

AGENDA

Meeting: AMESBURY AREA BOARD
Place: Winterbourne Glebe Hall, Winterbourne Earls, Salisbury SP4 6HA
Date: Thursday 29 April 2010
Time: 6.00 pm

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

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.

Please direct any enquiries on this Agenda to James Hazlewood (Senior Democratic Services Officer), on 01722 434250 or email james.hazlewood@wiltshire.gov.uk

or Karen Linaker (Amesbury Community Area Manager), Tel: 07917 751728 or (email) karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Wiltshire Councillors

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

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

(Maps of venue enclosed at pages 1 and 2)

Items to be considered	Time
1. Welcome and Introductions	6.00pm
2. Chairman's Announcements (<i>Pages 5 - 10</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Chairman will invite questions on issues not covered elsewhere in the agenda, including questions to the Cabinet Member for Waste Property and Environment (Councillor Toby Sturgis) who will be in attendance b. Planning Seminar for Parish Councils – 14 May at 9.15am in the Alamein Suite, City Hall Salisbury c. Meeting for Parish Councils, hosted by the Amesbury Area Board – 10 June, 5pm at Antrobus House d. Flooding Consultation – <i>briefing note enclosed</i> e. Air Quality Strategy - <i>briefing note enclosed</i> f. Contaminated Land Strategy - <i>briefing note enclosed</i> g. Youth Project Funding h. Community Asset Transfer Scheme 	6.05pm
3. Apologies for Absence	6.15pm
4. Declarations of Interest Councillors are requested to declare any personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.	
5. Minutes (<i>Pages 11 - 38</i>) To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2010 and the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 25 March 2010.	
6. Your Local Issues (<i>Pages 39 - 40</i>) To receive an update from the Community Area Manager on local issues.	6.20pm
7. Reducing Street Lighting To receive a presentation from the Community Area Manager on funding available to reduce the adverse impacts of street lighting.	6.30pm
8. Updates from Partners and Town/Parish Councils To receive updates from the Town and Parish Council representatives, and from other partner organisations.	6.45pm

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| 9. | Local Policing - Structure and Performance | 6.50pm |
| | To receive a presentation from Inspector Martyn Sweett, followed by an opportunity for questions. | |
| 10. | Police Protective Services Department | |
| | To receive a presentation from Detective Sergeant Marj Macaullum on the work of the Protective Service Department, following by an opportunity for questions. | |
| 11. | Area Board Councillors Feedback from Meetings of Associated Groups (<i>Pages 41 - 42</i>) | 7.20pm |
| | To receive feedback from Wiltshire Councillors following recent meetings of groups on which they sit as the Board's representatives. | |
| | To consider a request for the release of funding towards a youth transport scheme. | |
| 12. | Community Area Grants (<i>Pages 43 - 48</i>) | 7.30pm |
| | To consider any applications for Community Area Grant funding. | |
| 13. | Performance Reward Grants (<i>Pages 49 - 70</i>) | 7.45pm |
| | To consider whether the Area Board wishes to support any bids for funding from the Performance Reward Grant Scheme. | |
| 14. | Future Meeting Dates, Evaluation and Close (<i>Pages 71 - 72</i>) | 7.55pm |
| | To note the enclosed Forward Plan. | |
| | The next meeting of the Amesbury Area Board will be held on Thursday 1 July 2010 at 6pm, at Figcheldean Village Hall. | |
| | In addition, there will be an event for Parish Councils on 10 June, 5pm at Antrobus House, Amesbury. | |

