford Road and Waters Road.	£50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A proposed scheme to provide improved pedestrian refuge facilities and kerb line amendments to narrow the crossing distance at this wide bellmouth junction. • Scheme would be concordant of the general principle of the Council's LCWIP to improve pedestrian access and encourage sustainable and active travel. • Preliminary design has been completed. • Detailed design to be taken forward once funding for delivery has been allocated. 	<p>STS includes for various pedestrian and cycle improvements although these tend to be identified as routes rather than individual sites.</p> <p>Scheme appears to be deliverable and has progressed through preliminary design.</p>	GREEN
Page 23	Provision of ANPR cameras to enforce school keep clear markings in Bishopdown Road and Somerset Road.	£10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salisbury LHFIG have paid for a TRO amendment to allow the School Keep Clear markings in Bishopdown Road and Somerset Road to be subject to ANPR camera enforcement to improve road safety within the vicinity of the Somerset Road Campus. • Proposals to achieve this have previously been subject to a feasibility study led by Parking Services. • The LHFIG group are seeking funding to allow the camera equipment to be installed. The proposals rely on the availability of ANPR equipment held in store by Parking Services. If this equipment is used elsewhere (on a first come first serve basis), then the proposed costs for providing ANPR cameras at this location will increase. 	<p>STS includes for highway management and capacity measures, and for School Travel plan development.</p> <p>Initial works with regards to the necessary TRO appear to have been progressed.</p>	GREEN
3	Provision of bus shelter in Castle Road	£7,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of bus shelter near St. Francis Church. • The provision of a bus shelter at this location would be concordant of the general principle of the Council's BSIP 	Clear alignment with STS item PT02 - Bus Shelters	GREEN

			which aims to encourage the use of public transport as a sustainable mode of travel.		
4	Provision of ANPR camera to enforce No Right turn from Friary Lane into St. Ann Street	£30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of ANPR camera to enforce the No Right restriction turn from Friary Lane into St. Ann Street. NOTE:- Scheme cannot move forward until the Council has been granted powers to enforce moving traffic offences. Such powers are not expected to be granted to the Council before April 2025 at the earliest. 	<p>STS includes for highway management and capacity measures, including for technology interventions such as UTMC upgrades.</p> <p>Scheme would assist in the management of the highway network.</p>	AMBER
5	Provision of additional cycle parking stands in Salisbury City Centre	£10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A request for funding to provide additional cycle parking facilities based on a survey undertaken some years ago by COGS - a local cycling organisation. Some of the locations previously suggest have been addressed through other schemes such as Fisherton Gateway and River Park. It is suggested that the group work with officers from Transport Planning to undertake an updated review of locations where cycle parking is required, and produce a prioritised list of locations they wish to take forward. The locations should be concordant with the Council Salisbury LCWIP. 	<p>Clear alignment with STS item PC15 - Cycle Parking.</p> <p>Review of current cycle parking facilities following recent major schemes needed to develop an updated list of appropriate locations.</p>	AMBER
6	Installation of Modupost System at Netherhampton Road Zebra crossing	£15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The installation of the Modupost System to improve the conspicuity of the zebra crossing located in Netherhampton Road, Salisbury to address local safety concerns raised by pedestrians using the crossing. The LHFIFG has recently installed advanced warning signs and SLOW markings to make use of the Zebra crossing safer. There have been no recorded collisions involving pedestrian using the Zebra crossings. 	<p>STS includes for various highway management and pedestrian improvement measures, but nothing specifically regarding upgrades to crossing facilities such as this proposal.</p>	AMBER

7	Installation of bus stop hardstanding in Stratford Road	£10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This installation of the bus stop hardstanding has been undertaken and funded by the Salisbury LHFIG. Suggest no further action is required. 	STS includes for bus service and bus infrastructure improvements, but no specific individual isolated sites / schemes.	BLUE
8	Upgrading of St. Mark's Path between St. Francis Road and Wessex Water Site	£40,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The upgrading of St. Mark's Path (an unsurfaced track) between St. Francis Road and the Wessex Water site. Alternative route at Hilltop Way and through the Castle Hill Country Park do currently exist. However, widening the path in question would tie in with widening works undertaken to the southern length of the path some years ago. The route does serve as a key access to the schools in the Somerset Road campus, and would reinforce walking and cycling links between the city and the more outlying residential areas to the northeast including Longhedge and Old Sarum. Scheme would be concordant of the general principle of the Council's LCWIP to improve pedestrian access and encourage sustainable and active travel. 	<p>STS includes for various pedestrian and cycle improvements, with the focus being on improving overall routes.</p> <p>STS item PC12 relates to improving connections with the Longhedge development. This scheme broadly aligns with that corridor.</p>	AMBER
9	Purchase of land at Middle Street to improve access to Middle Street Meadow	£5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The purchase of the land in question has been completed and funded by the Salisbury LHFIG. Suggest no further action is required. 	No obvious direct correlation with STS measures / priority areas	BLUE
10	Salisbury City Centre Street Lighting Improvements	£20,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Salisbury Area Board led "Safer & Supportive Salisbury" initiative requested a street lighting assessment of various locations in Salisbury City Centre that they identified as being dark. The assessment recommended improvements totalling £70k. The LHFIG have committed £6,400 of funding towards the delivery of the top priority location identified in the assessment report and are seeking additional funding to take forward other improvements identified as being of benefit. 	STS includes for various pedestrian improvements within the city centre, but nothing specifically in connection with street lighting improvements.	AMBER

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheme would be concordant of the general principle of the Council's LCWIP to improve pedestrian access and encourage sustainable and active travel. • Some of the lighting improvements recommended are also being considered in the Underpasses Scheme below. 		
11	Underpasses Schemes	£60,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Salisbury Area Board led "Safer & Supportive Salisbury" initiative requested improvements to lighting and mirrors in the underpasses around Salisbury. • The majority of the underpasses in Salisbury are under the A36 and as such are under the control of National Highways. • Whilst the improvements would be of benefit to pedestrian safety and should be supported by the Council they would be for National Highways to deliver. • Improvements to the lighting and the provision of mirrors in The Friary, Exeter Street and New Bridge Road underpass could potentially be funded, although there may be scope to pick up these improvements as part of the wider Harnham Gyratory and Exeter Street Roundabout schemes. • Scheme would be concordant of the general principle of the Council's LCWIP to improve pedestrian access and encourage sustainable and active travel. • Scoping review probably required to ensure funds are directed towards Local Highway Assets rather than SRN assets. 	STS includes for various pedestrian improvements within the city centre, and specifically notes subway improvements towards Churchill Gardens.	AMBER

List of Schemes Submitted for Salisbury Transport Strategy Funding

- Improved pedestrian crossing facility at the junction of Stratford Road and Waters Road - £50,000
- Provision of ANPR cameras to enforce school keep clear markings in Bishopdown Road and Somerset Road - £10,000
- Provision of bus shelter in Castle Road - £7,000
- Provision of ANPR camera to enforce No Right turn from Friary Lane into St. Ann Street - £30,000 [Note: This scheme could not be taken forward until the DfT approve the Council's application to take on powers to deal with moving traffic offences.]
- Provision of additional cycle parking stands in Salisbury City Centre - £10,000
- Installation of Modupost System at Netherhampton Road Zebra crossing - £15,000
- Installation of bus stop hardstanding in Stratford Road - £10,000
- Upgrading of St. Mark's Path between St. Francis Road and Wessex Water Site - £40,000 [Note: Estimated cost as detailed design work has not yet been commenced]
- Purchase of land at Middle Street to improve access to Middle Street Meadow - £5,000
- Salisbury City Centre Street Lighting Improvements - £20,000
- Underpasses Schemes - £60,000

Total Requested £257,000

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Area Board Briefing Note

Service:	Cost of Living
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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
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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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Area Board Briefing Note

Family and Community Learning Impact Report 2023-24

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

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

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

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

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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.

