

## AGENDA

**Meeting:** AMESBURY AREA BOARD  
**Place:** Antrobus House, Salisbury Road, Amesbury, SP4 7HH  
**Date:** Thursday 2 December 2010  
**Time:** 6.00 pm

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Including the Parishes of Allington, Amesbury, Berwick St James, Bulford, Cholderton, Durnford, Durrington, Figcheldean, Great Wishford, Idmiston, Milston, Newton Toney, Orcheston, Shrewton, Stapleford, Steeple Langford, Tilshead, Wilsford Cum Lake, Winterbourne, Winterbourne Stoke, Woodford and Wylve.

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**The Area Board welcomes and invites contributions from members of the public. The chairman will try to ensure that everyone who wishes to speak will have the opportunity to do so.**

If you have any requirements that would make your attendance at the meeting easier, please contact your Democratic Services Officer.

**Refreshments and networking opportunities will be available from 5:30pm.**

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### Wiltshire Councillors

Mike Hewitt (**Vice Chairman**)  
John Noeken  
John Smale (**Chairman**)  
Ian West  
Fred Westmoreland  
Graham Wright

Bourne and Woodford Valley  
Amesbury East  
Bulford, Allington & Figcheldean  
Till & Wylve Valley  
Amesbury West  
Durrington & Larkhill

***Map enclosed at page 1***

Items to be considered	Time
<p>1. <b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p>	6.00pm
<p>2. <b>Apologies for Absence</b></p>	
<p>3. <b>Minutes (Pages 3 - 16)</b></p> <p>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2010.</p>	
<p>4. <b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Councillors are requested to declare any personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>5. <b>Chairman's Announcements (Pages 17 - 20)</b></p> <p>a. Flood protection b. Waste consultation results</p>	6.05pm
<p>6. <b>Leader of the Council</b></p> <p>Councillor Jane Scott, Leader of Wiltshire Council, will be in attendance to speak about her role and to answer any questions.</p> <p><i>(Note: Written questions may be submitted in advance – please email to <a href="mailto:james.hazlewood@wiltshire.gov.uk">james.hazlewood@wiltshire.gov.uk</a> by Friday 26 November 2010)</i></p>	6.10pm
<p>7. <b>Your Local Issues (Pages 21 - 22)</b></p> <p>To receive an update from the Community Area Manager on local issues.</p>	6.25pm
<p>8. <b>Updates from Town and Parish Councils and Partner Organisations (Pages 23 - 38)</b></p> <p>To receive updates from the Town and Parish Council Representatives, and from other partner organisations, including outside bodies on which the Area Board is represented.</p>	6.35pm
<p>9. <b>Dog Control Orders (Pages 39 - 40)</b></p> <p>To receive a presentation on the draft proposals to harmonise the service across the county.</p>	6.55pm

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| 10. | <b>Works to Countess Roundabout</b> ( <i>Pages 41 - 44</i> )   | <b>7.10pm</b> |
|     | To receive an information report on forthcoming works to the Countess Roundabout.  |               |
| 11. | <b>2011 Census</b> ( <i>Pages 45 - 48</i> )  | <b>7.25pm</b> |
|     | To receive a presentation on the Census taking place in 2011.  |               |
| 12. | <b>Community Asset Transfers</b> ( <i>Pages 49 - 54</i> )  | <b>7.35pm</b> |
|     | To receive information about the scheme.   |               |
| 13. | <b>Community Area Grants</b> ( <i>Pages 55 - 62</i> )  | <b>7.40pm</b> |
|     | To determine any applications for Community Area Grant funding.  |               |
| 14. | <b>Future Meeting Dates, Evaluation and Close</b> ( <i>Pages 63 - 64</i> )   | <b>7.50pm</b> |
|     | To note the attached Forward Work Plan.  |               |
|     | The next meeting of the Amesbury Area Board will be held on 27 January 2010 at Antrobus House, Salisbury Road, Amesbury. |               |

**Future Meeting Dates**

Thursday, 27 January 2011

6.00 pm

Antrobus House, 39 Salisbury Road, Amesbury, SP4  
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Thursday 31 March 2011

6.00pm

Winterbourne Glebe Hall, Winterbourne Earls,  
Salisbury SP4 6HA

Thursday 26 May 2011

6.00pm

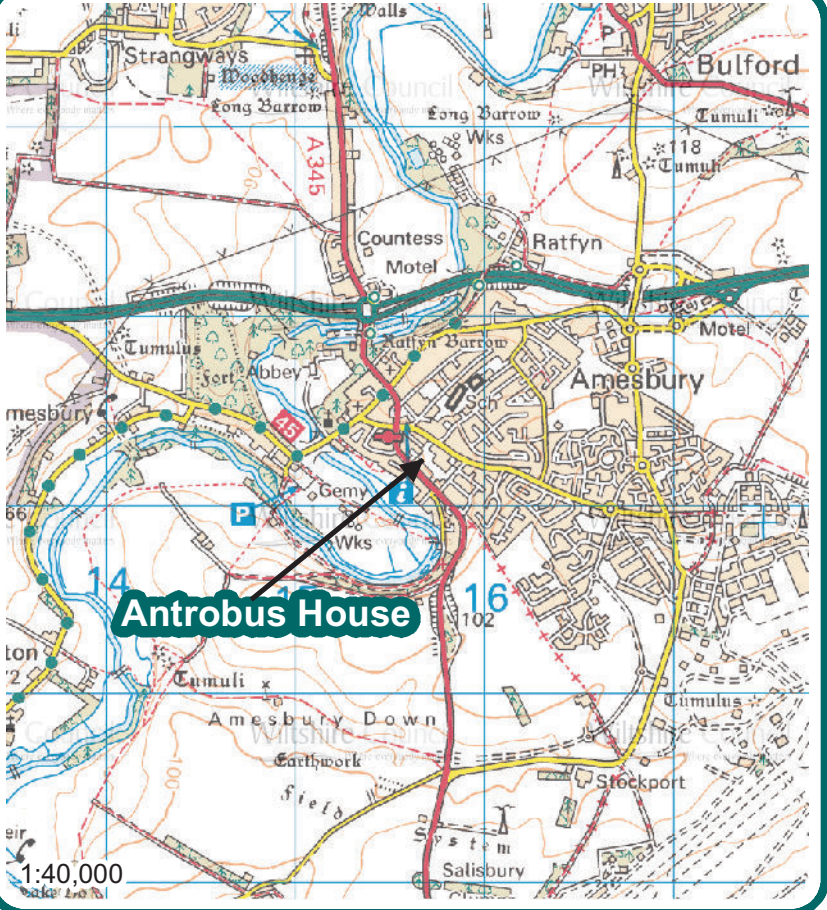
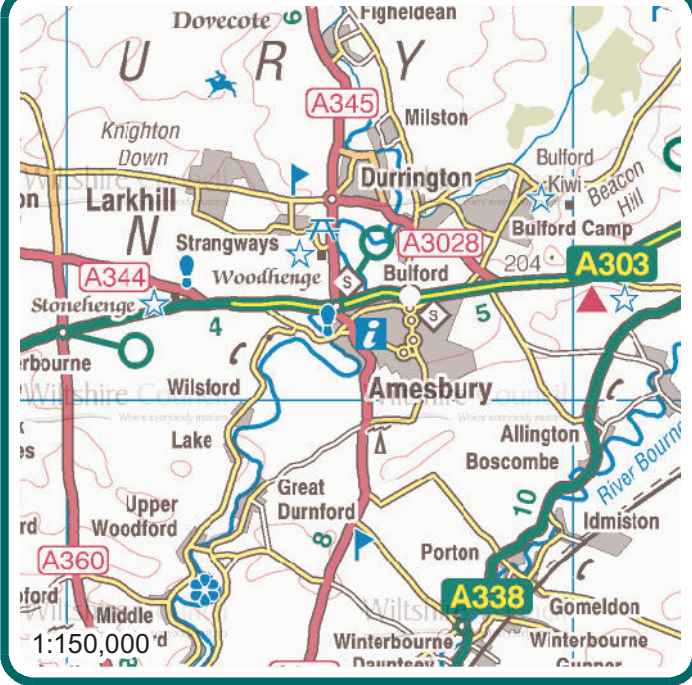
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*–In addition to the above, there will be an  
Informal meeting with Parish Councils  
on Thursday 28 April 2011*

*at 6.00pm*

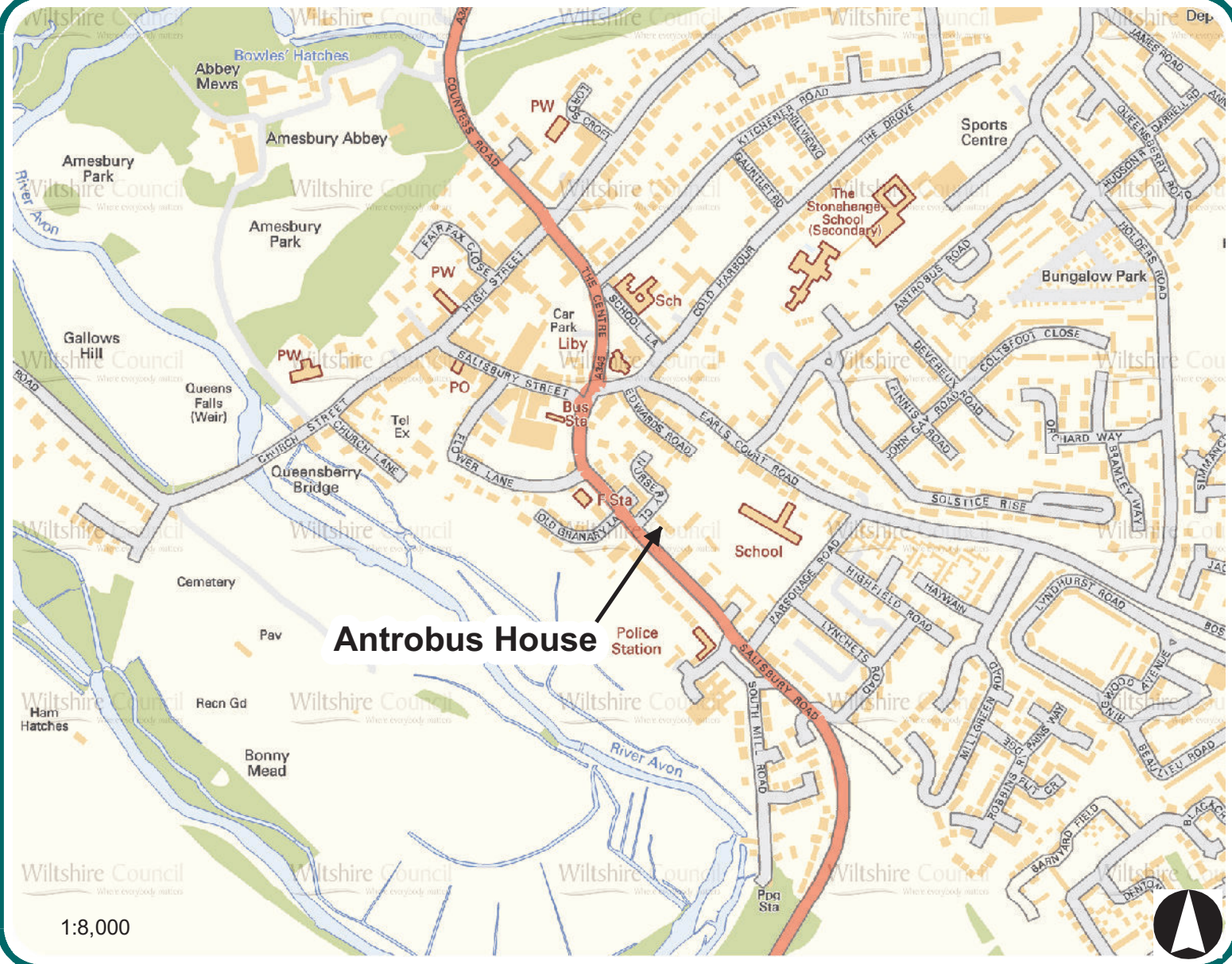
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# MINUTES