Future Meeting Dates

Thursday, 1 July 2010

6.00 pm

Figheidean Village Hall

Thursday 2 September 2010

6.00pm

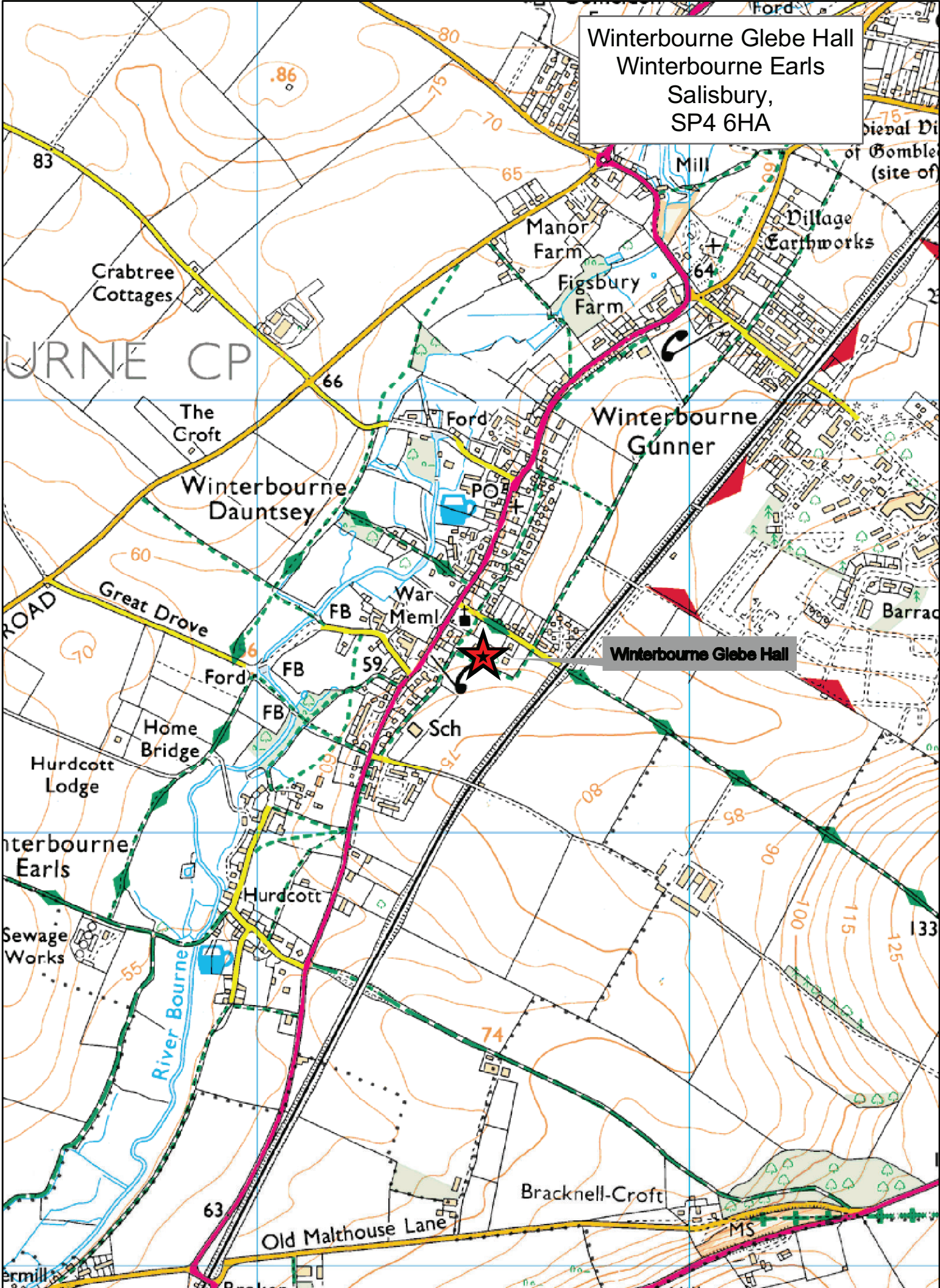
Avon Valley College, Durrington

Thursday 21 October 2010

6.00pm

Bowman Centre, Archers Gate, Amesbury

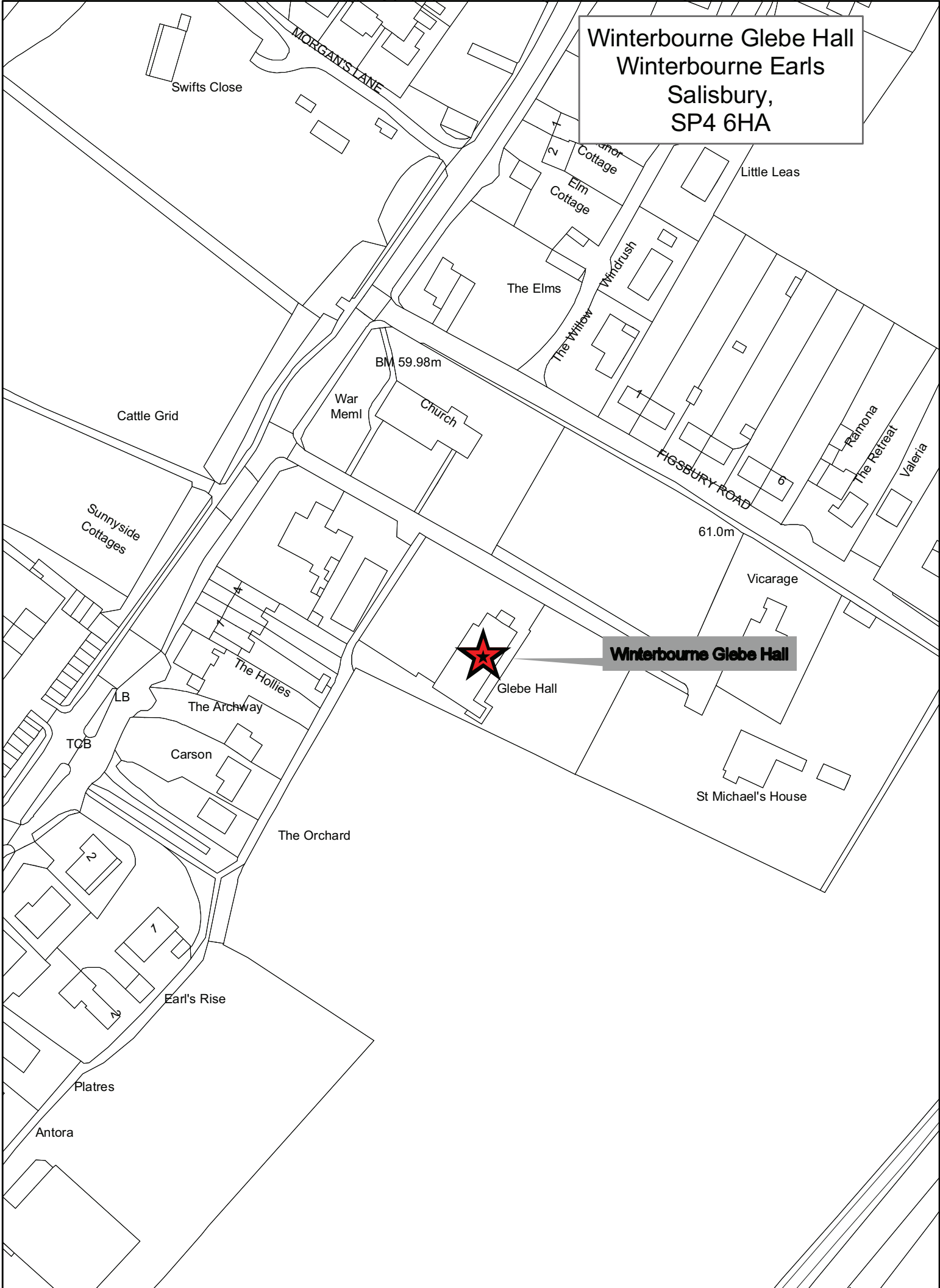
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Chairman's Announcement Flooding Consultation

The new flooding legislation means that Wiltshire Council has the responsibility for putting in place local strategies for managing flood risk.

To this end Wiltshire Council has set up two operational flood working groups one in the north and the other in the south of the County. As part of the work of these groups they have been collating information on flooding and drainage issues from highways and drainage teams around the county which are currently being loaded onto our GIS system.

The operational flood working groups are concerned that Parish & Town Councils may have additional information of which they have little or no knowledge of and are hoping that the town and parish councils will assist with gathering this information. They would welcome information on ALL types of flooding within their areas highway, agricultural and residential both inside and out.

The Area Board would like to invite each town and parish council to identify areas which flood or have previously flooded and any documentary evidence (preferably photographic) to support this.

You are invited to collect the packs of information this evening and return them to the Community Area Manager at the 1 July 2010 meeting.

County Flood Fairs

The first 'Flood Fair' for town and parish councils was recently held at the Olympiad Leisure Centre, Chippenham on 14th April, with presentations from Environment Agency, Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service, National Flood Forum, the Met Office and Wiltshire Council Emergency Planning Team. The event also included displays of flooding related equipment used by the various agencies to deal with drainage and flooding, Wessex Water PLC & 365 (Drainage Company) were also in attendance.

Town and parish councils from across the county were invited to attend this event – further information can be sought from Renate Malton (renate.malton@wiltshire.gov.uk).

Air Quality Strategy for Wiltshire- Summary

Legal requirements to monitor air quality

Local Councils are required by law to monitor air quality and compare the results to national standards. There are seven main pollutants identified for councils to keep under review and a number of others, such as ozone, are monitored nationally. We submit a report annually to DEFRA on Air Quality, which is published on our website at:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/environmentandplanning/publicprotection/pollutionandnoise/airandwaterpollution/airquality.htm>

Why monitor air quality?

Air pollution can have a considerable effect on health of the young, elderly and vulnerable. In the 1950's the focus was on smog, which affected London, and other major cities. The smog had significant impact on people's day to day lives. The Clean Air Acts brought in controls to smoke.

Today air pollution is not visible in the way it was in the 1950's however it still has the potential to have an impact significantly on health.

Parliament's Environmental Audit Committee published a report in March of this year stating that poor air quality reduces average life expectancy in the UK by an average of seven to eight months and it could lead to up to 50,000 premature deaths every year. The MPs said that the UK should be 'ashamed' of its air quality and called for dramatic changes to be made to the UK's transport policy in order to improve the situation. The report said failing to act would result in EU fines, which could total as much as £300 million pounds.

Is air quality a problem in Wiltshire?

We enjoy a high quality environment in Wiltshire however there are some locations which fail to meet the national objectives. These are:

- Masons Lane Bradford on Avon
- Warminster Road Westbury
- Shanes Castle Bath Road Devizes.
- Salisbury City Centre
- Part of Wilton Road Salisbury (A36)
- Part of London Road Salisbury (A30)

How is air quality monitored?

The pollutant that is of most concern in Wiltshire is Nitrogen dioxide which is contained in exhaust fumes from vehicles. We monitor Nitrogen dioxide using a network of small diffusion tubes which are attached to buildings and lamp posts in locations where people are exposed to higher concentrations of exhaust fumes. We also have 4 locations where we use more sophisticated monitoring equipment to measure nitrogen dioxide and fine particulates.

What is the Air Quality Strategy about?

The Air quality Strategy for Wiltshire is a general core document that sets out in broad terms our commitment to reduce levels of air pollution across the county. It will help shape policy across the council encouraging a consistent approach to this subject. It provides a framework which supports more specific work in areas where problems have been found to exist.

If the strategy is the core, what else is going on?

We have Air Quality Action Plans for the problem areas identified in the list above and we work closely with our colleagues in Transport Planning and Forward Planning in connection with these.

If you would like to contribute your comments on the Air Quality Strategy in either generally or specific terms or would like more information on air quality, Please contact the Specialist Environmental Protection Team at

- Public Protection Services, Wiltshire Council, PO Box 2126 Salisbury, Wiltshire SP2 2DJ or
- Email publicprotectionsouth@wiltshire.gov.uk or
- visit our web page at Wiltshire.gov.uk (just enter Air Quality into the search option).

Our consultation is open until the 18th June 2010.

G Tomsett,

Specialist Environmental Protection Team Manager.

Contaminated land Strategy for Wiltshire.

Legal requirement to have a Contaminated Land Strategy

Under the terms of the Environment Act 1995, Local Councils are required to prepare a statement detailing how they will implement their responsibilities to inspect the council's area, identify contaminated land and secure its clean up (remediation). The legislation is quite complex and the type of land affected is carefully defined. This legislation covers past pollution of land; ongoing or recent pollution is normally covered by other legislation.

Wiltshire's historic legacy

Past generations were not as conscious of causing environmental damage as we are today. It is obviously undesirable to have a situation for example, where wildlife is being harmed or chemicals are entering a drinking water supply. The Contaminated Land Strategy looks to remedying some of this damage and to prevent further damage. These sites may include gasworks, old landfill sites and industrial premises.

What is in the strategy?

The strategy is a technical document based on the law. It includes;

- A brief description of Wiltshire's historic Industrial and commercial history.
- An overview of the legislation
- A review of technical issues such as the hydrology (water environment), and geology (land/soil composition) of Wiltshire. Both these affect how pollutants migrate through the environment.
- Describes work done to date by the old district councils'
- It states how Public Protections Services proposes to continue this work, how they will survey the county for further sites that require attention, prioritise new sites for further investigation to determine whether they are contaminated and causing or likely to cause harm.
- It describes how we will work with the Environment Agency, who are responsible for 'special sites' and other parties such as English nature and English Heritage.
- It provides information on how we propose to implement the legislation.
- It provides for the keeping of a Public Register of Contaminated Land.

What is in the public register?

The public register is not a list of all the land that may or may not be contaminated. It is a record of action taken by a local council under the Environment Act 1995. It is available for inspection by the public during office hours free of charge. There may be a charge for making copies of entries. We currently have 4 documents, originally published by the district councils. Each is held at the original district council offices, however we are developing an online version for ease of access and some entries have been listed on the site, just enter contaminated land into the Wiltshire Council website search facility.

How do I find out more about my property?

There are only a handful of entries on the public register. We do provide a chargeable service for house purchases/ vendors, where we will review our database and provide a report detailing any contaminated or potentially contaminated sites in close proximity to your property. We will also advise you of any remediation carried and what records we hold. Some site have very detailed reports supporting any clean up that was carried out and we make these available if people wish to read them.