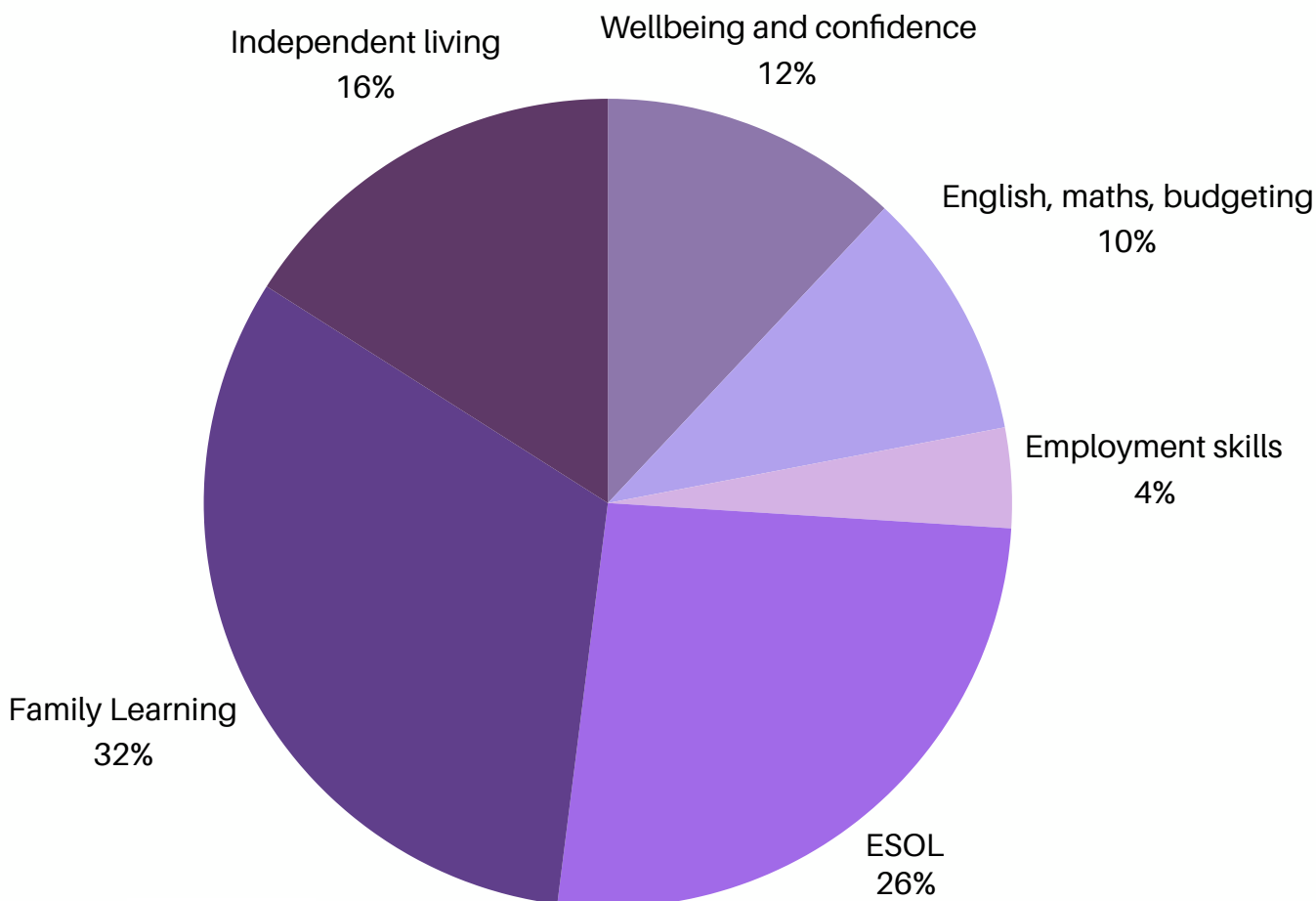
Courses cover four key areas:

- 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

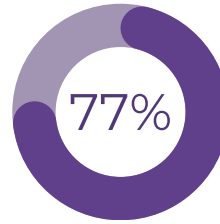
“We are so grateful for all the wonderful work you do for us. It is clear to see the positive impact it has on the customers and staff.”

Sarah, Senior Support Worker
Medley Day Opportunities Centre

LEARNER REFERRALS



Nepalese learners celebrating completing their course



Partner referrals

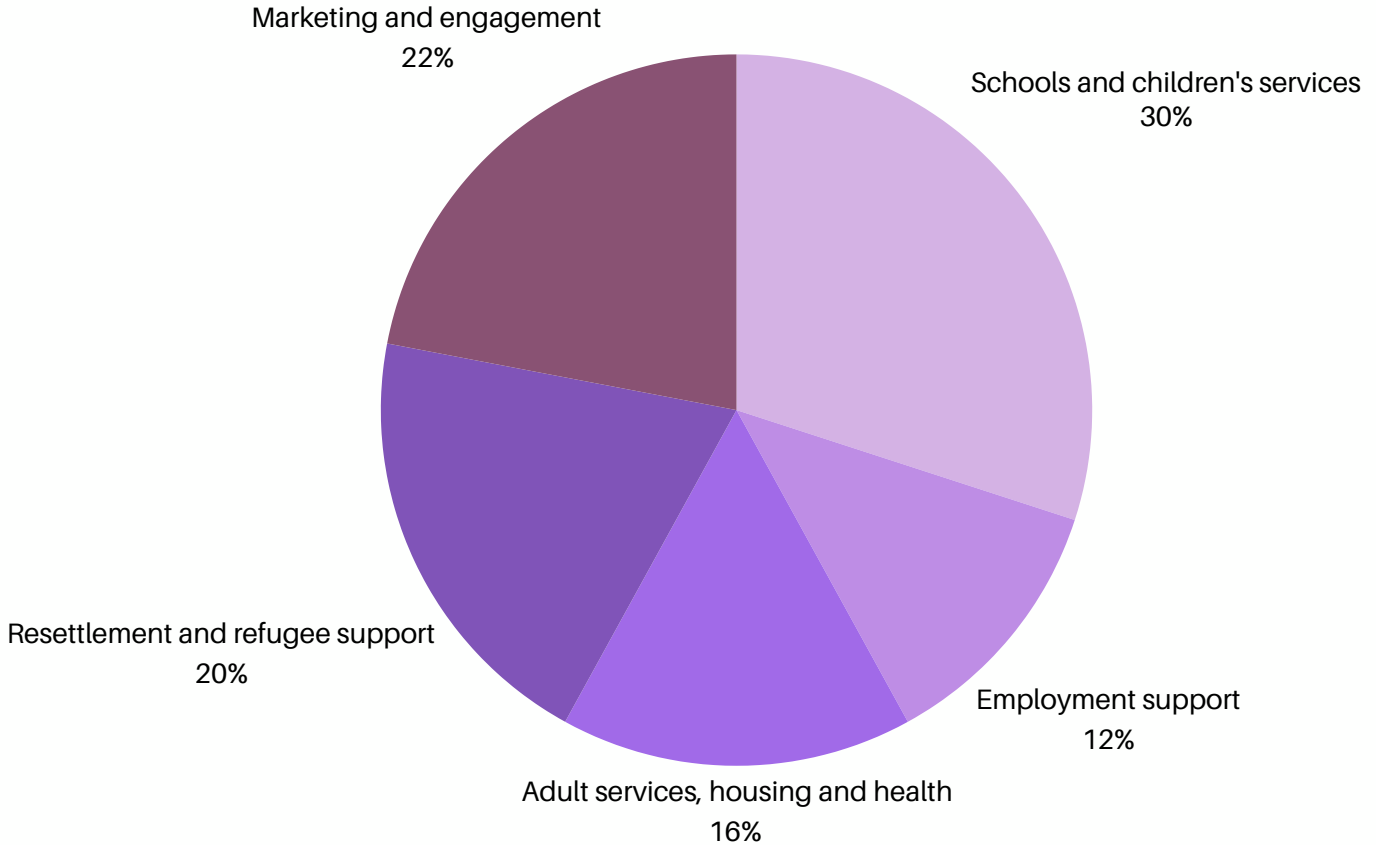
77% of learner referrals came from partner organisations.



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

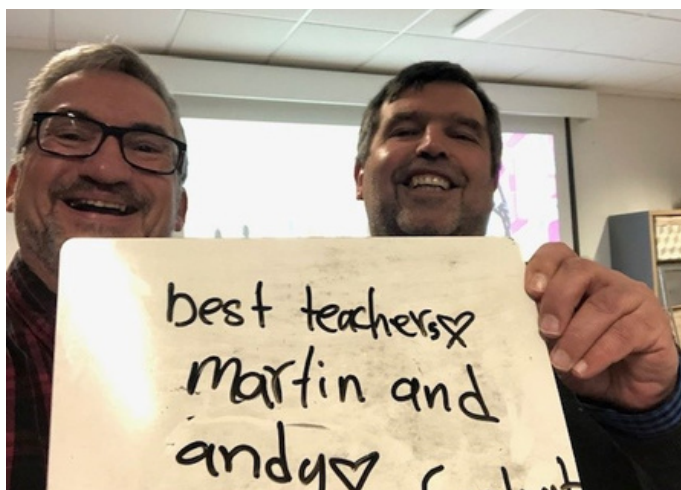
ESOL

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

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

IMPACT FOR LEARNERS - CASE STUDIES



Learners and tutor Wafa at our celebration event.