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**Place:** Avon Valley College, Recreation Road, Durrington, SP4 6HH  
**Date:** 21 October 2010  
**Start Time:** 6.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 8.20 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr John Smale (Chairman), Cllr Mike Hewitt (Vice Chairman), Cllr John Noeken, Cllr Ian West, Cllr Fred Westmoreland and Cllr Graham Wright

Cllr Richard Gamble (Portfolio Holder for Public Transport)  
Cllr Stuart Wheeler (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Culture)

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Mark Smith, Service Director  
Karen Linaker, Amesbury Community Area Manager  
Matthew Woolford, Media Relations Manager  
Robin Townsend, Head of Leisure  
Graeme Hay, Head of Service - Local Highways and Streetscene (South)  
James Hazlewood, Senior Democratic Services Officer

### **Town and Parish Councils**

Amesbury Town Council – Roger Fisher  
Durrington Town Council – Wendy Parsons, David Healing, Primrose Taylor, Marion Wardell, Mary Towle  
Allington Parish Council – M Brunton  
Bulford Parish Council – Gordon Burt  
Durnford Parish Council – Steve Langdon

Figcheldean Parish Council – Simon Banton  
Newton Toney Parish Council – Stan Stubbs  
Shrewton Parish Council – Carole Slater  
Tilshead Parish Council – Robert Leachman, T James  
Wylde Parish Council – Mark Shuldham, Tom Cox

**Partners**

Police – Inspector Martyn Sweett  
Amesbury PCC – Mark Douglas-Withers  
Natural England – Gerry Hamersley  
Stonehenge Chamber of Trade – Paul Leighfield, Andy Williams  
Wiltshire Assembly of Youth / UK Youth Parliament – Jamie Capp

**Members of Public in Attendance: 8**

**Total in attendance: 44**

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<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
1.	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Amesbury Area Board and thanked Avon Valley College for hosting the meeting.</p> <p>At the Chairman’s invitation, the Councillors and officers sitting at the front of the meeting introduced themselves.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul Fisher – Idmiston Parish Council</li> <li>• Mike Franklin of Wiltshire Fire and Rescue</li> <li>• Ian Mitchell – Amesbury Town Council</li> </ul>	
3.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Councillor Ian West declared a prejudicial interest in item 13a, as he was Chairman of Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council. Councillor West confirmed that he would leave the room for consideration of the item, after exercising his right to speak at the start of the item.</p> <p>Councillor Wright declared a prejudicial interest in item 14, specifically in relation to the application from Durrington Town Council, as he was Chairman of that Council. Councillor Wright confirmed that he would leave the room for consideration of the application.</p> <p>Councillors Noeken and Westmoreland declared prejudicial interests in item 14, specifically in the application from Amesbury Town Council, as they were both members of that Council. Both Councillors confirmed that they would leave the room for consideration of the application.</p> <p>Councillor Noeken also declared a personal interest in items 8 and 9, as a member of the Cabinet who would eventually make a final decision on these issues. Councillor Noeken commented that he would not vote on these items at this meeting, and emphasised that he would reconsider all relevant factors prior to voting at the appropriate cabinet meeting(s).</p>	

4.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2010 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</b></p>	
5.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>a. <u>Wiltshire Intelligence Network</u> – This was a new website with research and information about Wiltshire for use by community leaders, voluntary groups and the general public. More information was available on page 17 of the agenda and at <a href="http://www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk/">http://www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk/</a></p> <p>b. <u>Petitions</u> – Information on the Council’s new procedures for handling petitions was set out at page 19 of the agenda.</p> <p>c. <u>Consultation on the Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2011-2026</u> – More information on this consultation was available on page 21 of the agenda and at <a href="http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal">http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal</a>. The Consultation was open until 26 November 2010.</p> <p>d. <u>Update on progress of Community Plan</u> – The Chairman reported that a parish survey was being piloted in Shrewton and Great Wishford. A desktop analysis of the results, and of all existing parish plans, would be carried out with a view to producing a report for an Area Board meeting in early 2011.</p> <p>e. <u>Adverse Winter Weather – Call for Partnership Working</u> – Wiltshire Council was inviting Town and Parish Councils to express their interest in becoming a local agent for storing salt or refilling grit bins in cases of extreme winter weather. More information was available on page 23 of the agenda.</p> <p>f. <u>Sustainable Community Study</u> – The Chairman gave a reminder regarding a consultation event for this study which would take place on 28 October from 2pm-8pm in Durrington Village Hall.</p> <p>g. <u>Living River Project</u> – At the Chairman’s invitation, Gerry Hamersley from Natural England explained that this was a four year project to raise awareness of the value of the river Avon in terms of biodiversity and cultural benefits. Resource packs for parish councils were available at the back of the room, and could be downloaded from <a href="http://www.livingriver.org.uk">www.livingriver.org.uk</a></p>	

6.	<p><u>Your Local Issues</u></p> <p>Karen Linaker, Amesbury Community Area Manager, introduced the report enclosed at pages 25-28 of the agenda and encouraged people to continue to use the issues system.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that the Bulford Bridge would reopen with temporary traffic lights from 15 November. However, the diversion signs would remain in place at the A303 to limit the use to local traffic. The bridge would reopen fully around two weeks later.</p> <p>Councillor Graham Wright sought confirmation that the requested metrocount for Larkhill Road, Durrington would be reprogrammed to take place after the reopening of Bulford Bridge. Karen confirmed that this would be the case.</p> <p>At the Chairman's invitation, Peter Smith of the Stonehenge Broadband Group gave a brief explanation of the group's remit and role, with a view to providing more information in a dedicated agenda item at the December Area Board meeting.</p> <p>It was considered that broadband access was now an essential service and that discrepancy between speeds in rural and urban areas was contributing to a social divide. The Stonehenge Broadband Group sought to develop the possibility for improved Broadband access in the community area and to highlight the discrepancy between the superfast broadband cables running through the community area (under the A303), and the extremely poor broadband speeds available in most rural areas, particularly Shrewton. The group had been unsuccessful in a bid for funding from South West England Regional Development Agency (SWERDA), although the work towards the bid had increased knowledge and developed the concept.</p> <p>People were encouraged to log onto <a href="http://www.bt.com/racetoinfinity">www.bt.com/racetoinfinity</a> and vote for the area to be fast-tracked for fibreoptic broadband. A more detailed presentation would be given to the next meeting of the Area Board, as the group sought to gauge local support for the project.</p> <p>Councillor John Noeken, as Cabinet Member for Resources, commented that Wiltshire Council had established a Digital Inclusion Board which sought to develop opportunities for improved broadband access and speed in rural areas. It was noted that this was not just an issue for private individuals, but also for small / medium businesses, schools and Parish Councils.</p>	<p><b>Karen Linaker</b></p>
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7.	<p><u>Updates from Partners and Town/Parish Councils</u></p> <p>The Chairman referred to the updates set out in the agenda and invited further updates from Town/Parish Councils and other Partners, including outside bodies. It was noted that the preferred option was for written updates, to minimise time spent during the meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Graham Wright gave an update on behalf of Durrington Swimming Pool Management Committee. It was considered that the withdrawal of free swimming for under-16s and over-60s would have an impact although it was too early to say what this would be. The pool had also recently installed new powersaving lights, which should reduce energy costs on lighting by 50%.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Feedback on Results of the Car Parking Strategy Consultation</u></p> <p>The Chairman explained that the recent consultation had given organisations and residents the opportunity to have their say on the proposals for parking arrangements in Wiltshire. The responses has included a petition from the Amesbury Community Partnership with 234 signatures, requesting free parking to be retained in Amesbury town centre.</p> <p>The Chairman invited Councillor Richard Gamble (Portfolio Holder for Public Transport) to present the outcome of the consultation.</p> <p>The draft Parking Strategy covered a wide range of parking issues, including car park charges, strategic parking policy in relation to new residential and commercial developments, parking at railway stations, and residential parking schemes.</p> <p>The consultation had been publicised on the Council's website and through the Community Area Networks. The issue had also been covered in the local press. Over 600 people had responded to the consultation, submitting over 5000 individual comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was overwhelming support for treating the economy as the most important consideration in setting parking policy.</li> <li>• In addition, the majority of respondents supported the idea of price banding for different towns; although there was disagreement over which bands towns should be placed in.</li> <li>• The majority of respondents supported free parking as a strategic and financial alternative to subsidised bus</li> </ul>	

services. The current subsidy from Wiltshire Council was around £5 million per year.

- Support was also expressed for the proposal to offer Town/Parish Councils the option to “buy back” parking spaces or to consider car park management opportunities.
- The responses also demonstrated support for proposals to increase the number of spaces required for new residential developments.
- 88% of respondents considered Wiltshire Council was “reasonable” in its parking enforcement.

28 responses had been received from the Amesbury Community Area, in addition to the 234-signature petition from the Amesbury Community Partnership. Comments specific to Amesbury were largely in relation to the economic impact of introducing parking charges. Reference had been made to the large Tesco store due to open in the town. Several responses made the point that the double impact of the new supermarket and new parking charges would drive trade away from the town centre. Responses had also commented that the central car park had been a gift to the people of Amesbury, on the basis that parking would remain free. Wiltshire Council’s lawyers were looking into this, however no evidence had been found for this claim; Councillor Gamble invited anyone with such documentary evidence to make it available to the Council.

The next stage in the process was for the consultation responses to be considered and processed, then a report would be submitted to the Cabinet on 14 December. Statutory procedures would take place between January and March 2011, prior to the changes being implemented from April 2011.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Gamble for the presentation and sought questions and comments from the floor:

- It was noted that two hours free parking was available in Andover, 15 minutes drive from Amesbury. Councillor Gamble commented that parking arrangements in towns outside Wiltshire had been taken into consideration as part of the review.
- Responding to concerns that parking charges in Salisbury would discourage visitors, Councillor Gamble commented that the need to encourage and support the tourism industry had to be balanced against the need to minimise traffic in