Planning is the preferred mechanism for dealing with contaminated land.

The contaminated land strategy is only one way of dealing with land. The preferred and more sustainable route is through the planning system, when brown field sites are brought back into use. There are numerous sites across the county that used to have an industrial use that fell into disuse and have now been redeveloped for housing, offices, small business units etc. As part of the planning process we will require a site investigation to be carried out and if necessary remediation. We hold these reports for reference and access by members of the public.

If you would like would like to contribute your comments on the Contaminated Land Strategy in either generally or specific terms or would like more information on contaminated land, Please contact the Specialist Environmental Protection Team at

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MINUTES

Meeting: AMESBURY AREA BOARD
Place: Durrington Village Hall, High Street Durrington, SP4 8AD
Date: 11 February 2010
Start Time: 6.00 pm
Finish Time: 9.20 pm

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to:

Lisa Moore (Democratic Services Officer), Tel: 01722 434250
or (e-mail) james.hazlewood@wiltshire.gov.uk

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

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

Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philippe (Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Risk)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer
Karen Linaker, Community Area Manager
Mark Smith, Service Director

Town and Parish Councillors

Allington PC – M Brunton
Amesbury TC – I Mitchell and R Fisher
Bulford PC – G Burt
Durnford PC – S Langdon and M Towle
Durrington TC – J Todd, D Healing and B Elkins
Figheldean PC – S Banton and P Hrekow
Idmiston PC – P Fisher
Newton Tony PC – S Stubbs
Shrewton PC – C Slater
Tilshead PC – N Bayne
Winterbourne Stoke PC – P Stoner
Wylve PC – T Cox and J MacDougall

Partners

Inspector Martyn Sweett – Wiltshire Police
Lt Col C Steadman and G Lawrence – HQ Larkhill Garrison
D Marks – HQ Bulford Garrison
Laura Pictor – WfCAP
J Richardson – SCAP
Councillor Richard Britton – Wiltshire Police Authority

Members of Public in Attendance: 56**Total in attendance: 91**

<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, Councillor Mike Hewitt thanked everyone for attending the meeting of the Amesbury Area Board.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Durrington Town Council for the use of the village hall and for providing refreshments to the Area Board, and urged the public to inform Karen Linaker of other venues which could be considered for use for future meetings.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman made the following announcements.</p> <p>a) Health Fair and Seminar</p> <p>A Health Fair and Seminar for the Amesbury Community Area would be held on Thursday 25 February 2010, from 3.00pm to 8.00pm at the Bowman Centre, Archers Gate, Amesbury.</p> <p>b) Greener Living Roadshow</p> <p>Wiltshire Wildlife Trust would be holding a Greener Living Roadshow on Saturday 27 February 2010, at the Co op in Amesbury.</p> <p>c) Speed Limit Review</p> <p>A DVD on the Speed Limit Review had been sent to all Parishes in Wiltshire, for consultation. Parishes had been asked to put forward comments on the proposed changes to the A and B class roads detailed in the DVD. The closing date for comments was 5 February 2010.</p> <p>The Chairman informed the Parish Clerks present that the DVD would be available to view after the Board meeting for those who had not been able to view it. Any comments from Parishes would still be included in the consultation.</p> <p>d) NHS Out of Hours Service</p> <p>Changes to the NHS 'Out of Hours' service for Wiltshire would take place later in the year, after the signing of a new contract. Some changes would have an impact on the Amesbury Community Area. NHS Wiltshire would present details of the changes at a future</p>	

	<p>Area Board meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman also spoke on the recent consideration of the Health Protection Agency at Porton Down to relocate to a site in Essex. The Board were informed that the Leader of Wiltshire Council wanted all to be done to ensure the relocation did not go ahead, because of the impact on local jobs, housing market and overall confidence in Porton Down.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Bill Dowling – MOD and Jo Howes – NHS Wiltshire.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Councillor Ian West declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 14 – Community Area Grants, application from Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council, as he was a member of it. Councillor West left the room for the item and did not vote.</p> <p>Councillor Graham Wright declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 15 – Performance Reward Grants, application from Durrington Parish Council, as he was a member of it. Councillor Wright left the room for the item and did not vote.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> That the minutes from the meeting held on the 8 December 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Update from Partners</u></p> <p>Wiltshire Police Authority Councillor Richard Britton in his capacity as a member of the Wiltshire Police Authority (WPA) gave an overview to the Board on the role of the WPA</p> <p>Some of the key responsibilities of the WPA are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that the Communities in Wiltshire and Swindon, receive an efficient and effective policing service. • To hold the Chief Constable to account for delivery of the 	

	<p>policing service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To scrutinize performance. • To set the annual policing budget. • To appoint chief officers • To monitor complaints. <p>The WPA is comprised of nine Councillors (six from Wiltshire Council and three from Swindon Borough Council), and eight independent members.</p> <p>Wiltshire Police Force</p> <p>Inspector Martyn Sweett circulated a briefing paper and gave an update to the Board on the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Policing Teams – Update on recent changes to the team. • Neighbourhood Policing Teams – Current Priorities and Consultation Opportunities. • Performance and Other Local Issues. • Crime and Detection Rates. • Abstraction Rate Performance. <p>Inspector Sweett particularly highlighted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been a 28.6% increase in dwelling burglaries (from 56 reported in 2008/09 to 72 reported in 2009/10) – mainly due to people leaving their properties unsecured. He urged people to spread the message about the importance of locking doors. • The Amesbury Area was the best in the County for police detection rates. • The little boy seriously injured on the Packway (Larkhill) in January, was recovering well, and that whilst speed had not been the issue in this incident, a 30mph speed limit was needed on this stretch of The Packway, particularly because of the shops, schools and community centre. <p>Councillor Graham Wright and Peter Hekrow (Chairman of Figheledean Parish Council) thanked Inspector Sweett and his team for their good work.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Waste Service Harmonisation</u></p> <p>Adrian Hampton (Head of Waste, Recycling and Cleansing) gave an update of the Council's intention to consult with members of the public on the possibility of harmonising the different waste services inherited from the merger of five councils into one unitary council.</p>	

	<p>He explained that a final decision on how waste services would be managed in the future could not be made until after the election, as it would be wrong to pre-empt election pledges and have a service that was not in line with a national strategy.</p> <p>He referred to a number of ways in which the waste service in the south of the county was different to that in other parts of the county, and how this impacted upon individual behaviours with regard to recycling – having consequences for the cost of the service, the environmental impact and the council’s overall performance. He encouraged all to read the literature soon to be issued on the review of waste services and to attend future road shows and events which would be held as part of a consultation process.</p> <p>During the ensuing discussions, the following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents must be given accurate and honest statistics, particularly relating to the impact on the environment of residents travelling to recycling sites because of full curb side bins. • There were some complaints regarding the breakdown of the weekly waste collection service during the recent bad weather. Although there was sympathy to the reason behind a reduced service during the icy conditions, one incident where a street had not had a collection for a six week period was due to a failure in the service. • Improvement to communication with residents during bad weather was requested, with the use of radio or internet being explored as alternative avenues to get information out to the public. • Wiltshire Council’s effort to reduce the amount of waste that went into landfill sites – confirmation was given that Wiltshire Council had a strategy to reduce this. 	
8.	<p><u>A338 / A346 Working Group Report</u></p> <p>The Chairman invited Councillor Charles Howard to present the report which had been produced by a working group supported by the Bourne Valley Alliance, and comprising representatives from the Tidworth, Pewsey, Marlborough and Bourne Valley areas.</p> <p>The report considered several factors relating to the A338 / A346 corridor from Salisbury to Swindon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volume of traffic – around 7,000 vehicles used the corridor daily, rising to 16,000 between Marlborough and the M4. • Priority locations – such as bridges and towns, where the 	

road was particularly narrow.

- Future increase in traffic – new Distribution Centres planned for Solstice Park and Andover Airfield were likely to increase Large Goods Vehicle (LGV) usage of the corridor.
- Accidents – The corridor had a higher than average accident rate, with 205 accidents in five years, resulting in 343 casualties (including 8 fatalities and 75 serious injuries).

The report had concluded that the corridor was unsuitable for the volume of traffic it currently sustained, in particular the volume of LGV traffic. This was impacting on the local area in terms of noise pollution, vibrations and air quality.

The Working Group had identified two options to reduce the impact of the volume of LGV traffic:

- Bypasses – Previous attempts to secure bypasses along the corridor had been unsuccessful, and costs were likely to make this option unviable. In addition, bypasses would encourage increased use of the corridor in the long term, which would only exacerbate the existing environmental and social impact.
- “De-priming” – The A338/A346 corridor currently formed part of the National Primary Route Network. As such, it was not possible to impose weight/width/length or night-time restrictions on the roads. If the route were to be removed from the Primary Route Network, then such restrictions would be possible.