ESOL

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

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

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

SMART COURSES

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

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



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

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

FAMILY LEARNING

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

WELLBEING

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



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

SKILLS FOR WORK

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

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

Festival of Learning



FESTIVAL OF LEARNING 2023 FINALIST TUTOR JENNY HAM

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

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

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

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

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

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

ELIGIBILITY

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

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

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

CONTACT US

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

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

Email: familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk

Telephone: 01225 770478

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

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, rifles shooting, Archery 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 Towlerton, 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 Towlerton 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

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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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WILTSHIRE POLICE



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Community Report

Salisbury Neighbourhood Policing Team

January 2025

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Agenda Item 6

Your NPT – Salisbury

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Local Priorities & Updates

Priority	Update
Theft from motor vehicle/ outbuildings	We have received reports of theft from vehicles and outbuildings, with tools and garden equipment being stolen from within. High visibility targeted patrols are being conducted. Extensive crime prevention advice has been provided across media outlets and local engagements will continue in the coming weeks.
PSPO Street Drinkers	Officers have been proactively patrolling hotspot areas as part of the ASB funded additional patrols within the city and surrounding areas. Where appropriate PSPO enforcement tickets have been issued and followed up with Wiltshire Council.
Business Crime	Business Crime has been a focus for the Neighbourhood team during the Christmas period and will continue into the new year. We have been working closely with businesses and partner agencies within the City to prevent and deter offences of shoplifting and proactively dealing with offenders involved in these crimes.
Rural Crime	Rural crime continues to be a focus for the team. We are continuing to conduct proactive operations with our neighbouring forces and our Rural Crime Team in tackling rural crime.

Local Priorities & Updates Continued

Priority	Update
Community Speed Watch	The teams continue to support, where capacity allows, the positive work the Community Speed Watch teams do across the area.
Vulnerable checks	Officers conduct regular visits to our identified vulnerable people to both reassure them following reported concerns and to deter visits by criminals who wish to exploit them. We have been working closely with Wiltshire Council Housing on evidence to support several injunctions which we have now got in place. These premises are visited regularly by the teams to provide support to those who are most vulnerable.

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 Salisbury Neighbourhood Policing Team area visit <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/>

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Partner Update from Wiltshire Police to Area Boards

Spot the Signs Campaign

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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WILTSHIRE POLICE

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

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

Ending VAWG Coalition Wiltshire (E-VAWG)

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

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

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

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

Angiolini Report Recommendations

Wiltshire have delivered the first tranche of recommendations, including:

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

Operation Soteria

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

Project Vigilant

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

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

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

Domestic Abuse Scrutiny Panels

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

Salisbury Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Salisbury 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	£ 31,653.00	£ 24,422.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 30,515.10	£ 19,000.00	£ 6,323.00
Current Balance	£ 1,137.90	£ 5,422.00	£ 1,377.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 637.90	£ -637.90	£ -123.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG2093	Area Board Initiative	Salisbury Area Board	Youth Music Festivals Programme	£30000.00	£2559.90
<p>Project Summary: From a range of focus group and youth voice exercises, there is an aspiration amongst local young people across Salisbury, Southern and South West Wiltshire to see more youth music festival events organised. This initiative will seek to work with existing festival and similar event organisers to enhance these and to ensure their reach is increased to enable more young people to take part.</p>					
ABG2104	Area Board Initiative	Salisbury Area Board	Digital Inclusion project for older people and vulnerable adults to improve access to healthcare	£500.00	£500.00

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p>Project Summary: Following the very successful Get Connected project in Salisbury, this project will continue to bring digital support and assistance to vulnerable adults and older people. The main aim of the sessions will be to support local residents who need additional help to book GP and hospital appointments and renew prescriptions online, therefore helping to improve their access to healthcare. We will look to set up a series of structured sessions working in partnership with the charity Ability Net and the local Get Connected instructor in the Spring/Summer 2025.</p>					
ABG2100	Community Area Grant	Salisbury Street Pastors	Salisbury Street Pastors Mobile AED	£792.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: Back in March, we had the occasion to need an AED. As most of my Street Pastors are over the age of 60, running for an AED is difficult; whilst realising every second counts! Having a mobile AED with suitably trained staff available between 22.00 - 04.00 every Saturday night/Sunday morning. Can potentially save lives. I have been in contact with a London based charity, who can match fund with us to buy a mobile AED. They can discount us a Mindray C1A Fully Automatic Defibrillator & C Series Soft Carry Case for £660 ex Vat along with training. These normally retail around £1200 and training on top. They have already helped purchase a fixed Mindray C1A Fully Automatic Defibrillator for The Chapel and The Duke of York. A local businessman has offered to pay the additional £160 meaning if we were successful in obtaining this grant, we would only need to fund the VAT.</p>					
ABG2120	Area Board Initiative	area board carers champion	Carers and Past Carers Afternoon Tea with Slide Show and Portrait Photography event	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: Those who care for another person who could not manage without their help and support are known as Unpaid Carers. They are often a family member but may also be a friend or neighbour. They often have little opportunity for a break from their caring role so I plan to offer them an afternoon tea in Harnham Parish Hall with Slide show with Animals and a fun photography session to help them relax and unwind. An opportunity to meet other people and rebalance themselves.</p>					
ABG2143	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Safer and Supportive Salisbury	Showcase event on Mental Wellbeing with focus on Mens Health	£1325.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: This event is planned as a continuation of the regular outward facing SaSS showcases bringing a range of providers of services together and inviting the public to meet them. This event is building on the success of a meeting in November 2024 that drew together some 30 providers of services locally supporting mental health in the community. The particular focus of this showcase is support services for men.</p>					
ABG2101	Youth Grant	Salisbury Community Circus	Activities Roadshow Rig Safety Extension and Equipment	£15265.00	£3000.00

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p>Project Summary: Salisbury Community Circus are a group who meet at Hampton Park Pavillion providing a circus themed Youth Club, a Junior Youth Club as well as going out providing activities and workshops all over Salisbury, South Wiltshire and the Stonehenge Ara This application is for: Provision of Youth Activities Purchase of some essential safety equipment A contribution to the upgrade of existing Equipment Legally Required repairs to a Community Asset (tumble track) Salisbury Community Circus meet in Salisbury, attend a wide range of cultural events and visit a wide range of Youth Groups working with the Buzz Action Roadshow and Circus Wessex. Our Youth Club meets on a Monday evening during term times and offers activities at weekends and during school holidays. The Junior Circus Club offers low cost access to the club and offers bursaries to children in Bishopsdown Farm, Alderbury and Winterbourne. We regularly provide Free at the Point of Delivery activities with the Buzz Action Roadshow in Salisbury at Bemerton Heath, Wyndham Park, City Centre, The Friary, Churchill Gardens and other locations. We wish to take the circus club and the Buzz Action Roadshow into Victoria Park and other locations to be agreed. We have recieved funding for 4 more Roadshows in the Salisbury Area having already delivered 5 last summer.</p>					
ABG2150	Youth Grant	Folio Theatre	Drama workshops for Young Carers to promote wellbeing and enhance career opportunites	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: Responding to increasing demand for creative workshops with young carers in Wiltshire, Folio Theatre will create a new workshop programme, building upon extensive past experience. A grant of £500 would enable us to design and run a pilot of this workshop programme in May 2025, in partnership with Youth Action Wiltshire. Following feedback from this we will then apply for funding from Arts Council England and other bodies for a long-term, multi year project enabling us to work with the group on a regular basis. "This is a fantastic opportunity which young carers would benefit from enormously" - Youth Action Wiltshire Drama, Music and many creative subjects are rapidly disappearing from the school curriculum, reducing young people's exposure to the Arts and with it both the health and wellbeing benefits and the employment prospects this brings. This issue is compounded for those who face barriers to cultural engagement due to socio-economic status, disability, geography and ethnicity, particularly when relevant role models are not immediately available. Folio have a long-standing history of working with young carers, having worked in partnership with Carers Trust to provide creative workshops with groups at their centres across the country. This partnership with Youth Action Wiltshire provides us with a long awaited opportunity to work with young carers in Wiltshire, supporting them to connect with each other, express themselves creatively, and, crucially, have fun. "Your involvement in raising awareness of our work with carers and for young carers' benefit is beyond what we could have imagined" Carers Trust (B&NES) "Many think we are carers first then individuals but you treated us as humans and not just carers, you asked us nothing about our caring roles but about us. You are very talented lovely people thank you" - Participant To give an idea of how a workshop might look. We'd begin with: - A grounding arts and crafts activity, supporting participants to arrive and settle in at their own pace - Drama games to focus and introduce ourselves - A physical and vocal warm up (tailored to the requirements of the participants) bringing everyone into the space We'll then focus on creative activities, for example: -Improvisation, devising and other acting exercises -Writing, e.g. poetry, dialogue and monologues -Building tableaux -Creating soundscapes Folio's workshops are led by highly skilled artists and trained facilitators, supporting participants to create their own artistic content, individually and collectively. This could be script writing, poetry, comedy, creating a devised piece. We will respond to the interests of the group and support them to develop their ideas, sharing material with each other. We believe that everyone should have access to high quality creative experiences and that is why we will be employing industry leading artists for this project, as with all our engagement programmes. As part of the longer-term initiative, we will also provide mentoring opportunities for any participants thinking about or interested in pursuing a career in the arts, matching them with an industry expert working in the field in which they are interested eg. acting, directing, designing, producing, stage management etc.</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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Salisbury Area Board - Youth grants report