	<p>the city's medieval streets and to encourage Park and Ride.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor John Noeken commented that the view that the car park in Amesbury had been gifted to provide free parking was a misconception. He explained that free parking in Amesbury had always been supported and maintained by Salisbury District Councillors. However, following research a few years ago, it had been confirmed that there was no legal right to this.</li> <li>• Councillor Fred Westmoreland commented on the need to develop the economic potential of Amesbury. With only 25% of the potential customer base currently shopping in Amesbury, there was a long way to go before the economy of Amesbury was comparable with similarly sized towns such as Devizes. Retail expansion of the town had long been a goal of elected representatives from Amesbury, and there was concern that introducing parking charges would be an obstacle to this.</li> <li>• Further to two questions regarding the cost of employing consultants to produce the draft strategy, and regarding the estimated annual revenue if parking charges were to be introduced in Amesbury, officers were requested to investigate and provide a response.</li> </ul> <p>Following discussion, the following motion was moved, seconded and agreed:</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The Amesbury Area Board acknowledges Wiltshire Council's aspiration to harmonise car park charges across the county, but strongly recommends that:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>there be no charging in small communities, including and especially Amesbury; and</b></li> <li>2. <b>any final decision on this matter, in any community, take fully into account the specific local circumstances, and in this case, the unique characteristics of Amesbury.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Note</b> – Under Council Procedure Rule 92, Councillor John Noeken requested that his abstention from the above vote be recorded in the minutes.</p>	<p><b>Karen Linaker</b></p> <p><b>James Hazlewood</b></p>
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9.	<p><u>Review of Leisure Facilities</u></p> <p>Councillor Stuart Wheeler, Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Culture, gave a presentation on the review of council-owned indoor leisure facilities.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council had inherited some form of financial responsibility for 23 facilities around the county, including many facilities which were out of date and inefficient. The situation was unsustainable, with £93 million required over the next 25 years merely to sustain the existing stock, excluding any investment to improve the buildings.</p> <p>As such, proposals had been developed on the basis of £117 million investment over 25 years, to deliver a high quality, efficient and sustainable service. This would also go some way to meeting carbon reduction targets, with leisure facilities currently accounting for 21% of the Council's carbon emissions.</p> <p>The proposals would see four new facilities within campuses, with another two existing facilities being significantly enhanced and retained. The remaining facilities would also receive significant capital investment, before being made available for transfer to community management arrangements, as part of a robust process including support and identification of suitable business models, phased financial support resulting in independency, and potentially the transfer of freehold. It was acknowledged that different mechanisms and solutions would suit different facilities, and so a report on options had been commissioned to give examples of arrangements which had been established in other areas.</p> <p>In Amesbury and Durrington, the vision was to replace the existing facilities with a shared campus incorporating a 25m swimming pool, a learner pool, a fitness suite, a sports hall and multi-use activity rooms. The current indicative timescale for this was for completion in 2023. However, in view of anticipated population growth it was hoped that a project could begin as soon as funding became available. In addition, discussions were underway with local schools regarding possible dual-use agreements.</p> <p>Consultation on the proposals was taking place up to 29 October 2010, with details available on the Council's website, and at libraries, leisure facilities and offices. A report on the outcome of the consultation would be submitted to the Cabinet in December, and the Council would consider the results in February 2011.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Councillor Wheeler for the presentation and</p>	
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	<p>invited questions and comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Fred Westmoreland, who had just been elected Chairman of the Amesbury Sport and Community Centre, reported that there were significant concerns over the proposed timeline for the development of a campus. He commented that Amesbury, Durrington, Bulford and Larkhill comprised the largest concentration of population without a main hub town. In addition, with the on-going development and resultant population growth, the existing leisure facilities would be under more and more pressure.</li> <li>• Councillor John Noeken added that the health inequalities highlighted by the recent Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) gave more urgency to the need for improved leisure facilities.</li> <li>• In response to a query, Councillor Wheeler confirmed that the £117 million costs of the proposals were instead of the £93 million forecast costs merely to maintain the existing services, rather than being in addition to these costs. Further details of the costs could be sought and made available.</li> </ul> <p>Following discussion, the following motion was moved, seconded and agreed:</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The Amesbury Area Board strongly recommends that the development of new leisure facilities in this community area must take place as soon as possible, taking advantage of all opportunities for development.</b></p> <p>Before concluding the item, Councillor Wheeler invited those present to give an indication of their views about general principles involved in the development of the leisure service, by means of the electronic voting handsets provided.</p>	<p><b>Karen Linaker</b></p> <p><b>James Hazlewood</b></p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><b><u>Grit Bins</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman introduced the report set out at page 41 of the agenda commenting that, following the severe weather last winter, a large number of requests for additional bins had been received. It was not feasible to meet the cost of providing and filling all 422 additional bins requested, but 100 new bins would be provided, equating to an additional 10% for each Area Board. For the</p>	

	<p>Amesbury Community Area, this would be four additional bins.</p> <p>The Chairman referred Town and Parish Councils to the announcement at item 5e of the agenda, whereby Wiltshire Council would offer a 1 tonne bag of salt to local councils who could provide suitable storage arrangements, and who could distribute the salt in the event of adverse winter weather. Karen Linaker, Amesbury Community Area Manager, would send further information to Town and Parish Councils.</p> <p>Graeme Hay, Head of Service - Highways and Street Scene (South), added that the 1000 grit bins in Wiltshire were only a small part of the Council's severe winter weather strategy. During last winter's severe weather, the highways department had undertaken a huge variety of critical services, including delivering medicine and taking people to hospital. Grit bins tended to be used by private individuals to grit their driveways, rather than to keep roads open. Furthermore, gritting salt was only effective in temperatures down to -6 degrees, and would not melt snow.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The Amesbury Area Board allocated the additional four Grit Bins to the following towns/parishes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Amesbury</b></li> <li>• <b>Bulford</b></li> <li>• <b>Stapleford</b></li> <li>• <b>Wylve</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Karen Linaker</b></p> <p><b>Karen Linaker</b></p>
11.	<p><u>Reducing Street Lighting</u></p> <p>The Chairman introduced the report as set out at page 43 of the agenda, explaining that the Area Board had a budget of £5,000 for Town and Parish Councils to bid for funding to convert street lights in their areas to part night lighting. This would result in reduced energy use / carbon emissions, and reduced light pollution.</p> <p>Following an invitation for expressions of interest, three local councils had applied to be considered for this scheme and the Area Board's approval was now sought in relation to the proposed allocation of funding as set out in Table 1 of the report.</p> <p>The Chairman commented that where fewer lights were approved than had been requested, this was due to technical and/or security reasons why certain columns could not be included in the scheme. It was also noted that this was a pilot and that more funding may be available for this in future years.</p>	

	<p>Simon Banton, who had raised the issue of light pollution at the Area Board meeting on 25 March 2010, thanked the Area Board and the Council for the speed in addressing this issue.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The Amesbury Area Board approved the allocation of funding for the “Reduced Unnecessary Street Lighting Scheme”, on the following basis:</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="539 573 1102 770"> <thead> <tr> <th>Town / Parish</th> <th>Number of lights</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Figheidean</b></td> <td><b>34</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Bulford</b></td> <td><b>4</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Durrington</b></td> <td><b>73</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b><u>TOTAL</u></b></td> <td><b>111</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Town / Parish	Number of lights	<b>Figheidean</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>Bulford</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Durrington</b>	<b>73</b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>111</b>	<p><b>Karen Linaker</b></p>
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<p>12.</p>	<p><u>Area Board's Highways Budget - Prioritisation of Schemes</u></p> <p>Councillor Mike Hewitt introduced the report set out at page 45 of the agenda.</p> <p>Earlier in the year, Area Boards were asked to establish a Community Area Transport Group (CATG) to consider and prioritise schemes which had been identified locally for funding. In the Amesbury Community Area £17,731 was available.</p> <p>The Amesbury CATG had met at the beginning of October and considered 26 schemes as listed at Appendix 1 of the report. Six schemes as listed at paragraph 3.6 of the report were identified as suitable for further assessment. In addition, the CATG had discussed the possibility of purchasing a mobile speed enforcement camera which could be shared to address speeding concerns across the community area.</p> <p>A comment was raised regarding a perception of bureaucracy over replacing double yellow lines at a site in Newton Toney. Graeme Hay commented that this was due to officers considering a larger scheme than that originally requested. The Chairman asked that this be discussed outside of the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the members of the CATG for their time and contribution to the process.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The Amesbury Area Board agreed that:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The six schemes listed as paragraph 3.6 of the report be prioritised for further assessment, with a view (subject to the outcome of these assessments) to these receiving funding during 2010/11; and</b></li> </ol>	<p><b>Karen Linaker</b></p>										

	<p>2. <b>Officers be requested to investigate the possibility of the Area Board purchasing a mobile speed enforcement unit that could be shared across sites in the Area to monitor speeds and to gather data for subsequent analysis.</b></p>	
13.	<p><u>Community Asset Transfer</u></p> <p>(a) <u>Meadow View Play Park, Winterbourne Stoke</u></p> <p>Having declared a prejudicial interest in this item, Councillor Ian West exercised his right to speak by introducing the item, before leaving the room for the remainder of the consideration of the item.</p> <p>Karen Linaker, Amesbury Community Area Manager, introduced the report set out at pages 53 – 62 of the agenda.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The Amesbury Area Board approved the Community Area Transfer of Meadow View Play Park to Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council on the following conditions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. that the terms and conditions contained within the existing lease are maintained; and</li> <li>2. that the asset continue to be used for community purpose.</li> </ol> <p>(b) <u>South Mill Hill, Amesbury</u></p> <p>The Area Board noted the update report which had been circulated as an urgent late item. It was anticipated that a full report would come to the next meeting of the Area Board for determination.</p>	Karen Linaker
14.	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>At the Chairman's invitation, Councillor John Noeken, Lead Member for Grants, introduced this item, thanking the other members of the grants panel who had assisted in reviewing the bids: Gordon Burt (Bulford Parish Council) and Major David Marks.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Cholderton Village Hall Committee was awarded £2,500 towards the cost of replacement lighting and associated works to the main hall.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2010/11 and would support the maintenance of this community facility.</b></p>	Karen Linaker

	<p><b>Note</b> - Having declared a prejudicial interest in the following application, Councillor Graham Wright left the room for consideration of the application.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Durrington Town Council was awarded £489 towards the costs of 200 bicycle locks/chains for distribution as part of a series of Bike Roadshows.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason</u></b> – <i>The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2010/11 and would promote bike security in Durrington.</i></p> <p><b>Note</b> - Having declared a prejudicial interest in the following application, Councillor John Noeken and Councillor Fred Westmoreland left the room for consideration of the application. In Councillor Noeken’s absence, Gordon Burt introduced the final application.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Amesbury Town Council was awarded £900 towards the project costs of the Amesbury Information Shop</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason</u></b> –<i>The application did not fully meet the Community Area Grants Criteria 2010/11, in that it sought to fund running costs. However the exception was justified in this instance for the reasons set out at paragraph 8.3.3 of the report, and because the Area Board considered there to be a wider community benefit.</i></p> <p>Responding to a question, Karen Linaker, Amesbury Community Area Manager, commented that the Area Board had around £41,000 left in the budget for Community Area Grants up to the end of the current financial year. Following a recent press release to encourage applications, six expressions of interest had been received.</p>	<p>Karen Linaker</p> <p>Karen Linaker</p>
15.	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates, Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The Area Board noted the Forward Plan as set out at page 69 of the agenda.</p> <p>The next meeting of Amesbury Area Board would be held on 2 December 2010 at Antrobus House.</p> <p>Before closing the meeting, those present were invited to give their views on the meeting by means of the electronic voting handsets.</p>	

**Amesbury Area Board - 2 December 2010**

Item 5a

## **Chairman's Announcements**

### **LOCAL FLOOD PROTECTION**

In the event of flooding the Council's priority is to the elderly or infirm when assisting people and the protection of commercial property to prevent environmental pollution. Although we will do what we can for affected householders we urge those in areas of risk to take precautions themselves.

In order to help communities protect themselves from flood risk, Wiltshire Council is introducing a scheme to supply gel sacs, these are similar to sandbags but inflate when in contact with water. The sacs are filled with a gel that expands when wet, but when dry they are virtually flat. This means they are simple to store and far easier to distribute in an emergency. They inflate when immersed in water, allowing a protective flood barrier to be built quickly to protect doorways and airbricks. When the flood has abated they can often be emptied, dried and reused.

In some places where there is a known flood risk, the Parish or Town Council may already hold a limited supply of sandbags for distribution in times of emergency, and the gel sacs can be used to augment these supplies.

Local communities are encouraged to appoint a local Flood Warden who can co-ordinate their response and be the main contact with the council's duty officers. Those parish and town councils with flood wardens or local flood working groups can seek advice from them on the numbers of gel sacs likely to be required for specific locations.

Parish and Town Councils will be able to:

- Purchase a stock which they can hold in the community for distribution during a flood event or
- Having identified properties that are at risk, or are known to flood, purchase the gel sacs on behalf of the householders

By buying in bulk Wiltshire Council was able to negotiate a discount which would not be available to individuals. The gel sacs are available to Parish and Town Councils for £2.50 each.