Councillor Howard advised that the Working Group’s preferred option was to apply to the Department for Transport for the A338/A346 corridor to be de-primed, and that the Area Board’s support for this approach was now sought. It was emphasised that further studies/consultation would be required prior to any restrictions being imposed.

The Chairman then invited comments and questions, and the following points were raised:

- Concern from Amesbury Town Councillors that the Working Group’s report focused only on the north of the A303, and that a consequence of de-priming could be that traffic would be displaced through Amesbury.
- More work was needed to identify a route which would take lorries on to the A303 without detriment to Amesbury or Durrington.
- That an additional recommendation be included in the report, to change the height restriction on the St Thomas’s

	<p>Bridge, London Road, Salisbury.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A suggestion that when lorries left the south coast, they could be diverted to the A30, A303, A34 and M40, instead of using the A338. <p>Allan Creedy (Transport and Development Manager) highlighted that the Amesbury Area Board was the third Board to consider the A338/A346 Working Group Report, and so far each Board had reached a different recommendation. Therefore it would be the job of the Cabinet to consider all recommendations and come to a conclusion.</p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <p>(a) Noting the report and presentation from the A338 / A346 Working Group, the Amesbury Area Board considers that further work is needed (including to St Thomas's Bridge in Salisbury) to make the report's conclusions and recommendations a more viable proposition.</p> <p>(b) Officers should be asked to give support and advice to the Working Group in carrying out the further work required.</p> <p>(c) Relevant Wiltshire Councillors should be invited to work with the officers and Working Group on the further work requested.</p> <p>Councillor Fred Westmoreland requested that his abstention from the above vote be recorded in the minutes.</p> <p>The Chairman indicated that the Board would give this item further consideration.</p>	
9.	<p><u>CAYPIG Update</u></p> <p>Kevin McCaffrey (Youth Development Coordinator) gave an update to the Board on the progress of issues raised at the CAYPIG meeting in September 2009, in particular the skate park project in Amesbury.</p> <p>Kevin asked the Board for their help in finding volunteer minibuss drivers to transport young people from the rural villages to activities in Amesbury, Durrington and Salisbury.</p> <p>Anyone interested should contact: Kevin McCaffrey on 01980 654172 or Karen Linaker on 07917 751728 or by email Karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk</p>	

10.	<p><u>Stonehenge Community Area Partnership</u></p> <p>Councillor Graham Wright introduced the item, and explained that the Board would hear from three speakers.</p> <p>Laura Pictor from Wiltshire Forum of Community Area Partnerships (WFCAP) explained what a Community Area Partnership (CAP) was and how it should work, some of the points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire now had twenty Community Areas. • The main purpose of a CAP was community planning. • CAPs work as an umbrella, that could bring together parishes and working groups that were working separately in the community. • Community led planning was important, as it uniquely captured views from all walks of life. • A CAP was able to access hard to reach groups of people. • A CAP works with a Steering Groups to write the Community Plan. • The CAP reports the outcome of the Community Plan to the Area Board. <p>Norman Bayne – Vice Chairman of Stonehenge Community Area Partnership (SCAP) gave an update on the development of SCAP so far, explaining it had been a difficult task but they were determined to make it work. He invited local groups and organisations to nominate representatives who would attend SCAP meetings and provide feedback to their groups.</p> <p>SCAP planed to generate more interest by attending local events, and parish meetings to discuss the work of the group. SCAP would be attending the Health Fair on 25 February 2010.</p> <p>Lieutenant Colonel Steadman of Larkhill Garrison gave an update on the work of the Larkhill Community Partnership since its formation in February 2009.</p> <p>Larkhill had many amenities, including stables, riding, a pony club, clay pigeon shooting and scout facilities. All could be used by the people of Durrington. The military vision for Larkhill was to transform the garrison into a village, making it a nicer place for people to live and work.</p> <p>Successes delivered in the last ten months include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership with SCAP formed • Funding for long awaited Multi Games Unit secured • Zebra crossing made safer by a repaint 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for a second zebra crossing had been agreed • Packway regenerated during a two hour make-over by volunteers • New signage 'Welcome to Larkhill' • 30mph speed limit review for Packway ongoing • Garrison to deliver activities for their youth • Speed-watch for local volunteers had been completed • Dual Dog and Litter bins were in place • A working plan had been produced that was delivering results • A new Community Centre had opened in November 2009 <p>Ian Mitchell from the Amesbury Community Partnership (ACP) explained that the group were the successor to the Amesbury Market Town Partnership (AMTP).</p> <p>The role of the ACP was to deliver, with the help of local stakeholders and agencies, the social and community priorities for Amesbury set out in the 'Amesbury Community Strategic Action Plan' produced by the AMTP following extensive local consultation.</p> <p>Achievements of the ACP included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Shop • Updates to the Tourism Leaflet • 'Shop Local First' campaign • Upgraded toilets in the Town centre • Production of a Historical DVD with the Amesbury Society <p>People were urged to register issues of concern on a display at the back of the room for future consideration by the ACP and SCAP.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Area Board noted the presentations relating to SCAP.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Your Local Issues</u></p> <p>Karen Linaker – Community Area Manager, gave an update on the progress of some issues that had been logged on the Issues System. Some of the issues were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests for cycle routes and footpaths • Broadband provision in Winterbourne Stoke • Post office closure in the Wylde Valley • Coach park spaces in Amesbury • Dog Fouling 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light Pollution from local businesses • Request for a bus shelter for the Bourne Valley route, at the bus stop in Salisbury City Centre • Absence of a Bus Service on Antrobus Road, Amesbury • Highway and Road issues in Durrington <p>You can report an issue in your community area, and track the progress of all issues logged on the system, by going on line to: http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areaboards/amesburyareaboard.htm</p> <p>The Chairman invited comments from the floor, some of the points raised were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A need for improved publicity on the shared taxi service for Antrobus Road was required. • Urgent improvements were required along Windsor Road, in terms of layout and surfacing, particularly due to the level, type and speed of traffic using the road. • The amount of pot holes along the Durrington Road had caused expense to residents, in replacing tyres. • The road surface along the A338 from Broken Cross Bridge was in a poor state. • The resurfacing of Winterslow Road in Porton had not been included in the priorities matrix, and would be in a terrible state once the Pheasant Road re-opened in March. <p>Mark Smith – Service Director for Amenities and Leisure agreed to look into the above mentioned road issues, as a matter of priority.</p> <p>Pot holes could be reported to Clarence by calling 0800 23 23 23. Once reported, a site would be assessed within seven days, and details entered onto the system for repair in order of priority.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Updates from Town and Parish Councils</u></p> <p>The Board received updates from Town and Parish Councils.</p> <p>Amesbury Town Councillor Ian Mitchell commented on the major change to the South West Core Strategy (as publicised in the Salisbury Journal recently) and raised his concern that the evidence base was not robust enough to justify future development, particularly because of the weak transport infrastructure.</p>	

	<p>Councillor Ian West informed the Board that Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council were pursuing a bid through the South West Regional Development Agency for Broadband provision in their area, and were awaiting the decision which was due in April.</p> <p>The Chairman gave an update to the Board on behalf of Allington Parish Council, explaining that following the collapse of the cemetery wall there had been some concern that the Parish would be responsible for funding the repair works, estimated at £12,000 – £14,000. It had since been established that Wiltshire Council was responsible for the failing structural work, and would be financing the repairs. The Chairman urged all Parishes to carry out risk assessments on walls and structures which fell under the responsibility of their Parish.</p> <p>Amesbury Town Councillor Roger Fisher informed the Board that the Town Council had raised a bid of £56,000 of R2 funding for a project to play/leisure equipment in the play park at Harvard Way, for children aged between 8 – 14 years old. It was hoped that the provision of equipment for the older children would alleviate the problem of the toddlers play park being vandalised in the future. The bid would be considered by the Board, at the next full meeting on 29 April 2010.</p> <p>The Board were asked to review the Town Councils request for R2 funding for this project before the next meeting in April, to speed up the process and allow the Town Council to get the project underway.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> That the Community Area Manager would look into ensuring that a decision to confirm R2 funding was made as soon as possible and preferably prior to the 29 April 2010 meeting.</p>	
13.	<p><u>Area Board Councillors Feedback from Meetings of Associated Groups</u></p> <p>Councillor Graham Wright gave an update from the last meeting of the Durrington Swimming Pool Management Body, some points covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the last meeting of the Body, there had been support for the Dance 4 Life initiative. • Figures showed that the numbers of users of the Centre remained the same. • A PR campaign to advertise the facility more widely was planned. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsorship would be sought through SCAP. <p>Councillor John Noeken undertook to provide the minutes from the last meeting of the Amesbury Sports & Community Centre Managing Body to the Democratic services Officer for inclusion in the minutes. Some of the points discussed at the meeting of 10 February 2010 were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been no response from individual customers to form a 'User Group'. An invite would be sent to users and club members. • Building works in the neighbouring Amesbury Community Resource Centre were due to be completed by 20 February 2010. • Results from the Wiltshire Leisure Facilities Strategy, an ongoing review of the 23 Wiltshire Council leisure facilities across the County, was expected Summer/Autumn 2010. Councillor Noeken proposed the gathering of financial and usage figures in preparation of any findings/conclusions from this review. • The idea of a new 3G multi-use games area on the area between the sports centre and Holders Road was discussed. The idea originates from Phil Monk from the Stonehenge School, further discussion would take place. • The next meeting would be on 5 May 2010, 7pm at Amesbury Community & Resource Centre. 	
14.	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>Councillor John Noeken introduced the item, explaining that he was the Chairman of the Grant Review Panel. Also on the Panel this round was Trevor Woodbridge (Independent Representative) and Roger Fisher (Parish Council Representative).</p> <p>Applicants that were present were invited to speak on their applications. After hearing from the applicants, the Board discussed the applications, and then voted on each one.</p> <p>Councillor Ian West left the room and did not vote for the first application from Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council, as he was a member of that Council.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council was awarded £490 towards their project to replace the Parish notice board.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10 and would provide a useful asset for the community.</i></p>	