The Salisbury Area Board’s youth panel met on Thursday 23rd January, including attendances from Cllr Ricky Rogers, Karlene Jammeh (Engagement and Partnership Lead), Sam Barrett (Teacher) and 12 Pupil Parliament students from St Joseph’s school.

Grant applications were reviewed that provide positive activities for young people aged 13-19 or up to 25 with SEND and seek to address the local priorities for Salisbury:



- ❖ Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities
- ❖ Addressing climate change
- ❖ Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing
- ❖ Supporting under-represented groups
- ❖ Improving transport and access

The total remaining in the Youth grants fund for 2024/25 is £5,422.00.

Three Youth Area Board grant applications for Salisbury were presented to the panel and the following recommendations have been made to the Salisbury Area Board:

Application	Project cost	Amount Requested	Amount recommended	Rationale
Salisbury Community Circus: Activities Roadshow Rig Safety Extension and Equipment	£15,265.00	£3,000.00	£3,000.00 (£2,362.10 from youth budget and £637.90 from capital budget)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The panel agreed that this is a valuable initiative, which will engage and make a positive difference to young people • It will provide an increased opportunity to try out circus skills, by doubling their capacity at sessions and local events • The panel have recommended to fund the project in full and £3,000.00 to be awarded • N.B. £2,362.10 from youth budget and £637.90 from capital budget
Folio Theatre: Drama workshops for Young Carers to promote wellbeing and enhance career opportunities	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The panel were in agreement that this project will be extremely beneficial to local young carers • The panel felt that it is very important to support young carers in their role and this will make a positive impact for young people going forward • The panel have recommended to fund the project in full and £500.00 to be awarded
Area Board Initiative:	£30,000.00	£2,559.90	£2,559.90	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The panel were in agreement that this project will make a positive impact on the young people that attend and provides an opportunity for young people to be part of the design and delivery



Salisbury Area Board - Youth grants report

Application	Project cost	Amount Requested	Amount recommended	Rationale
Youth Music Festivals Programme				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The panel would like to see young people performing as part of the event and would be keen to be involved The panel have recommended to fund the project in full and £2,559.90.00 to be awarded
TOTAL	£45,765.00	£6,059.90	£5,422.00 (plus £637.90 from capital budget)	



Salisbury Area Board - Older and Vulnerable Adults grants report

The Salisbury Area Board’s Health and Wellbeing group met on Tuesday 28th January, including attendances from Karlene Jammeh (Engagement and Partnership lead), Helen Dowse (Carers Champion), Irene Kohler (Older People’s Champion), Anne Trevett (Chair of Safer and Supportive Salisbury), and feedback from Cllr Caroline Corbin and Pip Loach (Senior Prevention and Wellbeing Officer).

Grant applications were reviewed and extensively discussed by the panel of volunteers and officers that benefit and improve older and vulnerable residents’ health and wellbeing in Salisbury and seek to address the local priorities for Salisbury:



- ❖ Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities
- ❖ Addressing climate change
- ❖ Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing
- ❖ Supporting under-represented groups
- ❖ Improving transport and access

The total amount remaining in the Older and Vulnerable Adults grants fund for 2024/25 is £1,377.00.

Three Older and Vulnerable Adults grant applications for Salisbury were presented to the group and the following recommendations have been made to the Salisbury Area Board:

Grant application	Project cost	Amount requested	Amount recommended	Rationale
SASS: Showcase event on Mental Wellbeing with focus on Men’s Health	£1,325.00	£500.00	£500.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The panel agreed that this project is a valuable initiative to engage and provide support for vulnerable male residents and raise awareness of local men’s mental health provision in the Salisbury community • The panel recommend the full amount of £500.00 to be awarded
Area Board Initiative: Carers and Past Carers Afternoon Tea with Slide Show and Portrait Photography event	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The panel agreed this project is much needed for carers and past carers in Salisbury and will make a positive difference and provide recognition for such a demanding role • The panel liked the learning element of the photography, with advice and support for carers to use their phone cameras • The panel recommend the full amount of £500.00 to be awarded



Salisbury Area Board - Older and Vulnerable Adults grants report

<p>Area Board initiative:</p> <p>Digital Inclusion project for older people and vulnerable adults to improve access to healthcare</p>	<p>£500.00</p>	<p>£500.00</p>	<p>£377.00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The panel support the idea of the digital inclusion project, and have suggested to work closely with existing community groups e.g. Parkinsons support group, to provide digital support • The panel would like to ensure the appropriate volunteer/tutor is delivering these sessions, along with a healthcare professional. The panel agree that not all the funding should be utilised for tutor costs • The panel agreed there are further discussions and scoping of the project that needs to be undertaken and therefore the panel recommend to part-fund this project and £377.00 to be awarded
<p>TOTAL</p>	<p>£2,325.00</p>	<p>£1,500.00</p>	<p>£1,377.00</p>	

SALISBURY LOCAL HIGHWAYS & FOOTWAYS IMPROVEMENT GROUP ACTION NOTES

	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
	Date of Meeting	22nd January 2025		
1.	Attendees and apologies			
	Present:	Councillor Sven Hocking (SH) – Wiltshire Council – Chair Councillor Sam Charleston (SC) – Wiltshire Council Councillor Caroline Corbin (CC) – Wiltshire Council Councillor Brian Dalton (BD) – Wiltshire Council Councillor Charles McGrath (CM) – Wiltshire Council Councillor Ricky Rogers (RR) – Wiltshire Council Councillor Paul Sample (CPS) – Wiltshire Council Councillor Alan Bayliss (AB) – Salisbury City Council Councillor Chris Taylor (JN) – Salisbury City Council Councillor John Wells (JW) – Salisbury City Council Peter Durnan (PD) – Cycle Opportunities Group Salisbury Patricia Podger (PP) – Elizabeth House Margaret Willmot (MW) – Salisbury Area Greenspace P/Ship Rebecaa Twinn (RT) – Salisbury City Council Paul Shaddock (PS) – Wiltshire Council		
	Apologies:	Councillor Mark McClelland (MM) – Wiltshire Council Marc Read (MR) – Salisbury City Council Graham Axtell (GX) – Wiltshire Council		