Town and Parish Council's wishing purchase gel sacs should complete and email the attached form to Sarah Peterson ([sarah.peterson@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.peterson@wiltshire.gov.uk), telephone 01225 713377).

**COMMUNITY ORDER FOR GEL SACS**

<b>From</b>		<b>Parish/Town Council</b>
<b>Contact Details</b>		
<b>Name;</b>		
<b>Phone Number:</b>		
<b>E Mail:</b>		
<b>Quantity required:</b>	<b>@ £2.50</b>	<b>Total: £ _____</b>
<b>Cheques should be made out to Wiltshire Council</b>		
<b>Point of Contact for Delivery</b>		
<b>Name:</b>		
<b>Phone Number:</b>		
<b>E Mail:</b>		
<b>SIGNED:</b>		
<b>DATE:</b>		
<b>NAME IN CAPITALS:</b>		

Return to: - Sarah Peterson, Department of Neighbourhood and Planning,  
Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 8JD  
[sarah.peterson@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.peterson@wiltshire.gov.uk)



**Amesbury Area Board - 2 December 2010**

Item 5b

## **Chairman's Announcements**

### **Results of Waste Consultation**

Those of you who attended area boards during the summer will recall the presentations about the council's proposal for changes to Wiltshire's Waste collection and recycling service.

The consultation finished on 20 August 2010. We would to thank all the area boards for their support throughout the consultation period.

There is a report on the full results of the consultation that can be seen on

<http://www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk/environment/> . There is a link from the council website.

Or if preferred some hard copies are available at this meeting.

In brief over 10,000 people responded and just over 70% were in favour of the proposal. However the results show that support was varied across the county, with some areas showing a lower level of support.

A report on the consultation was considered by cabinet on 19 October 2010. Cabinet resolved to go ahead with the proposal, subject to the detail in the Comprehensive Spending Review. In approving the proposal cabinet acknowledged that support levels varied and that major and targeted communications will be essential to inform and reassure those residents that have concerns.

The proposed service changes are planned for summer 2011, and residents will be kept informed throughout the process. We hope that, as with the consultation, you will continue to work with us as we develop the detailed design of the services and the programme for service commencement. We will be putting together a plan for communicating the service change roll out which will be relevant for the communities of the individual area boards. We will share this with you all in due course.



**ISSUES UPDATE**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

1.1. To update the board on the issues received and in progress since the last meeting in October 2010.

**2. Background**

2.1 An online system has been designed to enable anyone from the Amesbury Area to submit an issue for the Community Area Manager to respond to, by identifying the relevant officer, councillor or partner to assist.

2.2 The system is currently being reviewed to ensure its ease of use by members of the public and any one wishing to submit an issue, and to ensure that the process by which issues are addressed is fully robust and efficient.

**3. Overview of the issues in progress on the online system:**

ID	Category	Parish	Summary of Issue	Status	Date Received
344	Highways	Amesbury	Speeding through Woodford Valley and specifically in area of West Amesbury	These concerns have been reiterated and subsequent reports recently received that matters have got worse. The Neighbourhood Policing Team are looking into this matter. This issue is also being assessed as one of the Amesbury Community Area Transport Group's priorities. The last two metrocount readings have concluded that no further action should be taken with regard to community speedwatch	7 Oct 09
772	Highways	Durrington	Various road surfacing and highway safety concerns	These concerns remain and are being pursued in conjunction with the town council	19 Feb 10

820	Transport	Amesbury	Promised bus shelter on Countess Road, Amesbury	Wiltshire Council officers have confirmed that budgets do not allow for this shelter in 2010/11 and Wilts & Dorset Bus Company has announced a review of bus routes in this area.	8 Mar 10
868	Highways	Shrewton	Large volume of vehicles consistently exceeding 30 mph speed limit on A360	Community Speedwatch is currently operating	26 Mar 10
999	Highways	Porton	Speeding on Winterslow Road, Porton	A speedwatch team is being put together	21 May 10
1006	Highways	Amesbury	Speeding on Porton Road, Amesbury, by the Baptist Church. .	Continuing development in Amesbury South will mean this roundabout and traffic levels on Porton Road will be assessed as part of these forthcoming developments. A formal review of the speed limits on all C class roads in Wiltshire will be conducted in due course.	25 May 10
1173	Highways	Durrington	Speeding on Hackthorne Rd	A metrocount survey has been carried out and consequently temporary speed information signboards will be installed	28 Aug 10
1174	Highways	Durrington	Meads Rd	A metrocount request has been raised	28 Aug 10
1203	Highways	Durrington	Larkhill Rd	This road is suitable for community speedwatch. A team is being put together	6 Sept 10
1124	Highways	Shrewton	London Rd	This road is eligible for a Speed Indicator Device.	7 Oct 10

#### 4. **Updates for the above issues:**

Full details on the issues are available online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/southernwiltshireareaboard](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/southernwiltshireareaboard), and then click on issue tracking.

If you would like to be sent hard copies of the issues and updates, contact Karen Linaker : [karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk) or 01722 434697.

To report an issue go to [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/amesburyareaboard](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/amesburyareaboard) and click on "report an issue in your community now".

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*Karen Linaker, Amesbury Community Area Manager*

**Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper  
Amesbury Community Area Board  
2 December 2010**



## 1. Neighbourhood Policing

**Team Sgt:** Martin Phipps

### **Amesbury Town**

Beat Manager – PC Lucy Smith  
PCSO – Jo Atkinson  
PCSO – Dean Shaw

### **Amesbury Rural**

Beat Manager – PC Mark Steele  
PCSO – Shona Maycock  
PCSO – Will Todd

### **Durrington, Larkhill & Bulford**

Beat Manager – PC Lyndsey Smith  
PCSO – Chris Miller

## 2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on our Wiltshire Police Website.

□ Visit the new and improved website at: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

## 3. Police Authority Representative: Councillor Richard Britton

Please contact via Wiltshire Police Authority Tel. 01380 734022 or <http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

## 4. Performance and Other Local Issues

Amesbury area has been working hard with other departments to detect and prevent further reports of Burglary both dwelling and non-dwelling (sheds and out-buildings). The Priority Crime Team and local officers have identified a number of suspects. These individuals have been arrested and are in the process of being charged with many of the local offences. It is good to see that following this recent action the number of reported burglaries has reduced over the past few weeks. The NPT have also had some success in charging an individual in relation to non-dwelling burglaries and bike thefts. I would like to take this opportunity to report that we are receiving too many complaints of property being taken which has not been secured or left in open sheds/outbuildings. Can I ask that the community take action to secure their possessions and;

- Report any suspicious activity to police as soon as possible.
- Always close and lock all windows and doors, to your home and outbuildings . Double-check that doors and windows are locked at night before you go to bed.

Please do all that you can to stop thieves targeting your homes? Prevention is always better than cure.

Another area of concern is theft of metals and machinery from our rural areas. Again we request that the community help us in our efforts to tackle this issue by taking the following action;

- Report any suspicious activity to police as soon as possible.
- Take details of any suspicious vehicles carrying metal scrap/Plant machinery especially index numbers.
- Record descriptions of individuals seen with these vehicles.
- If you believe a crime is in progress ring 999.

Last month I reported an increase in the amount of graffiti that had been sprayed on properties in the Amesbury Town area. I am pleased to report that the local NPT have arrested several suspects and dealt with these offenders. This is an ongoing problem and as I write this report further suspects have been arrested. We hope that the positive action taken will reduce the amount of graffiti appearing on walls and signs around the town.

The local NPT teams have been holding 'Crime Prevention and Bike Safety Days' over the past month. These events have already taken place in Larkhill and Durrington where in excess of 50 youths and adults have attended benefited from a safety check of their cycle and the provision of security equipment. I would like to thank the local councils for their financial support and the time given by local councillors.

The Amesbury 'Crime Prevention and Bike Safety Day' will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at the Bowman Centre. The issue of bike safety and security is currently a NPT priority and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance at this event. The event will deliver a very important message to cyclists in the area with a focus on safety and security with the provision of lights and security equipment.

The local teams are taking positive action against those who we suspect to be involved in the use and supply of drugs with a further two successful warrants being executed over the last month. Further warrants have been obtained and will continue to be executed. Local Intelligence suggests that our activity has had a dramatic effect on local availability of some drugs and will inevitably reduce some Anti-Social Behaviour that is often associated with this sort of activity.

Sergeant Martin PHIPPS

AMESBURY SECTOR						
AMESBURY	CRIME				DETECTIONS	
	NOV 2008 - OCT 2009 compared to NOV 2009 - OCT 2010					
	2008/09	2009/10	+/ -	% Change	2008/09	2009/10
Violence Against the Person	312	263	-49	-15.7%	54.5%	44.9%
Dwelling Burglary	62	62	0	0.0%	41.9%	11.3%
Criminal Damage	317	280	-37	-11.7%	21.8%	14.3%
Non Dwelling Burglary	76	101	25	32.9%	6.6%	13.9%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	54	80	26	48.1%	29.6%	20.0%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	34	28	-6	-17.6%	14.7%	35.7%
Total Crime	1339	1300	-39	-2.9%	38.5%	28.2%

County Division is compared with 15 most similar divisions in other Forces. Currently we are performing well e.g. ranked 1st (out of 15) for Total Crime and 4th (out of 15) for Violent Crime.

**Anti-Social-Behaviour – reported incidents**

OCT-DEC 2009	JAN-MAR 2010	APR-JUN 2010	JUL-SEP 2010	MONTHLY AVE (09/10)
343	310	368	397	354.5

Inspector Martyn Sweett  
 Area Commander  
 02/12/10







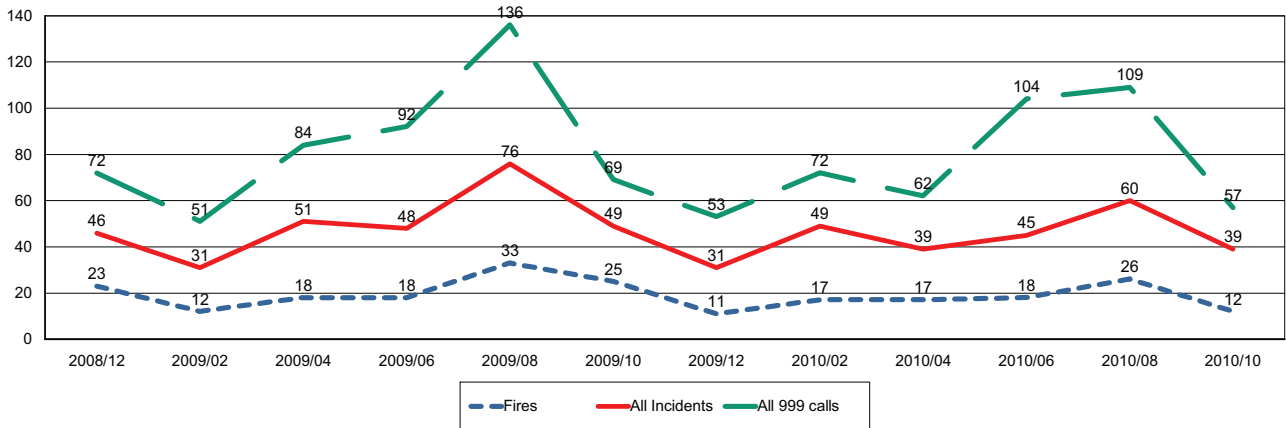
# Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