	<p><u>Decision</u> Durrington Walls Wind Band was awarded £922 towards their project to provide music tuition for local children from families experiencing financial hardship.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10 and would provide an opportunity for children who would otherwise be prevented from learning to play a musical instrument.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Bulford Parish Council was awarded £5,000 towards the refurbishment of the village hall kitchen.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10 and would benefit the local community.</i></p> <p>The Chairman informed the Board that Cabinet had agreed that Area Boards could roll over any unspent funding to the next financial year. This applied for this year only and did not set a precedent for future years.</p>	
15.	<p><u>Performance Reward Grants</u></p> <p>Councillor John Noeken explained that the Board had been asked to endorse two bids for funding from the Performance Reward Grant Scheme, to enable them to be passed to the next stage. The applications were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avon Valley College for a grant of £20,000 to assist with capital costs of building a purpose led Media Centre to provide facilities to aid and enhance the college and surrounding community. • Durrington Town Council for a grant of £7,495 to assist with the costs of a 'Larkhill Rejuvenation and Road Safety Project'. <p><u>Decision</u> The Area Board agreed to support the bid from Avon Valley College, for £20,000 towards their Media Centre project, for the college and surrounding communities to use. The applicant was requested to ensure that the facilities of the Media Centre were widely advertised to ensure maximum community use.</p>	

	<p><u>Decision</u> The Area Board agreed to support the bid from Durrington Town Council for £7,495 towards their ‘Larkhill Rejuvenation and Road Safety Project’, as it demonstrated real partnership working with the Larkhill Garrison.</p> <p>Councillor Graham Wright left the room and did not vote for the application from Durrington Town Council, as he was a member of that Council.</p>	
16.	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates, Evaluation and Close.</u></p> <p>The Chairman informed the Board that a Forward Work Plan had been produced and was attached to the agenda, but warned that as it was a working document it was subject to change.</p> <p>One member of the public asked if the Chairman would consider either not having a timed agenda, or if timed then could the Board stick to the timing of the items, so not to over run so greatly.</p> <p>Councillor Fred Westmoreland was pleased to see that a Forward Plan had been produced and suggested that for the April meeting, more of the items could be produced as written reports for noting, as there was no need for a presentation every time. This would save some time at the meeting and would assist the Chairman in keeping to the timing on the agenda.</p> <p>The Chairman explained that it was difficult not to over run and allow everyone who wished to speak the opportunity to do so. He announced that an opportunity for consultation with Town and Parish Councils would be arranged to discuss the development of the Area Board so far, the date of that meeting would be circulated in due course. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.</p>	

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MINUTES

Meeting: AMESBURY AREA BOARD
Place: Antrobus House, 39 Salisbury Road, Amesbury, Wilts, SP4 7HH
Date: 25 March 2010
Start Time: 6.00 pm
Finish Time: 7.35 pm

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to:

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

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

Cllr Dick Tonge (Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport) and Cllr Charles Howard

Wiltshire Council Officers

Karen Linaker, Community Area Manager
Mark Smith, Service Director
Steve Ibbetson, Technical Manager
Andrew Kerr, Chief Executive
Phil Tilley, Transport and Development Manager
Matthew Woolford, Media Relations Manager
James Hazlewood, Senior Democratic Services Officer

Town and Parish Councillors

Amesbury Town Council – R Fisher, C Burden, F Hedge,
Durrington Town Council – M Towle, D Healing
Allington Parish Council – M Brunton
Berwick St James Parish Council – R Brasher
Bulford Parish Council – G Burt

Durnford Parish Council – S Langdon
Figheldean Parish Council – S Banton
Newton Tony Parish Council – S Stubbs
Orcheston Parish Council – S Shepherd
Shrewton Parish Council – P Sweet
Tilshead Parish Council – R Leachman

(S Bagwell – Enford Parish Council)

Partners

Police – Inspector M Sweett
NHS Wiltshire – J Howes
Stonehenge Community Area Partnership – J Richardson
Salisbury Journal – K Darton

Members of Public in Attendance: 8

Total in attendance: 41

<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 invited Councillors and officers to introduce themselves.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman commented that he had called this Extraordinary meeting as he considered that the gap of 11 weeks between meetings was too long. In addition, two items had arisen which could not have waited until the next scheduled meeting on 29 April 2010.</p> <p>It was announced that there would be an Area Board hosted event in June for Parish Councils to comment on how the Amesbury Area Board was working. The date would be announced in due course.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that he would permit a few minutes for issues which were not on the agenda to be raised by the public and representatives from Parish Councils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public referred to the announcement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer that £100 million would be made available for improvements to highways, and asked whether this would be ringfenced by local authorities. Councillor Dick Tonge, Cabinet Representative for Highways and Transport, confirmed that the money would be ring-fenced for highways, although the Chancellor had not clarified how the funding would be allocated. It was anticipated that the money would also be used towards motorways, and so Wiltshire Council could receive around £600K. • Responding to a comment that roads in the north of the county were in a better state of repair than those in the south, Councillor Tonge commented that there was a similar perception by those living in the north of the county, that the roads in the south were better. <p>The Chairman made the following announcements:</p> <p>(a) <u>Bulford Bridge Closure</u></p> <p>The works to Bulford Bridge would begin on 4 May 2010 and were</p>	<p>Karen Linaker</p>

	<p>scheduled to continue until 30 October 2010. A map was shown detailing the detour route, and it was noted that letters would be sent to all those in the affected area. A representative of Durrington Town Council suggested that the MOD river-crossing upstream could be used as a detour route. It was noted that this crossing would not be closed, although nor would it be promoted/signed as an alternative crossing.</p> <p>(b) <u>Special Educational Needs Review Consultation</u></p> <p>This consultation had commenced at the end of February and would run to 24 May. Members of the public were invited to engage with this review by going to an event at Salisbury City Hall on 4 May. Full details were set out on page 3 of the agenda.</p> <p>(c) <u>Gypsies and Travellers Consultation</u></p> <p>It was noted that this consultation would run from 6 April to 4 June. A drop-in event for members of the public was being held on Thursday 13 May in Salisbury. Full details were set out on page 5 of the agenda.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Fred Westmoreland.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Councillor John Noeken declared a prejudicial interest in item 9 (R2 Funding Request from Amesbury Town Council) as a member of Amesbury Town Council. Councillor Noeken confirmed that he would leave the room during consideration of this item.</p> <p>There were no other declarations of interest.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Light Pollution from Local Businesses</u></p> <p>At the Chairman's invitation, Simon Banton, of Figheldean Parish Council, gave a presentation highlighting the environmental and economic consequences of light pollution.</p> <p>Light pollution had a direct environmental effect on birds and insects, in addition to the indirect impact of generating the wasted energy. It was estimated that one 500W security light operating every night for one year had the same environmental impact as</p>	

driving a car for 5000 miles.

The economic cost of wasted light was estimated at £1 billion per year, of which the vast majority was commercial and recreational (£880 million) and old style, inefficient street lights (£120 million).

The Salisbury Plain area was one of the last in the country where reasonably dark skies could be found. However, conditions had deteriorated over the last few years, with the effects being noticed by astronomers and members of the military.

Simon welcomed the replacement of some street lights in Amesbury with newer designs which directed all the light downwards. However, he commented that his attempts to address concerns over light pollution had met with varying levels of success, with one query being unsuccessful as the lights were not deemed to be a hazard to traffic, nor to residential amenity and did not infringe planning restrictions.

In conclusion, Simon asked the following questions:

1. How far and over what timescale did the street light replacement programme extend?
2. Did Wiltshire Council have a light pollution reduction strategy, and if so who was responsible?
3. What could be done about the light polluters who did not break any regulations?

Councillor Dick Tonge commented that the street light replacement programme would continue with specific funding from the government. Each Area Board would receive £5,000 towards the replacement of up to 100 street lights with new energy efficient units. The Chairman suggested that Simon may be able to feed ideas directly into this process.