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2.	Notes of Last Meeting			
		<p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed at the Salisbury Area Board meeting on the 21st November 2024.</p> <p>The Salisbury Area Board minutes can be found at:</p> <p>https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=168&MId=15345&Ver=4</p>	That the update is noted.	Area Board
	Financial Position			
		<p>There is currently £12,089.50 still unallocated.</p> <p>The list of schemes and potential costs supplied to the Director of Highways as part of a bid for funding from the Salisbury Transport Strategy to deliver them has now been considered and a decision made on which schemes will be funded. The list of schemes considered is enclosed as Appendix 1. Schemes RAG (Red / Amber / Green) rated green have been allocated funding, schemes rated amber require further development work or can be funded by the LHFIG if determined to be a priority.</p>	That the update is noted.	Area Board
4.	New Issues / Issues Requiring A Decision			
a)	<p>Issue No: 12-22-05</p> <p>Request to upgrade the Zebra crossing equipment on the A3094 Netherhampton Road through the provision of the Modupost system.</p>	<p>This is one of the schemes put forward to the Director of Highways for funding from the Salisbury Transport Strategy to deliver. It received an amber rating meaning that the group could fund the proposed scheme if it is determined to be a priority.</p> <p>The estimated cost of providing the Modupost system is £15,000. [Note: This figure includes a 25% contingency].</p>	<p>The group discussed this issue and agreed to keep this request open for future consideration of funding.</p> <p>That the update is noted.</p>	Area Board

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<p>b)</p>	<p>Issue No: 12-24-19</p> <p>Request for a 20mph speed restriction in Harnham</p>	<p>The traffic surveys have now been completed. Overall, the results present a very positive picture in terms of how vehicles are travelling around the estate with both the average and 85th percentile speeds being low. The highest average speed recorded was 19.9mph, and the highest 85th percentile speed recorded was 24.7mph.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council policy allows a sign only 20mph speed restriction to be introduced where the average speed of vehicles is below 24mph. The average speed of vehicles at all the sites surveyed was well below 24mph. On this basis it is possible to consider the introduction of a sign only 20mph speed restriction covering the whole of the area surveyed.</p> <p>Given both the low average and 85th percentile speeds recorded during the surveys the formal introduction of a 20mph speed restriction would not bring about a significant reduction in the speed of vehicles in the estate. As such the costs incurred in introducing a 20mph speed restriction, the estimated cost of which is £6-7k, and the ongoing requirement to maintain the signs and road markings laid are somewhat difficult to justify at this time.</p> <p>The group are to discuss this issue and decide whether they wish to support the introduction of a 20mph speed restriction in the Harnham.</p>	<p>The group discussed this issue and supported the introduction of a 20mph speed limit in Harnham.</p> <p>That the Area Board approves the allocation of £7,000 to allow this work to be undertaken.</p>	<p>Area Board</p>
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<p>c)</p>	<p>Issue No: 12-24-22</p> <p>Request to relocate a loading bay in Estcourt Road, Salisbury</p>	<p>The owner of the convenience store in Estcourt Road has requested that the existing loading bay present in the road is relocated outside of their store to aid loading and unloading to their premises.</p> <p>The loading bay is currently situated in the middle of a length of waiting restrictions to help serve all business premises located on that stretch of the road.</p> <p>The group are to discuss this issue.</p>	<p>The group discussed this issue and supported the relocation of the loading bay in Estcourt Road subject to it being taken forward as part of existing TRO amendments already fund by the group.</p> <p>PS advised that a further £500 would need to be allocated to the existing TRO amendments to cover the cost of the amendments on the ground. The group supported this approach.</p> <p>That the Area Board approves the allocation of £500 to allow this work to be undertaken.</p>	<p> Area Board</p>
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<p>d)</p>	<p>Issue No: 12-24-24</p> <p>Request additional signing in St. Nicholas Road and Ayleswade Road</p>	<p>A request has been received for the provision of additional signage to stop reported issues of vehicles over 7.5t using St. Nicholas Road and additional signage to address reported issues of larges vehicles not realising Ayleswade Road is a cul-de-sac.</p> <p>The Ayleswade Road area is already covered by a 7.5t weight restriction but it is noted that there is only one weight limit restriction sign present at St. Nicholas Road and that is in very poor condition, similarly the present at Britford Lane (West) are in very poor condition. It is also noted that none of the weight limit signs present have any end of restriction signs present, which means that the weight restriction is legally unenforceable. A full review of the weight limit signing to be undertaken and a cost estimate produced for bringing the signing up to a standard where the weight restriction is legally enforceable and brought to the next meeting of the group for a funding decision. It should be noted though because any changes to the weight limit restriction signing will require associated illumination the costs of any improvements will be greater than for a standard signing scheme.</p> <p>It is not possible to provide a no through road sign at the Ayleswade Road junction as it is a through road to both Britford Lane (West) and Swan Close. However, it would be possible to replace the existing street nameplates with new versions with Cul-De-Sac text added.</p> <p>The estimated cost of providing new street nameplates is £470.53. [Note: This figure includes a 25% contingency].</p>	<p>The group discussed this issue in detail and agreed to support the request of additional directional sign to direct HGVs to exit the area via Harnham Road.</p> <p>PS advised that £500 would need to be allocated to allow for the provision of the additional directional sign.</p> <p>That the Area Board approves the allocation of £500 to allow this work to be undertaken.</p> <p>The group asked PS to approach the Highways Maintenance Team to address the issues with the current weight limit terminal signs.</p>	<p>Area Board</p> <p>PS</p>
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<p>e)</p>	<p>Issue No: 12-24-27</p> <p>Request for an improved crossing facilities at the junction of Laverstock Road / Shady Bower / Milford Hill</p>	<p>A request has been received from a resident of Elm Grove Place to provide improved pedestrian crossing facilities at the junction of Laverstock Road / Shady Bower / Milford Hill to help residents reach The Avenue after the originate of the issue was advised they could no longer walk through the grounds of Godolphin School.</p> <p>It is highly unlikely that any formal crossing facility could be provided at this location, particularly on the Laverstock Road arm of the junction, which is the arm that would need to be crossed to gain access to The Avenue, because of the legal requirements for forward visibility of a formal crossing facility. The school could be approached and asked to reconsider allowing pedestrians to walk through their grounds. The school could also be approached and asked to remove some of their existing planting which may improve visibility of the existing dropped kerb crossing point.</p> <p>The group are to discuss this issue.</p>	<p>The group acknowledged the problem crossing at the location in question and the issues in providing an improved facility at this location.</p> <p>The group requested that a meeting be held with Godolphin School to discuss the issue and potential improvements involving amendments to the schools boundary wall and hedge.</p> <p>Meeting to be arranged.</p>	<p>PS</p>
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<p>f)</p>	<p>Issue No: 12-24-28</p> <p>Request for an additional lamp column in the vicinity of the No. 16 Jewell Close</p>	<p>Technically an additional lamp column could be provided at this location. If the group support this issue a price for the provision of an additional lighting column will be obtained from the Street Lighting Team.</p> <p>The group are to discuss this issue.</p>	<p>The group discussed this issue and supported the provision of a lighting column at this location subject to the local member, CM, approach local residents to see if they were in favour of the provision of a street light.</p> <p>SH proposed allocating £1,000 for the provision of a solar powered street light should local residents be in favour of the provision of a street light and if that additional funding was required the group would need to consider that matter at the next meeting of the group. The group supported this approach.</p> <p>That the Area Board approves the allocation of £1,000 to allow this work to be undertaken.</p>	<p>Area Board</p>
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<p>g)</p>	<p>Issue No: 12-24-29</p> <p>Request for a mini roundabout at the junction of the A3094 Netherhampton Road and Wellworthy Drive</p>	<p>A resident of Halfpenny Road has requested the installation of a mini roundabout at the junction of A3094 Netherhampton Road and Wellworthy Drive to address problems they are having exiting the Wellworthy Drive estate onto the A3094.</p> <p>DfT regulations only allow the installation of mini roundabouts on the roads where all approaches are subject to a speed limit of 30 mph or less. Their use on roads with a higher speed limit is not recommended as it is seldom possible to achieve adequate deflection, and the marking may not be sufficiently conspicuous at higher speeds.</p> <p>The location where the mini roundabout has been requested is currently subject to a 40mph speed limit so as such a mini roundabout cannot be provided. It is recommended that this issue is closed.</p>	<p>The acknowledged that a mini roundabout cannot be provided at the location requested and agreed to close this issue.</p> <p>That the update is noted.</p>	<p>Area Board</p>