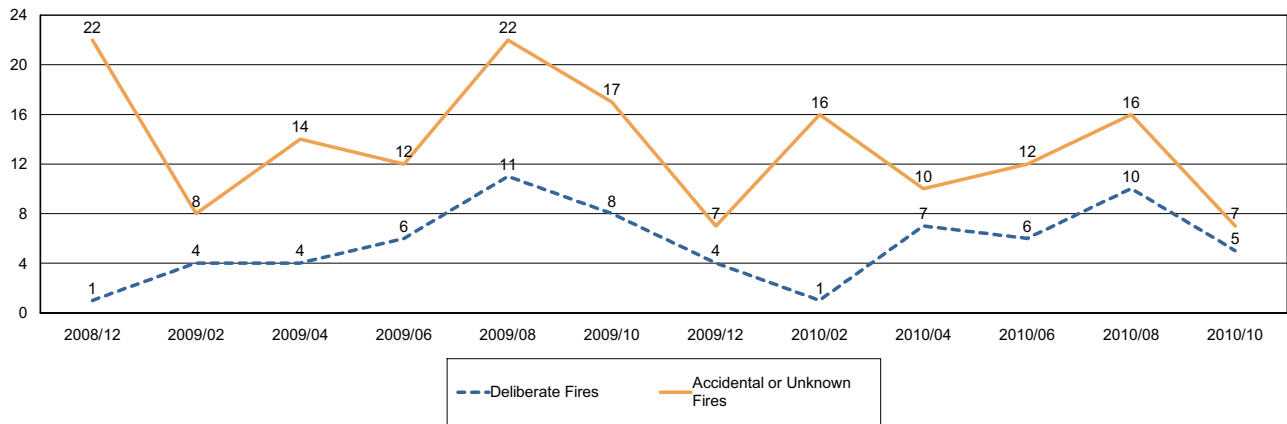
## Report for Amesbury Area Board

The following is a bi-monthly update of Fire and Rescue Service activity up to and including October 2010. It has been prepared by the Group Manager for the Board's area.

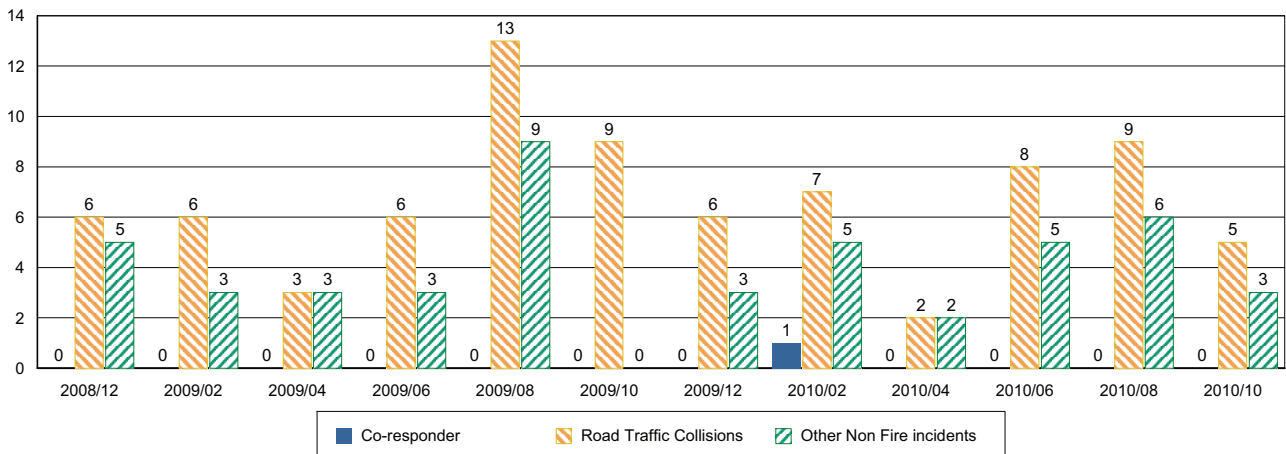
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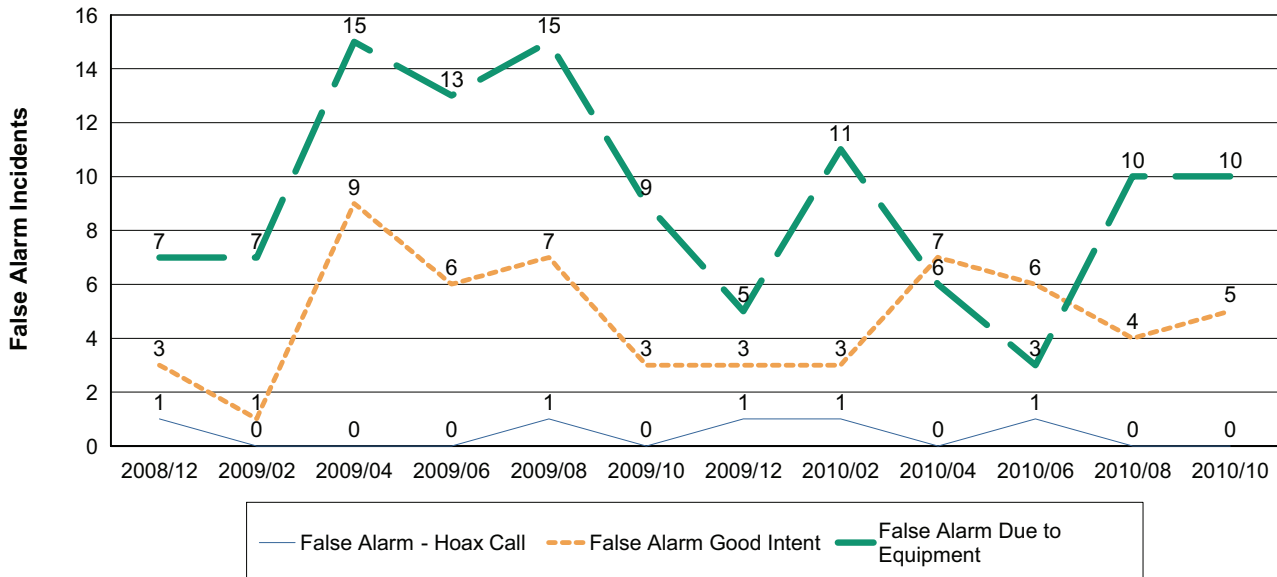
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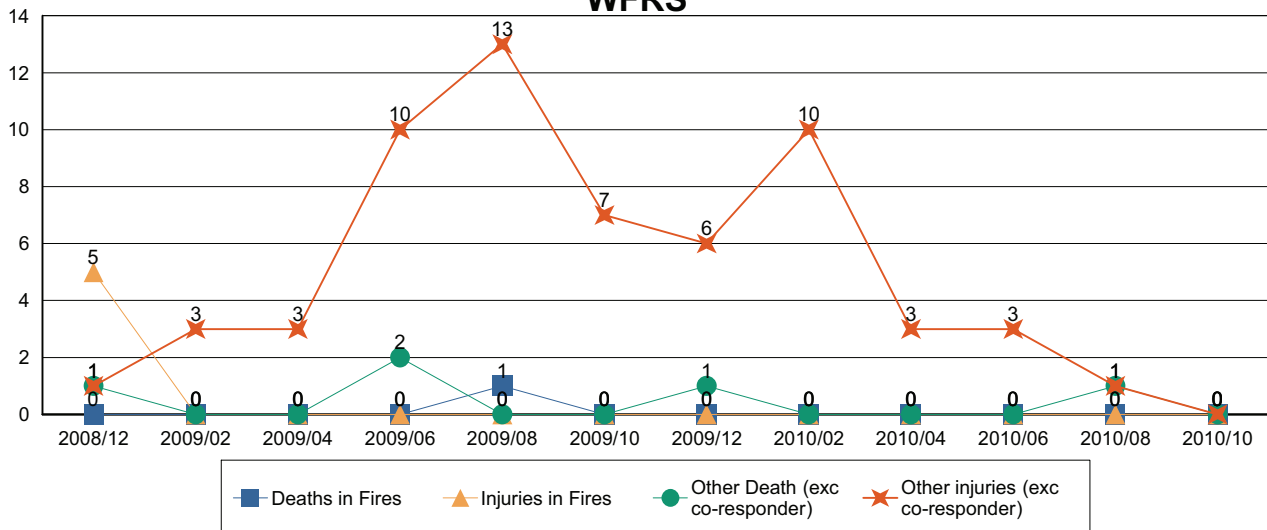
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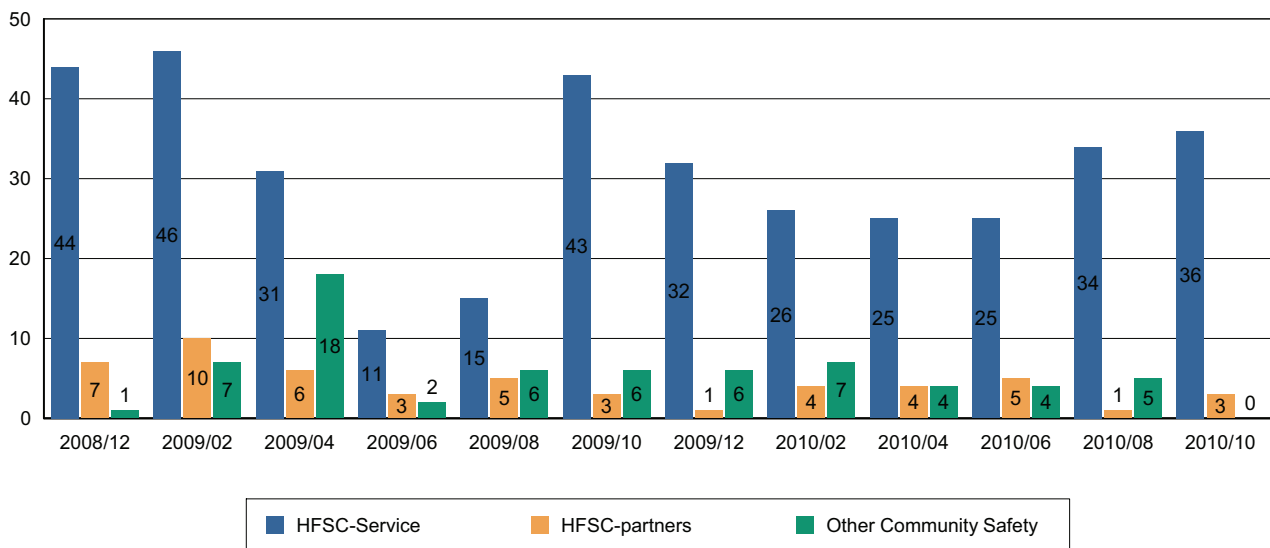
### Number of False Alarm Incidents



### Death & Injuries in incidents attended by WFRS



### Home Fire Safety Checks and other domestic safety



Comments and Interventions overleaf



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## **NHS Update – November 2010**

### **Re-appointment of NHS Wiltshire Chair**

Tony Barron has been re-appointed to serve as Chair on the PCT board from 1 January 2011 until 31 December 2014. The appointment has been made in accordance with the OPCA Code of Practice.

### **Comprehensive Spending Review**

Everyone working in the NHS is acutely aware of the need to make our budgets go further in the future. Nationally, the NHS is required to make £20bn savings per annum over the next three years, and the money will be reinvested back into patient care. We are working closely with our local partners to think carefully about how we can play our part in that process by delivering care differently in the years ahead so that we can reduce costs and improve quality.

### **Consultation Documents**

The Secretary of State for Health, Andrew Lansley, has published two further consultation documents seeking views on proposals set out in the White Paper, *Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS*

“Liberating the NHS: Greater choice and control – A consultation on proposals” and “Liberating the NHS: An Information Revolution - A consultation on proposals”. The documents are available electronically at [www.dh.gov.uk/liberatingtheNHS](http://www.dh.gov.uk/liberatingtheNHS)

“Liberating the NHS: Greater choice and control – A consultation on proposals” envisage choice of treatment and healthcare provider becoming the reality in the vast majority of NHS funded services by no later than 2013-14.