Unfortunately, Wiltshire Council was restricted in how it could address light pollution caused by existing sites. However, council planning policy now required all new residential and commercial developments to comply with restrictions over lighting arrangements. The Cabinet Representative for Waste, Property and Environment, Councillor Toby Sturgis, was responsible for this.

The Chairman and members of the Board thanked Simon for his presentation and for raising this important subject.

<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Changes to the NHS Out of Hours Service</u></p> <p>Jo Howes, Community Engagement Manager for NHS Wiltshire, presented the new arrangements for providing out-of-hours GP services in the county.</p> <p>For the past four years, out-of-hours services had been provided by NHS Wiltshire through four separate organisations across Wiltshire. This contract had recently been retendered to provide a county-wide service, and from 1 April 2010, Wiltshire Medical Services (WMS) would be the sole provider for medical and dental out-of-hours services.</p> <p>WMS was an established provider of such services, having operated in North Wiltshire and Kennet since 2004. The service was run by local GPs on a rota basis, and there was an agreement that no locum or agency doctors would be used.</p> <p>Out-of-hours services were for urgent, yet not life threatening medical treatment. Callers to the service would be advised on self-care or asked to come to their nearest base for treatment, or visited at home. The service would operate from eight bases, including Amesbury.</p> <p>A member of the public commented on the excellent service provided by the minor injuries unit at Salisbury District Hospital and asked whether the opening hours would be harmonised with those of the units at Trowbridge and Chippenham hospitals. Jo undertook to find out and respond to the Area Board through Karen Linaker.</p> <p>The Area Board welcomed the change in service and the Chairman thanked Jo for the presentation.</p>	<p>Jo Howes / Karen Linaker</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Proposed Closure of A344</u></p> <p>At the Chairman's invitation, Councillor Ian West asked the question as set out in the agenda papers, regarding the proposed closure of the A344:</p> <p><i>If the proposed closure of the A344 goes ahead, what contingencies has Wiltshire Council put in place to safeguard the communities of Bulford, Durrington, Larkhill and Shrewton and the other villages in the Till Valley which will be affected by the extra traffic generated by this closure, especially on Telegraph Hill and Shrewton High Street?</i></p> <p>Councillor West commented that the proposed closure would also</p>	

exacerbate the existing pressure on the A303, particularly at peak times, which in turn would impact on local roads and alternative routes.

The Chairman then invited comments and questions from the floor, which were raised as follows:

- Various objections were expressed in relation to the proposed closure of the A344 due to the anticipated impact on local roads.
- Durrington already suffered from extra traffic as a result of congestion on the A303. This was causing damage to the surface of the local roads, which needed urgent attention, particularly in view of the anticipated increase in traffic if the A344 was closed.
- It was suggested that traffic could be directed down the A360 from the junction with the B3086 to alleviate pressure on Shrewton High Street.
- A resident of Shrewton noted that little progress had been made in addressing speeding on the High Street, despite this having been raised with the Neighbourhood Policing Team. The resident was encouraged to raise this through the Area Boards' Issues system, and Inspector Sweett undertook to look into the issue.
- Concern was raised that the closure of the A344 would see the removal of a 5000 year old Right of Way.
- Concern was also raised that safety on the A303 could be affected, as drivers often stopped on the A344 to view/photograph Stonehenge. Doing this on the A303 would be extremely dangerous.
- It was noted that the A303 was not within the remit of Wiltshire Council Highways, and that the lobbying of the government should continue to find a long-term solution for this route.
- Councillor Graham Wright commented that weight restrictions on Telegraph Hill would prevent heavy traffic from using this as a detour.

Phil Tilley, Transport and Development Manager for Wiltshire Council, responded to the points raised. He commented that congestion on the A303 was the overriding issue and that traffic avoiding the A303 would have an environmental impact on the local roads. A long term solution to the A303 would alleviate much of the pressure. Referring to the briefing note set out in the agenda, he commented that the analysis showed a nil effect on Telegraph Hill, and that the impact on other roads/junctions would be mitigated by the proposed improvements (to the Longbarrow roundabout, the Countess Junction, and Airmans Corner). The

	<p>impact of the closure in terms of accidents and traffic volume would continue to be monitored, and mitigating measures such as weight restrictions could be considered if necessary.</p> <p>It was noted that there would be further opportunities for public and Parish Council input into the process, as part of the public enquiry on the Traffic Regulation Order to stop up the A344, and the separate Section 247 order to stop up byway 12.</p> <p>Following discussion, Councillor West moved the following motion, which was seconded by Councillor Wright and agreed by the Area Board:</p> <p>Decision</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Amesbury Area Board will submit the concerns as summarised above regarding the proposed closure of the A344, as part of the public enquiry process. 2. Officers are requested to produce a report to the next appropriate meeting of the Amesbury Area Board following the outcome of the public enquiries to explain what contingency plans will be put in place to safeguard the communities of Bulford, Durrington, Larkhill, Shrewton and the other villages if and when the A344 closure goes ahead, specifically Telegraph Hill in Bulford, Larkhill Road and The Packway in Durrington, and the High Street in Shrewton. 	<p>Karen Linaker</p> <p>Phil Tilley</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>Further Consideration to the A338 / A346 Working Group's Report</u></p> <p>Councillor John Smale introduced the background to this issue, advising that the Working Group's report had recommended the "de-priming" of the A338 / A346 corridor from Laverstock roundabout in Salisbury, to the M4 Junction 15 near Swindon. This would allow for weight/width/length restrictions to be placed on the route, with a view to reducing Large Goods Vehicles (LGV) traffic along the route, in turn reducing the environmental impact of such traffic, and improving general safety at certain priority locations along the route. The decision whether to "de-prime" the route, was one for the Department for Transport (DfT) and the Working Group had sought the support of all four Area Boards along the route to request that Wiltshire Council apply to the DfT on that basis.</p> <p>The Amesbury Area Board had considered this issue at its previous meeting on 11 February, where concern had been raised that de-priming the A338, would push traffic across onto the A345 through Amesbury. The Area Board had resolved to give further consideration to the issue in consultation with officers and the</p>	

Working Group. As a result of these further discussions, Councillor Smale proposed a motion, which was seconded by the Chairman. Comments and questions were then invited from the floor:

- Councillor Smale expressed the view that further consultation should be carried out with affected residents and with the freight industry, prior to any final decision by the Council to apply to the DfT for the corridor to be de-primed.
- It was noted that, at the meeting on 11 February, and following concerns that de-priming the A338 could see increased traffic on the A345 through Amesbury, reference had been made to the roadworks at Cholderton in the past year which had seen the A338 closed for three weeks. In relation to this, the view had been expressed that there had been no evidence, anecdotal or otherwise, to suggest any displacement of traffic onto the A345 as a result of the temporary closure of the A338, and so this could indicate that de-priming the A338 would not have an excessive impact on the A345. However, the contrary view was also expressed, that the A345 had seen increased traffic due to the works at Cholderton.
- In addition, it was also noted that concern had been raised at the meeting on 11 February 2010 regarding the location for the Area Board meeting. It was suggested that it would have been helpful to hold the meeting in a venue on the route in question, to encourage affected residents to attend.
- Councillor Smale explained that if an application were to be made for the de-priming of the route, then an alternative route would be required. The A30 was considered to be the best solution, although this would require works to the St Thomas' Bridge in Salisbury, which currently was not suitable for use by LGVs.
- Councillor Charles Howard, representing the Collingbournes and Netheravon division, and a member of the A338/A346 Working Group, commented that the full report was available on the Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council website.

Decision

1. The Amesbury Area Board supports the conclusions and recommendations of the A338 / A346 Working Group report with the following caveats:

- a. The report's conclusions relating to the de-priming between Marlborough and Shipton Bellinger be fully supported; and**
- b. The A30 be proposed as a possible alternative route to the south of the A303, subject to any required works to the St Thomas' Bridge, which could partially be funded by Section 106 monies.**

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	<p>2. The Amesbury Area Board recommends to Cabinet that Wiltshire Council makes an application to the Department for Transport for the corridor road to be de-primed, subject to further work being carried out by officers and full consultation with all relevant stakeholders.</p>	
<p>Having declared a prejudicial interest in the following item, Councillor Noeken left the room during consideration of the item.</p>		
<p>9.</p>	<p><u>R2 Funding Request from Amesbury Town Council</u></p> <p>Steve Ibbetson, Technical Manager at Wiltshire Council, introduced the report, explaining that R2 funding comprised financial contributions from developers under planning legislation (also known as Section 106 contributions). Developers could contribute towards this fund for public open spaces, as an alternative to providing on-site amenity space.</p> <p>Amesbury Town Council had requested the release of £56,199 towards a Locally Equipped Area for Play at Harvard Park. Roger Fisher, Mayor of Amesbury, spoke in support of the request, commenting that the play area would include equipment selected following consultation with local children, and a zip wire which had been funded through a Community Area Grant from the Area Board at a previous meeting.</p> <p>No objections had been raised, following consultation with local residents, and it was hoped that the works could be completed in time for the summer.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The request from Amesbury Town Council for the release of £56,199 from R2 funding towards the construction of a Local Equipped Area for Play at Harvard Park, Amesbury, was approved.</p>	<p>Steve Ibbetson</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates, Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>It was noted that the next meeting of Amesbury Area Board would be held on 29 April 2010, 6pm at Winterbourne Earls Village Hall.</p> <p>The Chairman also announced that the Area Board Councillors would host an informal meeting with Parish Council representatives to discuss how the Area Board process was developing in the Amesbury Community Area. (Note – following the meeting, it was confirmed that this meeting would be held on Thursday 10 June at</p>	

	<p><i>Antrobus House at 5.00pm)</i></p> <p>Before closing the meeting, the Chairman welcomed Andrew Kerr, Wiltshire Council's new Chief Executive.</p>	
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COMMUNITY ISSUES UPDATE

Purpose of Report

To update the board regarding community issues that have been submitted since February 2010 and which remain to be resolved.