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<p>h)</p>	<p>Issue No: 12-24-30</p> <p>Request to amend the Off-Street Parking Order</p>	<p>Cllr McGrath has submitted a request for the off-street parking order to be amended to allow Residents Parking Zone E permit holders living in Rampart Road only to be allowed to park in Culver Street Car Park in response to cars parking on Rampart Road being damaged by vehicles travelling along the road. Such a change would provide said residents with an alternative parking option that would prevent their cars being damaged.</p> <p>For such a change to be considered to the off-street parking order the Cabinet Member for Highways would first have to approve a change to the Salisbury Residents Parking Terms & Conditions. The Cabinet Member for Highways to be approached about approving such a change.</p> <p>Subject to such a change being agreed by the Cabinet Member for Highways a budget allocation of £1,000 would be required to complete the legal work to amend the off-street parking order.</p>	<p>The group supported this request.</p> <p>That the Area Board approves the allocation of £1,000 to allow this work to be undertaken.</p>	<p>Area Board</p>
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<p>i)</p>	<p>Issue No: 12-24-31</p> <p>Speeding concerns in Ashley Road</p>	<p>Cllr Charleston has raised concerns about speeding traffic in Ashley Road. In line with the Council's approved process when concerns are raised about speeding the first thing the Council seeks to do is undertake a traffic survey. A traffic survey records the volume and speed of traffic using a road. The results of this survey will then help to determine if speeding is creating a highway safety problem in the road surveyed and what, if any, measures would be appropriate to deal with the problems identified. The person raising the concerns about speeding is asked to complete and return a traffic survey application form to ensure that a traffic survey is undertaken at the point in the road where their concerns exist and to avoid any suggestions that the survey equipment was placed at a location that is advantageous to the Council.</p> <p>Originator of the issue to be asked to submit a traffic survey application form.</p> <p>No further action to be undertaken with respect to this issue until such time as a traffic survey has been completed.</p>	<p>Originator of the issue to be asked to submit a traffic survey application form.</p> <p>No further action to be undertaken with respect to this issue until such time as a traffic survey has been completed.</p>	<p>PS</p>
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<p>j)</p>	<p>Issue Nos: 12-24-32 / 12-24-35 And 12-24-36</p> <p>Request for additional footway in Lower Bemerton</p>	<p>Three residents of Quidhampton have raised pedestrian safety concerns about the lack of footway between Bemerton Farm and the area adjacent to the toilet block, particularly concerning the walking route for parents and children of Quidhampton attending Bemerton St. John's Primary School. The originators of the issues have requested the provision of a formal footway in the area concerned. The originators of the issues also raised issues around school run parking, overgrown foliage and poor condition of existing signage. These issues were discussed at a meeting held before Christmas 2024 attended by, amongst others, John Glen MP, the Director of Highways for Wiltshire Council, the Police, a representative of Bemerton St. John's Primary School and Cllr Jeremy Nettle.</p> <p>Following that meeting the Wiltshire Council Highways Maintenance Team have been instructed to replace those signs in poor condition and arrange for overhanging foliage to be cut back. This team are also investigating the re-establishment of a footpath (believed to be under the control of the management company that manage Bemerton Farm) which would reduce the length of road that pedestrians would have to walk in. The Wiltshire Council Parking Services Team have been instructed to arrange for the faded waiting restrictions to be re-marked.</p> <p>As was advised at the meeting the provision of additional measures would be dependent on the school producing an update to date school travel plan which would allow them to bid for funding through the Council's Taking Action On School Journey's initiative and/or the LHFIG process, this advice was previously provided to the school in May 2024. The Council's School Travel Plan Officer has also contacted the school</p>	<p>The group acknowledged the issue raised.</p> <p>RR advised the group that he was working on a proposals to provide a kerbed footway along the section of the road where there is currently no footway provision for discussion with officers in due course.</p> <p>SH proposed allocating £2,089.50 for the provision of an advisory carriageway footway subject to the area being suitable for such a facility under relevant design guidance, noting that RR's proposals were likely to be relatively expensive and take some time to deliver on the ground and this approach would not prevent RR's proposals coming forward at a later date. The group supported this approach.</p> <p>That the Area Board approves the allocation of £2,089.50 to allow this work to be undertaken.</p>	<p>Area Board</p>
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		<p>following the meeting to advise how they can progress the development of a school travel plan.</p> <p>The provision of a formal footway is unlikely to be possible due requirements around minimum footway and carriageway widths. This issue has been investigated several times over the past 25 years and had it been possible to provide such a feature it would likely have been done so previously. However, it might be possible provide an advisory on carriageway footway to highlight to motorists where to expect pedestrians to be walking. The provision of such a facility should be considered as one of the measures in the school travel plan being developed.</p>		
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<p>k)</p>	<p>Issue No: 12-24-33</p> <p>Request to remove a parking bay in Kelsey Road to facilitate the putting out of household bins</p>	<p>H W White Ltd are responsible for managing Cleveland Flats in Fairview Road and have requested that a parking bay in Kelsey Road should be shortened to facilitate the putting out of bins from the flats via an existing dropped kerb access.</p> <p>The shortening of the parking bay is technically possible through the promotion of a TRO amendment. The dropped kerb access was originally installed as vehicular access but does not operate and has not operated as a vehicular access since at least 1995 when the Residents Parking Zone C bay currently in front of the dropped kerb was first introduced. Given that the bins from the flats have been able to be emptied for the past 30 years with the parking bay in place the group will need to determine whether they support the removal of the parking bay, particularly as there other accesses to Cleveland Flats that the management company could potentially use in the putting out of bins and there is no specific requirement on the Council to ensure that the dropped kerb access is not being obstructed when it is not being used as vehicular access.</p> <p>If the group do support the removal of the parking bay, they should consider whether they wish to ask the management company to fund all the costs associated with making the change given that the shortening of the parking bay as the Council would potentially be using public money for private betterment.</p>	<p>The group discussed this issue and supported the requested amendment to the parking bay subject to all costs associated with amendment being met by H W White Ltd.</p> <p>CM asked that it be noted that he did not supported the proposed amendment to the parking bay.</p> <p>H W White Ltd to be contacted and advised of the groups decision and see if they wish to proceed with the amendment to the parking bay.</p>	<p>PS</p>
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l)	<p>Issue No: 12-24-34</p> <p>Request to introduce contraflow cycling in Fowlers Hill</p>	<p>A request has been received to introduce contraflow cycling in Fowlers Hill between Shady Bower and Fowlers Road.</p> <p>Local Transport Note (LTN) 1/20 Cycle Infrastructure Design advises that an advisory contraflow cycle lane can be introduced in one-way roads subject to a 20mph speed limit and with less than 1000 vehicle movements per day.</p> <p>Therefore, if the group support this request the first action would be to request a traffic survey to ascertain the currently speed and volume of traffic using the road.</p>	<p>Traffic survey to be requested.</p> <p>No further action to be undertaken with respect to this issue until such time as a traffic survey has been completed.</p>	PS
m)	<p>Issue No: 12-24-37</p> <p>Request for additional waiting restrictions in Somerset Road</p>	<p>A request has been received for the provision of additional waiting restrictions in Somerset Road in the vicinity of its junction with Cambridge Road and around the roundabout at cul-de-sac end of the road to address problems associated with school run parking.</p> <p>The Somerset Road Educational Trust have recently updated their site travel plan and are currently bidding for additional measures to address school travel issues in the area through the Council's Taking Action On School Journey's initiative. If the group support this issue officers will determine if the request can be picked as part of the schools bid for additional measures. If not, the group will need to determine at a future meeting whether they would wish to fund the necessary TRO amendment to introduce the waiting restrictions requested.</p>	<p>The group acknowledged the issue raised and supported proceeding as outlined.</p> <p>That the update is noted.</p>	PS Area Board