The second consultation “*Liberating the NHS: An Information Revolution - A consultation on proposals*” is about transforming the way information is, collected, analysed controlled and used in NHS and adult social care services.

These consultations are opportunities to seek the views of patients, the wider public and the NHS, about the challenges that lie ahead, how we can successfully address them, and how we best take forward the choice and information commitments.

The consultation period for both documents will close on 14 January 2011 and we encourage anyone interested to contribute.

### **Staying healthy this winter**

The NHS is gearing up for its busiest season of the year. Common viruses such as flu and the ‘winter vomiting’ bug, norovirus, often take hold just as the cold weather starts to bite, causing extra challenges to our health services. One of the

biggest problems is keeping viruses from spreading, and NHS Wiltshire is asking people who may be infectious to **stay at home and use the phone**.

### **Flu vaccinations**

GP practices around the county have started running flu vaccination clinics. This year the vaccine contains protection against H1N1 (no longer considered a pandemic, but one of this season's predominant strains of flu) as well as other strains of the virus. One simple injection should provide complete protection, and we're urging anyone who hasn't already been vaccinated to contact their GP.

### **Norovirus – stopping the spread**

The 'winter vomiting bug' Norovirus caused serious disruption in hospitals across the southwest last winter, and NHS Wiltshire, together with our hospital colleagues, is urging everyone to play their part in preventing the spread of this distressing illness as this year's winter season looms.

We are all asking anyone who has had vomiting or diarrhoea in the last 48 hours not to visit friends or relatives in hospital or in a care home.

If you do have diarrhoea and/or vomiting, the advice is also to ring your GP's surgery if you have any concerns – and NOT to go to the surgery. The triage nurse or GP on call can tell you over the phone if you need to be seen – in cases where the patient is a child, for instance, or has another medical condition that could lead to vomiting – and this will avoid bugs spreading through busy waiting rooms.

Apart from hospitals, schools are one of the main breeding-grounds for vomiting and other bugs. If your child vomits or has diarrhoea, it is vital to keep them away from school for a full 24 hours from the last attack.

Finally, as norovirus is extremely infectious, keeping hard surfaces clean and washing hands thoroughly is very important. More detail on norovirus is available from the [Health Protection Agency](#).

### **NHS Stop Smoking Walk-in Clinic for Devizes**

NHS Wiltshire have opened a new Stop Smoking Walk-in Clinic in Devizes in order to meet the increasing demand for people wanting to quit.

The Devizes Stop Smoking Clinic will run as a "walk-in" clinic every Tuesday between 1.30pm and 3pm in the Outpatients Clinic at Devizes Hospital.

There is no need for people to make an appointment, people can simply call in, and they will be seen by a Specialist NHS Advisor.

### **Win for Wiltshire in health awards**

NHS Wiltshire's Head of Primary Care, Jo Cullen has won a regional award for leading the team which brought about a new, single out-of-hours GP service for the whole of Wiltshire.

**Beds have reopened at Savernake Hospital**

All 24 inpatient beds at Savernake Hospital have re-opened.

The Annual General Meeting and Board meeting of NHS Wiltshire will be held on Wednesday 17 November at 10am - **2010 at Southgate House**. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Papers are published a week before the meeting on [www.wiltshire.nhs.uk](http://www.wiltshire.nhs.uk) or on request from Stacey Saunders, NHS Wiltshire (tel: 01380 733839, email: [stacey.saunders@wiltshire.nhs.uk](mailto:stacey.saunders@wiltshire.nhs.uk)). For further information or copies of documents referred to above, please contact Jo Howes, Community Engagement Manager, 01380 733929 or [jo.howes@wiltshire.nhs](mailto:jo.howes@wiltshire.nhs)



## Amesbury Youth Council

### Skate Park Questionnaires

Amesbury Youth Council has conducted two questionnaires – one targeting pupils at The Stonehenge School, the other outside the Co-Op in Amesbury, targeting adults in the community.

#### **Questionnaire 1 (Stonehenge School Pupils)**

No. returned	271
No. who would use a skate park	145
No. who would not use a skate park	126

#### **Questionnaire 2 (Members of the Public)**

No. completed	92
No. for	90
No. against	2

#### **Comments from the public Questionnaire:**

- The young need such facilities
- The teenagers in Amesbury have very few leisure activities
- The youth definitely need a skate park, because the new play parks are aimed at people younger and there is nothing for 16-19 year olds
- There is more to do in a bigger skate park and it will keep people off the street and out of trouble
- Anything for the teenagers to do is better than them wandering the streets causing trouble
- Very good idea!
- The youth of Amesbury – especially teenagers – have been short-changed for years. In a growing town with more young people – it seems obvious that more facilities need to be provided
- Not enough being done to support the youth of the villages
- Please give the youth a nice active place to gather
- Very good idea!!
- Anything to help the young folk of Amesbury lead a happy trouble-free life would be welcome

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- The youth of Amesbury have limited facilities, and need a place to call 'their own'. Anti-social behaviour is getting worse in town. If the youth had a skate park, this would help enormously
- There is so little for young people to do here
- Yes, if no rubbish is left behind
- There is nowhere for the youths of Amesbury to go. They need something to keep them out of trouble
- Badly needed to give our young people a real interest
- An excellent idea and great to see youngsters getting involved in this project
- Anything for them to use would be nice
- Additional facilities like this are essential
- The infrastructure in Amesbury is out of proportion to the housing, well done Amesbury Council! You've been taken to the cleaners by professional developers
- Providing the youth of Amesbury with new facilities will keep the ..... off the streets. It's about time Amesbury Council did something right!!
- Great idea!
- More facilities for youths/youngsters please!
- Need much more for kids 13-16
- Long overdue – should have been sorted a long time ago
- I'm surprised that there are so few facilities for youths in Amesbury. I fully support more things to be provided for them
- Providing high quality facilities for young people should be a top priority
- We need a bigger one, as ours is wrecked
- We need a bigger skate park
- We want a bigger skate park with more ramps
- Amesbury needs a bigger skate park

In March 2010 members of Amesbury Town Council met with the developers of Archers Gate, and were offered the chance to create a skate park on the open space next to the Astroturf opposite Boscombe Down. The Town Council fully supported this idea, as did the local police.

However, the Highways Dept and Development Control would not support the skate park in this location, as it would necessitate children crossing a 40mph road to access the facility. Councillors were advised that it was not possible to install a zebra crossing, nor to reduce the speed limit to 30mph along this stretch of road.

The developers consequently withdrew their offer of a skate park at this location, and offered to install one during the first phase of the Kingsgate development .

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There is currently a small skate park at Bonnymead Park . The Town Council has recently installed a play park for teenagers at Harvard Park. The proximity to housing, although acceptable through the daytime, is causing problems for nearby residents due to youths meeting there during the evening/night-time. With the installation of a skate park on Kingsgate, much of this anti-social behaviour would be avoided, with older teenagers having a more suitable place to meet in the evening.

- The public view towards the building of a new skate park is evident from the results of the questionnaires.





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# AMESBURY

SOUTH WILTSHIRE'S GROWING TOWN

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Mr Ben Bramley  
Chairman, Amesbury Youth Council  
The Bowman Centre, Shears Drive  
Amesbury Wiltshire  
SP4 7XT

8<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Dear Ben

It was very nice to have an opportunity to meet you all this evening and I was very impressed with the way the meeting was conducted.

I am happy to confirm that the Youth Council of Amesbury have been given the full backing of Amesbury Town Council to carry out a collective petition in respect of a Skate Park which will be presented to the Wiltshire Area Board at a later date.

I look forward to hearing further from you and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Chris Burden  
Councillor



## Invitation to comment on proposed Dog Control Orders in Wiltshire

Dog Control Orders can be made by the Council regarding any land to which the public have a right of access:

1. Requiring the person in control to clean up after a dog has fouled;
2. Prohibiting Access by dogs;
3. Requiring dogs to be kept on leads;
4. Requiring dogs to be put on a lead when required by an authorised officer of the Council.
5. Restricting the number of dogs that can be in the control of one person on certain land.

In exercising its powers, the Authority is required to adopt a fair balance between the needs and aspirations of dog owners and non-dog owners. It is also essential that any orders should be capable of being enforced within reasonable resources.

Currently, there are a variety of inconsistent Orders covering the areas of the four predecessor Districts. It is intended to replace all existing Orders with one consistent set. The proposals are summarised in the table below:

Order	Proposal	Comments
Dog Fouling	Make generic County Wide order	Aim to cover most land.
Dog Exclusion	Make generic County wide order	Enclosed Children's play areas only plus land covered by existing orders
Dogs on Lead	No Generic Order	Confirm existing order, discourage further use.
Dogs on Lead on request of authorised officer	No Generic Order	Discourage use
Maximum number of dogs in control of one person	No Generic order	Discourage use

In order to help frame the proposals which will go to a formal consultation process comments on behalf of Area Boards, Council Members, Parish Councils and other interested bodies and individuals are being sought. The consultation paper,

including full details of the proposal can be accessed at the following link, together with a questionnaire for making comments, by **7 February 2011**.

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm>

Further information is available from:

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## **A303 COUNTRESS ROUNDABOUT IMPROVEMENTS**

### **Background**

- (a) The A303, and its junction with the A345 (Countess Roundabout) near Amesbury, form part of the national strategic road network. The Highways Agency (HA) is the responsible authority for the management, maintenance and upkeep of the strategic road network. Within the vicinity of Amesbury, Balfour Beatty Mott Macdonald (BBMM) is the Highway Agency's agents.
- (b) Wiltshire Council is responsible for the local road network, which in the Amesbury area includes the A345.
- (c) BBMM have made Wiltshire Council aware of the HA's proposed improvement works to the A303 Countess Roundabout.
- (d) Wiltshire Council Highway Officers have engaged with BBMM with a view to minimising the impact that the construction of the HA's scheme may have on the local road network.
- (e) This note, which is for information only, provides a general overview of the scheme and of the emerging construction arrangements.

### **What will the scheme include?**

- (f) The principal elements of the works will include:-
  - Traffic signal installation on all four approaches to Countess Roundabout;
  - Widening and resurfacing the A303 approaches to, and around, the roundabout;
  - Permanent 40 mph speed limit applied on A303 approaches;
  - Safety barrier, road signs and road markings replaced;
  - Extension of subway under A303 westbound approach, to accommodate carriageway widening works;
  - Renewal of lighting columns, lanterns and installation of associated cables;
  - Replacement and refurbishment of certain sections of the existing drainage system;

- Resurfacing of the A303 approach to Countess Roundabout in the Boscombe Down area.

### **Why are the works needed?**

- (g) The Countess Roundabout junction suffers from congestion - particularly at weekends and during holiday periods. This congestion often restricts the flow of traffic along the A303, but also impacts upon the operation of the A345.
- (h) The HA's scheme focuses on measures to improving the safety and capacity of the junction, to ease traffic movements along the A303, and the flow of traffic trying to cross Countess Roundabout using the A345.
- (i) The scheme will benefit local residents through enhanced connectivity across the A303 and between Amesbury and the Durrington / Bulford areas.

### **When are the works scheduled to take place?**

- (j) Discussions with BBMM indicate a start date of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011 with a total construction period of approximately three months.