ID	Category	Summary of Issue	Submitted
868	Highways	Large volume of vehicles consistently exceeding the 30 mph speed limit on the A360 through the villages of Shrewton and Tilshead	27/03/2010
851	Planning and Highways	Heavy lorries from Wiseman Depot and others firms using the link road (Pendragon Way) very early in the morning (3am onwards) and at the weekends. Also speeding traffic in general on this road	20/03/2010
845	Highways	Very bad road surface in East Gomeldon Road, East Gomeldon from the west side of Gomeldon Arch to some 200 metres beyond Broadfield road	19/03/2010
839	Youth	Transport for young people in the community, which needs to be low cost, safe and provide easy access to enable young people to access activities in Salisbury and other areas	17/03/2010
820	Highways	Promised bus shelter on Countess Road, Amesbury	08/03/2010
819	Highways	Need to resurface A338 north from Broken Cross Bridge to Winterbourne Earls. Road has many potholes and the verges are breaking away so that vehicles now swerve across the highway to avoid them, putting them and cyclists into danger of contact with vehicles travelling in opposite direction	08/03/2010
814	Highways	Need to resurface Winterslow Road, Porton from junction with A338 right through to the MOD gates at Manor Farm Road	08/03/2010
772	Highways	Various road surfacing and highway safety concerns regarding roads in Durrington	19/02/2010

AREA BOARD COUNCILLOR FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS OF ASSOCIATED GROUPS

Purpose of Report

1. To update the board on key issues considered and arising from meetings recently attended by unitary councillors, as appointed by the Amesbury Area Board to the following 'groups / outside bodies'.

Updates

2. Durrington Leisure Centre Management Committee
Free Swimming for the under 17 and over 60's continues to grow. There are planned lifeguard courses this summer. The increase in swimming and overall use of fitness equipment is clearly evident. Durrington Pool continues to be an extremely popular venue for activities. The new café and sports hall, that Avon Valley College are currently building adjacent to the pool, is seen as a major positive enhancement to the present Durrington Swimming Pool. *(report from Cllrs Wright & West)*
3. Community Area Young People's Issues Group (CAYPIG)
Councillor John Smale attended a meeting of the CAYPIG in early March 2010. The main issues discussed at this meeting included:
 - (a) young people's ideas on how to improve their leisure time – *a skate park, leisure credit scheme, sporting tournaments amongst village teams, new football goals – areas to play – floodlights, multi-use sports areas for tennis – basketball – football, organised trips*
 - (b) potential long term schemes for young people – *convert local British Legion to a coffee room/club, a youth centre, cheaper mopeds*
 - (c) the need for developments on Archers Gate to include areas for young people's leisure
 - (d) police are providing an effective service for young people and their families where needed, and are being asked to clarify that play areas are for under 12 year olds only

Youth Minibus Project – the Youth Development Officer for the Amesbury Area is working with young people and newly recruited local volunteer drivers with a view to introducing a minibus service to transport young

people from rural villages to leisure activities. This will be piloted in one or two parishes initially and then rolled out across the Amesbury Area, subject to its success. To assist with this project, the Area Board will be asked on the 29th April meeting to agree a grant for the start-up costs of this pilot project.

4. Housing Tenants Panel

Councillor Mike Hewitt to provide a brief verbal update at the 29th April board meeting.

ITEM 12

Report to	Amesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	29th April 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 5 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding, totalling £7,911.58

1. Langford Parish Hall Committee – seeking £743.30 to contribute towards the cost of works needed to the parish hall, including replacement of the fire door, replacement of a rotten window and the repainting of the exterior.
2. Newton Tony Parish Council – seeking £990 to contribute towards the costs of providing a hardstanding basketball/netball practice area on the recreation field.
3. Brigmerston & Milston Parish Hall Committee – seeking £2,574.78 to contribute towards the cost of works to the parish hall, including to the kitchen entrance area, window replacements and main hall flooring.
4. Durrington Town Council – seeking £2,000 to contribute towards the cost of play equipment refurbishment at the recreation ground in Durrington.
5. Shrewton United Football Club – seeking £1,603.50 to contribute towards the cost of providing a hardstanding between the recreation hall and the west end of the football pitch.

Officer Recommendation

Approve

Approve

Approve

Approve

Refuse

NB: The Grants Review Panel's recommendation in relation to the grant request from Shrewton FC is as follows:

To approve £1,000 towards the cost of the hardstanding for the following reasons:

(a) the wider community benefit brought about by the hardstanding

(b) there are a number of funding avenues which need to be explored by the applicant to source the remaining funds required, e.g. The Football Foundation, Sport England and the Rural Development Programme for England

(c) whilst a retrospective application, the applicant may not have been fully aware of the processes, criteria and timescales involved in agreeing a grant

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 would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 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 is £154. This leaves a total budget of £50,683 for the 2010/2011 budget.
- 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 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) 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.
- 2.2. There will be 6 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
 - 1st July 2010
 - 2nd September 2010
 - 21st October 2010
 - 2nd December 2010
 - January / February 2011 (date to be confirmed)

3. Environmental & Community Implications

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 £44,375.

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	Langford Parish Hall Committee	Works required on the parish hall, including replacement of the fire door, replacement of a rotten window and the repainting of the exterior	£743.30

- 8.1.1. It is recommended that the Langford Parish Hall Committee is awarded a grant of £743.30 to assist with the cost of works required to the parish hall.
- 8.1.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.1.3. The Langford Parish Hall Committee is a registered charity with the responsibility of providing and maintaining a village hall for use by the inhabitants of the parish of Steeple Langford and the surrounding neighbourhood.
- 8.1.4. The Parish Hall Committee need to urgently replace the fire door in order to comply with fire regulations, and also consider that improvements to the exterior of the hall is required, including the replacement of rotten window and re-guttering and repainting. These improvements will help to ensure that the hall is continued to be used and will help the committee to attract new users.
- 8.1.5. The Committee will continue to raise funds for the ongoing maintenance of the hall through coffee mornings, jumble sales, curry suppers etc. This one off grant request

to the Amesbury Area Board will assist the committee in making urgent and important improvements to the hall.

8.1.6. Steepled Langford Parish Council supports this grant application.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2.	Newton Tony Parish Council	The provision of a hard-standing for a basketball / netball practice area on the recreation field	£990

8.2.1. It is recommended that Newton Tony Parish Council is awarded a grant of £990 to assist with the cost of providing a hard-standing for a basketball/netball practice area on the recreation field.

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

8.2.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Newton Tony Parish Plan where there is an evidenced community desire for improvements to the recreation field, to facilitate team sporting activities and facilities for teenagers.

8.2.4. Currently the basket ball facility is not used as there is only grass surround which is unsuitable. The Parish Council and the Hall Committee which is responsible for the recreational facilities) have been asked to provide a hard-standing by local residents.

8.2.5. The local primary school, older children and all others in the village will benefit from a basketball/netball facility. A secondary school teacher has shown an interest in coaching and running basketball games. In addition, the hard-standing may be used for other activities, including skateboarding, a pre-school play area and the annual parish fete.

8.2.6. The Memorial Hall Committee is responsible to the Parish Council for the upkeep and maintenance of the recreational facilities, and will continue to raise funds for the ongoing maintenance of this new facility as and when required.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.	Brigmerston & Milston Parish Hall Committee	Works required to the village hall, including to the kitchen entrance area, window replacements and main hall flooring	£2574.78

8.3.1. It is recommended that the Brigmerston & Milston Parish Hall Committee is awarded a grant of £2,574.78 to assist with the cost of works required to the village hall.

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

8.3.3. The Parish Hall Committee is a not for profit organisation whose aims are to enhance

the village hall and surrounding grounds and to improve the facilities for the welfare of the people of the villages of Brigmerston and Milston.