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n)	Speeding and volume of traffic concerns in Milford Mill Road	<p>Residents of Milford Mill Road, headed by the Milford Area Preservation Group (MAPG) have again raised concerns about the speed and volume of traffic using the road. The issue was raised via Cllr McGrath as a motion at the Salisbury Area Board meeting in September 2024. The outcome of which was to hold a meeting with residents of the area. This meeting took place in December 2024.</p> <p>At the meeting members of the MAPG presented the results of a survey they had undertaken with residents in the area and the potential solutions that had been identified to address their concerns. Officers offered initial advice on the solutions put forward. The outcome of the meeting was for a traffic survey to be undertaken to obtain up to date information about the speed and volume of traffic using the road. The results of the survey will be known by the date of the next meeting and enable a detailed discussion by the group around the solutions put forward and whether the group wishes to support proceeding with any of them.</p>	That the update is noted.	Area Board
o)	Various improvements to the Bishopdown Estate	Works to improve existing dropped kerbs using existing highways maintenance funding complete. The group are to determine whether they wish to allocate any further funding towards the installation of new dropped kerbs in the estate.	<p>The group discussed this issue and agreed to keep this request open for future consideration of funding.</p> <p>That the update is noted.</p>	Area Board

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5.	Other Issues			
a)	Issue No: 12-21-5 Request for the provision of an improved pedestrian crossing facility at the junction of Stratford Road and Waters Road.	This is one of the schemes put forward to the Director of Highways for funding from the Salisbury Transport Strategy which was allocated funding to deliver. Meeting to be arranged with local councillors to discuss which option they wish to take forward at this location.	Meeting to be arranged	PS
b)	Issue No: 12-22-10 Request for the installation of ANPR cameras to enforce School Keep Clear markings at the Somerset Road School Campus	This is one of the schemes put forward to the Director of Highways for funding from the Salisbury Transport Strategy which was allocated funding to deliver. Meeting with ANPR supplier and Street Lighting contractor arranged for 04/02/25 to finalise equipment installation requirements and work out delivery programme.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
c)	Issue No: 12-22-12 Accessibility improvements to Winchester Street Underpass	National Highways have requested changes to the proposals supplied to them. Revised proposals to be drawn up and submitted to National Highways for comment.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
d)	Issue No: 12-23-01 Request for the installation of a bus shelter in Castle Road	This is one of the schemes put forward to the Director of Highways for funding from the Salisbury Transport Strategy which was allocated funding to deliver. Updated quote from shelter supplier to be obtained and order placed for the installation of the shelter.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
e)	Issue No: 12-23-02 Waiting Restriction Requests (2022)	Proposals with the TRO Team to undertake the necessary legal work. Delay in completion of the legal work whilst switching to a new digital TRO system. Formal TRO Consultation period expected to take place in February 2024.	Chase Legal Team to complete work.	Area Board

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f)	<p>Issue No: 12-23-05</p> <p>Request to upgrade the section of St. Mark's Path between St. Francis Road and Wessex Water Site</p>	<p>This is one of the schemes put forward to the Director of Highways for funding from the Salisbury Transport Strategy to deliver. It received an amber rating meaning that the group could fund the proposed scheme if it is determined to be a priority.</p> <p>The original cost estimate from Wessex Tree Care to provide a 2.0 metre wide timber edged hoggin path over the requested length of 330 metres is £24,925. [Note: This figure included a 25% contingency]. However, Wessex Tree Care are no longer operating as a business so a new contractor and cost estimate for the works will need to be obtained. Revised cost estimate to be brought back to a future meeting of the group for a funding decision.</p>	That the update is noted.	Area Board
g)	<p>Issue No: 12-23-07</p> <p>Improved crossing facilities in the vicinity of No. 18 Devizes Road</p>	<p>Meeting undertaken on the 07/11/2024 with local member and bus company to discuss how to proceed with this issue. Potential option involving modifying the existing layby containing the loading bay identified. Design work ongoing. Proposals to be circulated to the local member for comment in February 2025</p>	That the update is noted.	Area Board
h)	<p>Issue No: 12-23-08</p> <p>Improved dropped kerb provision in the York Road / Sidney Street area</p>	<p>Design work ongoing. Works pack to be issued to contractor in January 2025.</p>	That the update is noted.	Area Board

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i)	<p>Issue No: 12-23-10</p> <p>Request to enforce prohibited right turn from Friary Lane into St. Ann Street.</p>	<p>This is one of the schemes put forward to the Director of Highways for funding from the Salisbury Transport Strategy to deliver. It received an amber rating meaning that the group could fund the proposed scheme if it is determined to be a priority.</p> <p>However, as the group were previously informed the Council were advised in October 2024 by the DfT that a decision on its application for powers to undertake enforcement action against moving traffic offences should be known by the end of the current financial year. This remains the case.</p> <p>As previously agreed by the group this issue will remain open, but no further action is to be undertaken with respect to this matter until such time as the Council has received its powers to undertake enforcement action against moving vehicle offences.</p>	That the update is noted.	Area Board
j)	<p>Issue No: 12-23-12</p> <p>Request for accessibility improvements to Pinewood Way (Bemerton Folly), Victoria Park and the Bishopdown Sports Field</p>	Works provisionally programmed for February 2025.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
k)	<p>Issue No: 12-24-01</p> <p>Request to replace a missing street nameplate at the junction of Waters Road and Fairfield Road</p>	Works provisionally programmed to take place in week commencing 10/02/2025.	That the update is noted.	Area Board

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l)	<p>Issue No: 12-24-05</p> <p>Request for measures to address pedestrian safety concerns on the access road leading to Nos. 1 to 16 Hawksridge</p>	<p>The hedge at Hawksridge has been reduced in height by SCC which has improved the visibility of pedestrians walking along the access road.</p> <p>Works order issued to Milestone in December 2024. Awaiting programming of works.</p>	That the update is noted.	Area Board
m)	<p>Issue No: 12-24-06</p> <p>Request for the provision of a Keep Clear marking outside of Riverside Court, Castle Street</p>	<p>Works order issued to Milestone in December 2024. Awaiting programming of works.</p>	That the update is noted.	Area Board
n)	<p>Issue No: 12-24-10</p> <p>Traffic concerns in Lower Bemerton</p>	<p>A meeting was held in December 2025 to discuss various traffic issues in Lower Bemerton, including possible options around the introduction of a One Way or Prohibition of Driving restriction at the junction of Church Lane and A36 Wilton Road.</p> <p>Next steps would be to undertake a traffic survey at the junction of Church Lane to ascertain the actual level of HGVs seeking to use the road and work with local members around undertaking some informal consultation to determine the level of local support for the possible introduction of a One Way or Prohibition of Driving restriction</p>	That the update is noted.	Area Board
o)	<p>Issue No: 12-24-11</p> <p>Speeding concerns on Stratford Road between Waters Road and Park Lane</p>	<p>Traffic survey ordered but not yet undertaken. No further action to be undertaken with respect to this issue until the results of the traffic survey are known.</p>	That the update is noted.	Area Board
p)	<p>Issue No: 12-24-13</p> <p>Request for Unsuitable for HGVs sign in Wyndham Road</p>	<p>Works order issued to Milestone in November 2024. Awaiting programming of works.</p>	That the update is noted.	Area Board

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q)	Issue No: 12-24-14 Road safety concerns in Laverstock Road	Meeting held with the originator of this issue to discuss concerns about the use of Laverstock Road and the speed of vehicles using the road and options to address their concerns, Traffic surveys ordered but not yet undertaken. No further action to be undertaken with respect to this issue until the results of the traffic survey are known.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
r)	Issue No: 12-24-15 Request for No Wating At Any Time restrictions to be provided at the junction of Beatrice Road and Radnor Road	The group supported this issue at its meeting in September 2024 but asked that the TRO is not progressed until existing waiting restriction requests have been addressed.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
s)	Issue No: 12-24-20 Request for a dropped kerb at the junction of Cecil Terrace and Lower Road	Works order issued to Milestone in January 2025. Awaiting programming of works.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
t)	Issue Nos: 12-24-21 / 12-24-25 Road safety concerns in the vicinity of Salisbury 6 th Form College	Meeting to be arranged with Salisbury 6 th Form College in February 2025 to discuss their concerns and advise of the possible options that could be considered. Traffic surveys requested in Tollgate Road to determine the speed of traffic in the road which will help to determine which options can be considered.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
u)	Safer Salisbury Street Lighting Improvements	Atkins Street Lighting Team have been instructed to complete the detailed design work and order the necessary works. The detailed design work anticipated to be complete by the end of January 2025, with the works being ordered in early February 2025 and undertaken by the end of the current financial year.	That the update is noted.	Area Board

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v)	Waiting Restriction Requests (2021) Requests for new or amendments to existing waiting restrictions.	Proposals with the TRO Team to undertake the necessary legal work. Delay in completion of the legal work whilst switching to a new digital TRO system. Formal TRO Consultation period expected to take place in February 2024.	Chase Legal Team to complete work.	PS
6.	Closed Items			
a)	Issue No: 12-20-2 The provision of additional cycle parking stands in Salisbury City Centre.	All works completed and the issue has been closed.	That the update is noted.	Area Board
7.	Other Items			
a)	Highway Maintenance Update	There was nobody present from the Area Highway Office at the meeting. A list of the proposed carriageway and footway resurfacing works during the 2025/2026 financial year is attached as Appendix 2 .	That the update is noted.	Area Board
8.	Date of Next Meeting:	11 th June 2025		

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1. Environmental & Community Implications

1.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the LHFIG during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent, and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

2. Financial Implications

2.1. All decisions must fall within the Highways funding allocated to the Salisbury Area Board.

2.2. If funding is allocated in line with LHFIG recommendations outlined in this report, and all relevant third party contributions are confirmed, Salisbury Area Board will have a remaining highways funding balance of £0 in the LHFIG allocation available for the 2024/2025 financial year.