### **What will be the local traffic implications?**

- (k) Wiltshire Council Highway Officers have been working closely with BBMM and the Police with a view to minimising the impact that the construction works will have on local traffic conditions.
- (l) Certain road closures and diversions are unavoidable.
- (m) Originally, information provided by BBMM indicated a construction programme duration of approximately 21 weeks. The proposal envisaged A303 traffic, which generally consists of long distance strategic movements, being diverted onto the local road network over a series of weekends. Potential diversion routes for the A303 traffic included The Packway / Larkhill Road / Bulford, and the A36 / A30 and A343 via Salisbury.
- (n) Wiltshire Council requested that BBMM consider an alternative approach which involved A303 traffic being retained within the A303 through the use of a 'contra flow' system. This approach would remove the need for strategic long distance traffic to use the local road network.
- (o) In response to this request, a revised strategy is being developed which uses a 'contra flow' arrangement and which reduces the construction period to approximately 12 weeks. Both of these issues should reduce the impact of the construction works on the local area and traffic flows.
- (p) The emerging revised strategy now includes for the outline construction sequence included at Appendix A.



**What are the key benefits to the Amesbury Community Area?**

- (q) The traffic signalisation of Countess Roundabout will enhance the ability of A345 traffic to cross the A303. Rather than being held indefinitely at a give way line, traffic leaving the Amesbury and Durrington areas will have right of way over the A303 traffic when the traffic signals 'show green'.
- (r) Increased capacity of the A303 approaches will make it easier for local traffic to leave the A303.

## Appendix A

### A303 Countess Roundabout - outline construction sequence

#### **Weeks 1-5**

- Works to eastbound approach to Countess Roundabout under 'lane closures';
- Occasional restricted movements at Countess Roundabout with A345 traffic being diverted using the local road network;
- A303 traffic retained along A303.

#### **Week 6**

- Works to eastbound approach to Countess Roundabout under 'contra flow' arrangement (24/7 working);
- A345 traffic diverted using local road network. Diversion routes include Stockport Road / Solstice Park, Larkhill Road / Bulford, The Packway / Airman's Corner, Stonehenge Road, West Amesbury, and London Road, Amesbury

#### **Weeks 7-11**

- Works to westbound approach to Countess Roundabout under 'lane closures';
- Occasional restricted movements at Countess Roundabout with A345 traffic being diverted using the local road network;
- A303 traffic retained along A303.

#### **Week 12**

- Works to westbound approach to Countess Roundabout under 'contra flow' arrangement (24/7 working);
- A345 traffic diverted using local road network. Diversion routes include Stockport Road / Solstice Park, Larkhill Road / Bulford, The Packway / Airman's Corner, Stonehenge Road, West Amesbury, and London Road, Amesbury

Note: - Overall construction period may be subject to amendment due to such items as weather delays, design changes and the Easter holiday period.

## Help tomorrow take shape – the 2011 Census

The 2011 Census is coming:

- The census has collected information about the population every ten years since 1801 (except in 1941). The next census in England and Wales is on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011
- The 2011 Census will produce a high quality estimate of the population. It is a count of the people and households in England and Wales. The census is carried out by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) on behalf of Parliament
- Everyone is asked the same questions in order to take a snapshot of the population at one moment in time
- The census tells us how many people live where and the types of people they are, for example whether they are young, old, married, single, etc. This means decisions, like working out who needs facilities in the future, are focused on accurate, relevant details
- You can find out all general information about the census at [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

The 2011 Census is vitally important for Wiltshire and its communities:

- Census data is used to ensure that all the required local facilities and services needed across Wiltshire can be accurately identified
- Central funding allocation for Wiltshire is heavily influenced by the census data – it is estimated that Wiltshire Council will potentially lose around £500 per person per year for 10 years for every person not counted

What Wiltshire Council and ONS would like local councils to do:

- Publicise and promote the 2011 Census in your community
- Use your expert local knowledge to let us know about potential areas that may be hard to count in your community such as travellers, communes, religious establishments, migrant workers for example
- Promote locally that there are around 250 Census jobs being created across Wiltshire in 2011 and, as well as getting paid, that this is a great opportunity for knowledgeable local people to be part of something that will benefit their community. You can find out more information and apply for all available jobs at [www.censusjobs.co.uk](http://www.censusjobs.co.uk).







## 2011 CENSUS

### What is the census used for?

The census is vitally important for communities, making sure that the facilities and services can be identified. All sorts of decisions are taken based on census statistics, from the number of car parking spaces needed at local supermarkets, to where to locate bank branches and even the allocation of fire engines. Numbers of school places, development of traffic systems and funding for local authorities are all heavily influenced by the census. It's all about planning ahead. The census, a rich source of statistics, affects all of us in one way or another, as decisions about the communities we live in take place all the time.

The 2011 Census is run by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

### Key messages:

#### The 2011 Census is coming

The census collects information about the population every ten years. The next census in England and Wales is in March 2011.

#### A census counts everybody and describes society

The population's characteristics are always changing. A census collects and shares facts about society's make-up.

#### Your community and family benefit

You need to take part so that the services and facilities your community / family need can be identified. These services include schools, hospitals and emergency services.

#### A census is a fantastic source of historical information

Everyone should be proud of playing their part in the census; the statistics are available for you. ONS's census is respected worldwide.

#### Define your identity in 2011

You will know that you have played your part in helping tomorrow take shape in your community

### **Your census answers are confidential**

Personal census information is never shared with any other government department, nationally, regionally, or locally. The information collected is kept confidential by ONS and protected by law.

### **Complete the census online ([www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk))**

Completing the census online is straightforward, convenient and secure.

### **Returning your census questionnaire is required by law**

Completing the census is a legal requirement: the few people who don't complete their census questionnaire may be prosecuted for breaking the law, could face a criminal record and may be fined up to £1,000.

### **The next census is on Sunday 27 March**

The answers you give on your census questionnaire should be about Sunday 27 March, so that ONS can take an accurate picture of the population on the same day.

### **It's straightforward**

Completing the census is straightforward. Most questions can be answered by simply clicking, or ticking, in a box.

### **Your census questionnaire is kept secure**

Your personal information is protected by lots of layers of security.

### **Help and support is available**

The census is straightforward. Help and support is available from online help at [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk).

**COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER – REMINDER OF SCHEME  
AND APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. Wiltshire Council is supporting the principle of the transfer of community assets in order to empower and strengthen local communities. The Council believes that transferring appropriate public assets to communities leads to more responsive services that better meet local people's priorities.
2. Transfer of an asset can also provide the opportunity to lever more resources into a community and provide a more accessible and responsive base from which to deliver local services.
3. A community group or organisation can benefit from greater financial stability and build confidence through having ownership (or long term security through a lease) of a physical asset. This financial sustainability can help the organisation become less dependent on grants, provide security for further borrowing and opportunities for further growth.
4. Typically, organisations that would be considered appropriate are Voluntary and Community Groups/Associations, Town or Parish Councils, Trusts or Charities, or Social Enterprise Groups.
5. Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council has already successfully applied to the Area Board to take ownership of the Meadow View Play Park.
6. The Area Board would like to actively encourage all other town and parish councils and any community group to come forward with proposals to take ownership of Wiltshire Council assets in their area.
7. Town and parish councils and community groups are asked to contact Karen Linaker, Community Area Manager on 01722 434697 or email: [karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk) to begin discussions on potential asset transfer applications.
8. For your information, please see attached a copy of the asset transfer application form and checklist

**KAREN LINAKE**

Amesbury Area Board Manager

Tel : 01722 434697 email: [karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk)

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# Community asset transfer: application

## Your details

<b>Your Organisation</b>	
<b>Contact name</b>	
<b>Position held</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	

## Your proposal

*(please complete Checklist CAT02 before filling in the following)*

<b>Details of asset</b> Please include exact location, address, postcode, size, boundaries, access points and a map if possible	
<b>Summary of proposal</b> Why do you want the asset and how will this benefit the local community?	
<b>Community use</b> Please explain how the asset will be used <i>(Please refer to questions 5-8 in the checklist - CAT02)</i>	
<b>Suitability for purpose</b> Please explain why this asset is suitable for the intended purpose <i>(Please refer to questions 5-8 in the checklist - CAT02)</i>	



<p><b>Community support and consultation</b>  Please set out who you have consulted about your proposal and how you have addressed any concerns raised  <i>(Please refer to questions 9-14 in the checklist - CAT02)</i></p>	
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<p><b>Legal issues</b>  Please set out how you will address any legal, planning, insurance and health and safety matters associated with the asset  <i>(Please refer to questions 15-18 in the checklist - CAT02)</i></p>	
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<p><b>Financial matters</b>  How will you fund running costs and maintenance? Are you willing to pay for the asset?  <i>(Please refer to questions 19-23 in the checklist - CAT02)</i></p>	
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<p><b>Future management</b>  How will you manage the asset and ensure that it continues to contribute to the wellbeing of the local community in the future?  <i>(Please refer to questions 24-27 in the checklist - CAT02)</i></p>	
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**I confirm that the details included in this application are correct**

**Signed:**

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**Name (please print):**

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**Date:**

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## Community asset transfer: checklist

	Question	Yes	No	Note
Community use	Is the asset to be provided for a public purpose?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Other than in exceptional circumstances, the Council will only dispose of assets for private or commercial use by way of open market sale</i>
	Will the asset be hired or used by third parties?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'yes' your application should set out how this will work</i>
	Will your organisation supervise use of the asset?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'no' your application should explain how use will be supervised</i>
	Will the public have access to the asset?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'yes' your application should set out how your liabilities will be covered</i>

	Question	Yes	No	Note
Is the asset fit for proposed use?	Is it big enough?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>The Council will only transfer assets that are fit for purpose</i>
	Is it in the right location?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>The Council will not transfer assets that increase unnecessary car use</i>
	Is it safe for the use proposed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>The Council will not transfer assets that are unsafe</i>
	Does it have utilities? (Water, electricity, drainage, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'no'- your application should explain if they are needed</i>

	Question	Yes	No	Note
Community Support and consultation	Have you consulted nearby residents?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'no'- please consult before submitting your application</i>
	Have you consulted adjoining owners?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'no'- please consult before submitting your application</i>
	Have you consulted others affected by the proposal?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'no'- please consult before submitting your application</i>
	Have you consulted the local Wiltshire Councillor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'no'- please consult before submitting your application</i>
	Have you consulted the local Parish Council?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'no'- please consult before submitting your application</i>
	Is there community support for the change of use?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'no' - consider carefully whether you wish to proceed with your application</i>

**Legal**

Question	Yes	No	Note
Are there any covenants or other legal constraints?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'yes' your application should explain implications</i>
Does the proposed use require planning consent?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'yes' your application should explain implications</i>
Have you considered insurance cover?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'no' your application must explain implications</i>
Have you assessed health and safety liabilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>		<i>Your application must explain how you will deal with risks and liabilities</i>

**Finance**

Question	Yes	No	Note
Can you meet all conversion costs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'no' your application should explain how funding will be provided</i>
Can you meet all capital maintenance costs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'no' your application should explain how funding will be provided</i>
Can you meet all day-to-day running costs?	<input type="checkbox"/>		<i>If 'no' your application should explain how funding will be provided</i>
Will you use the asset to generate income?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'yes' your application should provide further details</i>
Will any third party be assisting with the costs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'yes' your application should provide further details</i>
Do you have any contingency funds?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'no' your application should set out how you will deal with contingencies</i>
Are you prepared to pay for the asset ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'yes' your application should set out your offer</i>

**Management**

Question	Yes	No	Note
Will you manage the asset?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'no' your application should set out who will manage the asset.</i>
Will a management committee be set up?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'yes' your application should set out how this will work</i>
Will users of the asset be involved?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'yes' your application should set out how this will work</i>
Will someone be employed to manage the asset?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If 'yes' your application should set out how this will work</i>



**ITEM 13**

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Amesbury Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> December 2010</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

**Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 5 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding, totalling £8,217.07.

*Recommendation*

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|---|----------------|
| 1. Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council – seeking £1,868.07 to contribute towards the cost of purchasing and installing an infant cradle swing at Meadow View Play Park.         | <i>Approve</i> |
| 2. Wiltshire Police – seeking £500 to contribute towards the costs of bicycle lights and locks for distribution at a “Cycle Safety & Crime Prevention” initiative in Amesbury | <i>Approve</i> |
| 3. Age UK Salisbury District – seeking £5,000 to contribute towards the expansion of the Befriending Service in the Amesbury Area   | <i>Approve</i> |
| 4. Stonehenge Chamber of Trade – seeking £369 to contribute towards the cost of a Winter Solstice / Yuletide Cultural Art event featuring The Ancestor                        | <i>Approve</i> |
| 5. Bulford Parish Council – seeking £480 to contribute towards the cost of a replacement park picnic bench and seat (the current one having been vandalised)                  | <i>Approve</i> |

## **1. Background**

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and / or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons as to why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. The Amesbury Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £50,529 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget was £7,200 (including returned funds from the Stonehenge Community Area Partnership). This gave a total budget of £57,729 for the 2010/2011 budget. £16,172 has previously been committed in grants approved at the April, July, September and October 2010 meetings, leaving a remaining total of £41,557.
- 1.6. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce the volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.7. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

## **2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

## **3. Environmental & Community Implications**

- 3.1. Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

## **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Amesbury Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, the Amesbury Area Board will have a remaining balance of £33,340.35.

## **5. Legal Implications**

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

## **6. Human Resources Implications**

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

## **7. Equality and Inclusion Implications**

7.1. Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

## **8. Officer recommendations**

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council	To purchase and install a new infant single seater cradle swing at Meadow View Play Park	£1,868.07

8.1.1. It is recommended that Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council is awarded a grant of £1,868.07 to assist with the cost of purchasing and installing a new infant single seater cradle swing at Meadow View Play Park.

8.1.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.

8.1.3. Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of Meadow View Play Park, and, as agreed by the Area Board in October 2010, will soon take ownership of this community asset from Wiltshire Council.

8.1.4. There has been strong local demand for the parish council to install play equipment suitable for 0-5year olds at the play park, as currently, parents, grandparents and children have to travel outside of the village to enjoy such facilities.

8.1.5. Unfortunately, health and safety regulations dictate that the parish council is unable to modify its existing set of swings to add an infant cradle seat, and therefore there is a need to install a new standalone single seater infant swing.

8.1.6. The parish council, assisted by volunteer support and labour will ensure the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of this new swing.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Wiltshire Police – Neighbourhood Policing Team	To run a Cycle Safety & Crime Prevention Initiative in Amesbury to promote improved cycle safety and security.	£500

8.2.1 It is recommended that the Amesbury Area Neighbourhood Policing Team is awarded a grant of £500 to assist with the cost of purchasing 50 bicycle locks and 50 lights for distribution at a Cycle Safety & Crime Prevention Initiative in Amesbury to raise the awareness of the need for improved cycle safety and security.

8.2.2 This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11, as it will benefit the wider community and is being run as a partnership event between the Neighbourhood Policing Team and Amesbury Town Council.

8.2.3 Communities in the Amesbury Area, in particular in Amesbury town itself, have been highlighting the need to improve young people’s attitude and behaviour when cycling through the town, including the need for young people to have lights on their bikes. Additionally, there has been a recent spate of cycle thefts in the towns, where cycles have been left without a lock.

8.2.4 This initiative complements the Wiltshire Council Bikeability education scheme which is being run in conjunction with primary schools in the area for pupils aged 10 years or above.

8.2.5 Amesbury Town Council fully supports this application, and has been asked to support the initiative by contributing towards the costs of the bicycle security labels.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3	Age UK Salisbury District	To extend Age UK’s Befriending Service to benefit socially isolated older people in the Amesbury Area	£5,000

8.3.1 It is recommended that Age UK Salisbury District is awarded a grant of £5,000 to assist with the one off set up costs of expanding its Befriending Service to communities in the Amesbury Area, on the condition that the organisation does not apply for funding from the Area Board in subsequent years to assist with running costs.

8.3.2 This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11, and demonstrates a direct link to the Wiltshire Community Plan’s objectives of ‘fostering strong communities’ and ‘reducing disadvantage and inequalities’. The application also supports aims 3 and 4 of the Amesbury Community Plan, to create healthier more inclusive communities, and to support residents to live independently in Amesbury and surrounding villages.

8.3.3 The Befriending Service is run by volunteers, who carry out home visits to provide much valued companionship to older people. The visits help to reduce isolation by engaging the older person in conversation, a game of scrabble, a crossword, or reading a newspaper with them. As a consequence, the general health and wellbeing of the older person is improved. The Service also provides a telephone support service for older people.



- 8.3.4 Age UK receives requests for the Befriending Service at greater levels than existing resources allow, and demand is anticipated to increase with the introduction of the Good Neighbour Scheme.
- 8.3.5 Through this initiative, Age UK will help to provide volunteering opportunities for 20 people in the Amesbury Area, who will be trained to carry out visits to between 30 – 40 old people in the Area. This expansion to the service will deliver an additional 3,000 hours of volunteer befriending per year.
- 8.3.6 Financial support for this expanded service in subsequent years will be provided by Age UK reserves and from other grant funding organisations.
- 8.3.7 Advice from the Voluntary & Community Services (VCS) team in Wiltshire Council is that this proposal to extend the Befriending Service to towns and villages across the Amesbury Area does not conflict, but rather complements the council's strategy and commissioning practices. An extension to the Befriending Service will assist the council's Good Neighbour Scheme, particularly as it is anticipated that referrals to this Scheme will arise from the activity of volunteers working for Age UK's Befriending Service. Additionally, clarification has been given that whilst the current Befriending Service that is provided in the Amesbury Area, is funded through a Service Level Agreement with Wiltshire Council, the expansion to the service which is the subject of this grant application is not being funded through the council.
- 8.3.8 Another point to note is the level of "free reserves" held by Age UK Salisbury District, which is £198,438. The Chief Officer of the organisation has clarified that £132,295 of that figure has to remain within the reserves to cover costs incurred should the organisation ever have to be wound down. The £132,295 would need to cover 6 months operating costs, staff redundancy costs, outstanding expenses, rental costs, accountancy and legal fees. The remaining free reserves are required to enable the charity to continue to maintain and grow services whilst experiencing declining income from statutory bodies, fundraising and donations. The Trustees set a budget with a deficit of £25,000 for the current financial year and anticipate similar deficits in the next two years.
- 8.3.9 With this clarification, and whilst mindful of the Community Area Grant scheme's criteria which states that Area Boards should not approve funding for schemes that could reasonably be expected to secure finance by other means, councillors will need to carefully assess whether or not to approve this application. On balance, the officer's recommendation is to approve the grant on the following grounds:
- (a) this is for one off set up costs to expand the Befriending Service, to benefit older and vulnerable people in the Amesbury Community Area. A waiting list of clients needing befriending already includes clients from Amesbury, Durrington, Shrewton, Porton, Bulford, Figheldean, Great Wishford and Steeple Langford. Demand for this service could further increase in villages along the Bourne Valley, as a consequence of the introduction of the Good Neighbour Scheme in this area.
  - (b) whilst the reserves of Age UK Salisbury suggest that the expansion of this service could be paid for 'by other means' than a community area grant, the Area Board's financial support in this instance clearly signifies its commitment to the objectives of the Befriending Service and its recognition of the level of need for such a service in this Community Area.

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8.4	Stonehenge Chamber of Trade on behalf of The Ancestor Project	To put on a Winter Solstice / Yuletide Event at Solstice Park, Amesbury, as part of The Ancestor project	£369

8.4.1 It is recommended that The Ancestor Project is awarded a grant of £369 to assist with the costs of running a Winter Solstice / Yuletide interactive cultural art event at Solstice Park on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

8.4.2 This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11, as the Stonehenge Chamber of Trade is acting as the project co-ordinators' (two local artists) accountable body. Community Area Grants cannot be awarded to individuals, but can be paid to an accountable body, with a constitution, on the basis that the award is to fund a project of community benefit and will not financially benefit the individual project co-ordinators themselves.

8.4.3 The Ancestor is a 20ft tall metal sculpture of an ancient man on his knees with his arms wide open to greet the sunrise. The sculpture has been created by two local artists and is currently on display at Solstice Park. The sculpture is being used to improve visitor and tourism prospects for Amesbury, and is involving a wide range of individuals and groups from the Amesbury Area, including schools, scouts and cubs, local businesses and Amesbury Town Council in this work. This local art piece has captured the imaginations of many local people, and is even developing positive promotion of Amesbury and Stonehenge to an international audience.

8.4.4 The project co-ordinators have secured support from local businesses, schools and other organisations locally to put on this Winter Solstice / Yuletide event at Solstice Park, where it is hoped up to 400 people will attend to see The Ancestor installed with a new winter crown and decorations which have been created by people from the local community and assisted by a project officer from the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. The event will also involve attendees in

- creating a display of candle-light around the base of The Ancestor;
- exploring the local culture, heritage and folklore with help from The Stonehenge Druids
- enjoying the music of the folk band Druidicca
- free refreshments donated by local businesses

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8.5	Bulford Parish Council	To purchase and install a replacement park picnic bench and seat	£480

8.5.1 It is recommended that Bulford Parish Council is awarded a grant of £480 to assist with the cost of purchasing and installing a replacement park picnic table and bench to replace the one that has been vandalised.

8.5.2 This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.

8.5.3 Bulford Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of this community facility and will continue to be responsible for its ongoing maintenance and repair.

8.5.4 The picnic bench and seat is well used by local residents and visitors and provides a useful place for families to rest and supervise their children whilst they play in the recreation field.

8.5.5 The proposed replacement picnic bench and seat is made of very durable material that is designed to be vandal-proof.

<p>Appendices – <i>Available online only</i></p>	<p>Appendix 1 Grant Application – Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council  Appendix 2 Grant Application – Wiltshire Police  Appendix 3 Grant Application – Age UK Salisbury District  Appendix 4 Grant Application – Stonehenge Chamber of Trade  Appendix 5 Grant Application – Bulford Parish Council</p>
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## AMESBURY AREA BOARD – Forward Work Plan

ITEM 14

Please note: this is a working document which is subject to change due to availability of relevant Officers/Partners and relevant time scales.

Date	Cabinet Member	Location	Area Board Agenda Items	Other items/events (provisional)
27 January 2011	-	Antrobus House, Salisbury Road, Amesbury, SP4 7HH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome of Leisure Facilities Review</li> <li>• TBC – Presentation on First Responders</li> <li>• Presentation from Stonehenge Broadband Group</li> <li>• Cycle Routes Project Update</li> <li>• Street Trading</li> <li>• Police Budget Consultation</li> </ul> <p>Standard items including Partner Updates, Parish/Town Council Updates and Community Area Grants.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation on Budget 2011/12</li> <li>• Results of Flooding Consultation</li> </ul> <p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Protection Enforcement Policy</li> <li>• Consultation on Waste Sites</li> <li>• Fairtrade Fortnight</li> <li>• Face-to-face Customer Services (including DVD)</li> <li>• Councillors' Code of Conduct</li> </ul>
31 March 2011	-	Winterbourne Glebe Hall, Winterbourne Earls, Salisbury SP4 6HA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Standard items including Partner Updates, Parish/Town Council Updates and Community Area Grants.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
28 April 2011	(n/a)	Antrobus House, Salisbury Road, Amesbury, SP4 7HH	<i>Informal (i.e. non-decision making) meeting with Parish Councils</i>	

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