3. Legal Implications

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

4. HR Implications

4.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

5. Equality and Inclusion Implications

5.1 The schemes recommended to the Area Board will improve road safety for all users of the highway.

6. Safeguarding implications

There are no specific safeguarding implications related to this report.

Salisbury LHFIG – List of Schemes Submitted for Salisbury Transport Strategy Funding

	Scheme	Funding requested	Current situation / Narrative	Alignment with Salisbury Transport Strategy	RAG Rating (Note Blue = completed)
1	Improved pedestrian crossing facility at the junction of Stratford Road and Waters Road.	£50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A proposed scheme to provide improved pedestrian refuge facilities and kerb line amendments to narrow the crossing distance at this wide bellmouth junction. • Scheme would be concordant of the general principle of the Council's LCWIP to improve pedestrian access and encourage sustainable and active travel. • Preliminary design has been completed. • Detailed design to be taken forward once funding for delivery has been allocated. 	<p>STS includes for various pedestrian and cycle improvements although these tend to be identified as routes rather than individual sites.</p> <p>Scheme appears to be deliverable and has progressed through preliminary design.</p>	GREEN
2	Provision of ANPR cameras to enforce school keep clear markings in Bishopdown Road and Somerset Road.	£10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salisbury LHFIG have paid for a TRO amendment to allow the School Keep Clear markings in Bishopdown Road and Somerset Road to be subject to ANPR camera enforcement to improve road safety within the vicinity of the Somerset Road Campus. • Proposals to achieve this have previously been subject to a feasibility study led by Parking Services. • The LHFIG group are seeking funding to allow the camera equipment to be installed. The proposals rely on the availability of ANPR equipment held in store by Parking Services. If this equipment is used elsewhere (on a first come first serve basis), then the proposed costs for providing ANPR cameras at this location will increase. 	<p>STS includes for highway management and capacity measures, and for School Travel plan development.</p> <p>Initial works with regards to the necessary TRO appear to have been progressed.</p>	GREEN

3	Provision of bus shelter in Castle Road	£7,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of bus shelter near St. Francis Church. • The provision of a bus shelter at this location would be concordant of the general principle of the Council's BSIP which aims to encourage the use of public transport as a sustainable mode of travel. 	Clear alignment with STS item PT02 - Bus Shelters	GREEN
4	Provision of ANPR camera to enforce No Right turn from Friary Lane into St. Ann Street	£30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of ANPR camera to enforce the No Right restriction turn from Friary Lane into St. Ann Street. • NOTE:- Scheme cannot move forward until the Council has been granted powers to enforce moving traffic offences. • Such powers are not expected to be granted to the Council before April 2025 at the earliest. 	<p>STS includes for highway management and capacity measures, including for technology interventions such as UTMC upgrades.</p> <p>Scheme would assist in the management of the highway network.</p>	AMBER
Page 114	Provision of additional cycle parking stands in Salisbury City Centre	£10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request for funding to provide additional cycle parking facilities based on a survey undertaken some years ago by COGS - a local cycling organisation. • Some of the locations previously suggest have been addressed through other schemes such as Fisherton Gateway and River Park. • It is suggested that the group work with officers from Transport Planning to undertake an updated review of locations where cycle parking is required, and produce a prioritised list of locations they wish to take forward. The locations should be concordant with the Council Salisbury LCWIP. 	<p>Clear alignment with STS item PC15 - Cycle Parking.</p> <p>Review of current cycle parking facilities following recent major schemes needed to develop an updated list of appropriate locations.</p>	AMBER

6	Installation of Modupost System at Netherhampton Road Zebra crossing	£15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The installation of the Modupost System to improve the conspicuity of the zebra crossing located in Netherhampton Road, Salisbury to address local safety concerns raised by pedestrians using the crossing. • The LHFIG has recently installed advanced warning signs and SLOW markings to make use of the Zebra crossing safer. • There have been no recorded collisions involving pedestrian using the Zebra crossings. 	STS includes for various highway management and pedestrian improvement measures, but nothing specifically regarding upgrades to crossing facilities such as this proposal.	AMBER
7	Installation of bus stop hardstanding in Stratford Road	£10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This installation of the bus stop hardstanding has been undertaken and funded by the Salisbury LHFIG. • Suggest no further action is required. 	STS includes for bus service and bus infrastructure improvements, but no specific individual isolated sites / schemes.	BLUE
8	Upgrading of St. Mark's Path between St. Francis Road and Wessex Water Site	£40,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The upgrading of St. Mark's Path (an unsurfaced track) between St. Francis Road and the Wessex Water site. • Alternative route at Hilltop Way and through the Castle Hill Country Park do currently exist. However, widening the path in question would tie in with widening works undertaken to the southern length of the path some years ago. • The route does serve as a key access to the schools in the Somerset Road campus, and would reinforce walking and cycling links between the city and the more outlying residential areas to the northeast including Longhedge and Old Sarum. • Scheme would be concordant of the general principle of the Council's LCWIP to improve pedestrian access and encourage sustainable and active travel. 	<p>STS includes for various pedestrian and cycle improvements, with the focus being on improving overall routes.</p> <p>STS item PC12 relates to improving connections with the Longhedge development. This scheme broadly aligns with that corridor.</p>	AMBER

9	Purchase of land at Middle Street to improve access to Middle Street Meadow	£5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purchase of the land in question has been completed and funded by the Salisbury LHFIG. • Suggest no further action is required. 	No obvious direct correlation with STS measures / priority areas	BLUE
10	Salisbury City Centre Street Lighting Improvements	£20,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Salisbury Area Board led “Safer & Supportive Salisbury” initiative requested a street lighting assessment of various locations in Salisbury City Centre that they identified as being dark. The assessment recommended improvements totalling £70k. • The LHFIG have committed £6,400 of funding towards the delivery of the top priority location identified in the assessment report and are seeking additional funding to take forward other improvements identified as being of benefit. • Scheme would be concordant of the general principle of the Council’s LCWIP to improve pedestrian access and encourage sustainable and active travel. • Some of the lighting improvements recommended are also being considered in the Underpasses Scheme below. 	STS includes for various pedestrian improvements within the city centre, but nothing specifically in connection with street lighting improvements.	AMBER

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 117</p>	<p>11 Underpasses Schemes</p>	<p>£60,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Salisbury Area Board led “Safer & Supportive Salisbury” initiative requested improvements to lighting and mirrors in the underpasses around Salisbury. • The majority of the underpasses in Salisbury are under the A36 and as such are under the control of National Highways. • Whilst the improvements would be of benefit to pedestrian safety and should be supported by the Council they would be for National Highways to deliver. • Improvements to the lighting and the provision of mirrors in The Friary, Exeter Street and New Bridge Road underpass could potentially be funded, although there may be scope to pick up these improvements as part of the wider Harnham Gyratory and Exeter Street Roundabout schemes. • Scheme would be concordant of the general principle of the Council’s LCWIP to improve pedestrian access and encourage sustainable and active travel. • Scoping review probably required to ensure funds are directed towards Local Highway Assets rather than SRN assets. 	<p>STS includes for various pedestrian improvements within the city centre, and specifically notes subway improvements towards Churchill Gardens.</p>	<p>AMBER</p>
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APPENDIX 2

Current Proposed Maintenance Works in Salisbury Community Area 2024/2025 and 2025/2025

Carriageway Surfacing

- Old Harnham Road
- Ayleswade Road
- New Canal/Part High Street.
- Part Castle Road – Near Junction Pauls Dene Road to Near Junction Beatrice Road.

Footways

- Downton Road (Eastern part from Milton Road being done in Easter Holiday).
- Slabbed area Lower Road north side - Cherry Orchard Lane to Ashfield Road.
- Stratford Road West Side – Castle Keep to Mill Lane.

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