- 8.3.4. The works required to the hall include new flooring for the kitchen entrance area and main hall, and the supply/fit of new windows. The works will help to ensure the continued use of the hall by a number of local groups and will also help to attract new users and reduce energy bills.
- 8.3.5. Approximately 250 people use the hall each year, including exercise groups, cubs, scouts and beavers. The hall is also used for the annual village fete which helps to raise approximately £800 each for the upkeep of the hall.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4.	Durrington Town Council	Refurbishment of play equipment at the recreation ground in Durrington	£2000

- 8.4.1. It is recommended that Durrington Town Council is awarded a grant of £2,000 to assist with the cost refurbishing the play equipment at the recreation ground in Durrington.
- 8.4.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.4.3. The works required include the replacement of well used and worn out play equipment, repairs to ensure equipment is brought up to the recommended standards of play equipment inspectors, and repainting.
- 8.4.4. Approximately 200 children up to the age of 12 years regularly use this play equipment, including children with learning disabilities and school classes. The repainting of the equipment will be assisted by the Community Payback Scheme.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5	Shrewton United Football Club	The laying of a 50m concrete hard standing between the recreation hall and the west end (goal end) of the football pitch.	£1,603.50

- 8.5.1 It is recommended that Shrewton United Football Club is refused a grant of £1,603.50 for the project outlined above, because the application does not meet the Community Area Grants Scheme criteria.
- 8.5.2 The reason for the officer's recommendation of refusal is that the project was completed on the 20th March 2010, and the Community Area Grants criteria states that:
- (a) "no projects will be awarded funding retrospectively" and
 - (b) "the council will not consider grant applications for a project that has already started. This includes projects where orders/instructions have been agreed and

resources committed.”

- 8.5.3 The football club was informed by the Toolstation (Western) League that the hardstanding needed to be completed by the 31st March 2010, along with other works, for Shrewton United to remain in the league and to continue to play senior football at this level. Risking the loss of ‘top level’ football from Shrewton would have resulted in the loss of the club’s primary income stream, including entrance fees, sponsorship and bar takings. The loss of this income would have made it very difficult for the Reserve, Under 18 and Under 10 teams to continue, as they rely on the funds raised through playing in the league. This would have impacted on the opportunities for local children and young adults to play football in the village and to be part of a club with all the benefits that brings. The supporters of the club would also lose a key local facility.
- 8.5.4 The hard-standing runs the length of the recreation hall between the existing veranda and pitch which is a notoriously muddy area. All users of the recreation hall and ground now have a dry and firm path.
- 8.5.5 Financing the club is a constant struggle and having to bear the complete cost of this project will impact significantly on the club’s limited resources. This could make it difficult for the club to manage financially and therefore continue to operate in the next season.
- 8.5.6 In exceptional circumstances, the Area Board may be justified in approving a grant for a project which does not meet the Community Area Grant Scheme criteria, on the basis that the project is able to demonstrate a wide community benefit. The applicant has been advised that the application does not comply with the criteria, but considers that the Area Board should approve this project on the basis that it demonstrates a wide community benefit. The applicant’s justification for this is that all who use the recreation ground (up to 500 people) will benefit from the hard-standing, not just the football club and its supporters. The path now provides a dry and firm surface for dog walkers, and mothers with prams who pass through the recreation field. Also, as detailed above, without the hard-standing, the club may have struggled to remain viable, leading to the loss of a local facility that benefits people of all ages and provides valuable recreational activities to the young people of Shrewton.
- 8.5.7 Shrewton Parish Council supports this grant application.

Appendices (available online only)	Appendix 1 Grant Application – Langford Parish Hall Appendix 2 Grant Application – Newton Tony Parish Council Appendix 3 Grant Application – Briggerston & Milston Parish Hall Appendix 4 Grant Application – Durrington Town Council Appendix 5 Grant Application – Shrewton United Football Club
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Report to	Amesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	29 April 2010
Title of Report	Performance Reward Grant Scheme
<p>Purpose of Report</p> <p>To ask Councillors to consider the details of three applications for funding from the Performance Reward Grant Scheme:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Great Wishford CoE Primary School are requesting a grant of £4,456 to assist with the capital costs of building a shelter to facilitate an outdoor learning initiative for Reception and Year 1 pupils. 2. Skilled for Health (MOD project) is requesting a grant of £25,000 to assist with costs in 2010/11 to further continue this collaborative project between NHS Wiltshire, MOD and others, which seeks to reduce health inequalities by improving literacy, language and numeracy skills of adults in Tidworth, Bulford, Larkhill and Warminster. 3. Community Payback – the Area Board’s project is seeking £73,000 from the Performance Reward Grant to extend the Community Payback scheme in terms of the range of services offered and also the reach of the scheme into more rural parts of the county. 	

1. Background

1.1 Wiltshire agreed a Local Public Service Agreement with government that ended in March 2008. This contained 12 ‘stretch’ (difficult) targets that required a number of organisations to work together to achieve the improvement. Our performance against these targets earned Performance Reward Grant (PRG) of £5.4m. This is paid by government over two years; half in 2009 and half in 2010.

This presents a unique opportunity for us to put additional resources into our Local Agreement for Wiltshire (LAW) and to combat the recession in Wiltshire through the Action for Wiltshire programme. £1.6m of this grant will be reinvested in the target areas that earned the grant, to take forward Wiltshire’s ambitions. Another £1m will support some countywide initiatives under Action for Wiltshire. The balance of £2.8m is available over two to three years for bids supported by Area Boards that propose initiatives that take forward those things in the LAW and Action for Wiltshire that are important to local people.

Ideally all community areas of Wiltshire will benefit from this scheme, and there will be a spread of initiatives across LAW ambitions and Action for Wiltshire. We understand that not all bids will be made at the same time, and that proposals will take time to develop. The timing of local initiatives will also vary.

To help ensure that projects in all community areas have the opportunity to bid, the funding will be released in 3 month tranches of £250,000. We will keep this under review and if appropriate will vary the timing and amount of funding in each tranche. At the end of the tranche any unallocated money will go back into the pool for future bids. Any bids pending when all the money in that tranche has been allocated will be carried forward to the next tranche.

The government imposes a grant condition that the grant must be used half for capital and half for revenue expenditure. Guidance on what counts as 'capital' is given in the funding pack on the Wiltshire Council website. Experience so far is that bids tend towards revenue expenditure, so it may be easier to get funding for 'capital' type initiatives.

Bids will initially be submitted as 'Expressions of Interest' to the local appropriate Area Board. The Area Board will make a decision as to which bids it supports. Lack of support from the Area Board does not rule out the bid going forward to the grant scheme.

Full details of the Scheme and a Funding Pack are available from the Wiltshire council website:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/.../localagreementforwiltshire/performanceawardgrantscheme.htm

2. Criteria for the Grant Scheme

2.1 Points to consider are:

- Funding under this scheme is for initiatives that have local support and will take forward ambitions in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire, or help combat the recession as part of the Action for Wiltshire programme. Information on this is provided in the grant pack.
- It is one-off funding, so should not be used for things that will result in an unfunded financial commitment after the end of the project. As part of the bid you will be asked to confirm that no unfunded commitments will result from your proposal.
- In total, Performance Reward Grant must be spent half on revenue and half on capital expenditure (guidance is given in the pack). Experience is that many initiatives are 'revenue', so there may be more money left available for 'capital' bids. We will need to account to government on the use of the grant, so will ask you for information on what the money will be used for.
- It is important that these initiatives have a positive local impact, and that we are able to show success. So you will be asked how you will measure that success – and we will ask you to let us know how well it worked.

The use of the grant will fall within the Area Board's usual good governance arrangements.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
3.1	Great Wishford CoE Primary School	To promote Outdoor Learning for Reception and Year 1 children by providing a covered, sheltered area from the sun, wind, rain and cold. The shelter will facilitate greater flexibility in class time, e.g. a quiet area for reading, or water and sand play. The shelter will also allow children to gather to talk at playtimes and provide cover for parents while waiting to collect children at the end of the day.	£4,456

- 3.1.1 It is recommended that the Area Board supports this application, particularly as it is a part of a broader Outdoor Learning Initiative which includes an area for children to learn about nature and the environment and an all weather surface to improve the space available for outdoor recreation.
- 3.1.2 Great Wishford Primary School is keen to encourage outdoor learning as it stimulates children who now spend much more time indoors (on computers and watching TV), and due to parental concerns for their children's security which can restrict their freedom to explore outdoors. The School believes that outdoor environments offer children freedom to explore, use their senses and be physically active and exuberant. Outdoor learning can have a positive impact on children's sense of well-being and help all aspects of children's development.
- 3.1.3 The shelter will be 4m x 5m and attached to the classroom wall, covering an existing patio area.
- 3.1.4 The three main Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambitions that this initiative will support is 'Building Resilient Communities', 'Lives not Services' and 'Protecting the Environment'.
- 3.1.5 The school is a fundamental part of the village and has close ties with the church. The project is supported by the Friends of Wishford School, parents, the church and the parish council. Reception and Year 1 is already identified as "good" by Ofsted, which also supports this initiative.
- 3.1.6 The benefits of the Outdoor Learning Initiative will be reflected in improvements to the children's enjoyment of learning. Experience of this initiative has already shown improvements in enthusiasm, behaviour and social skills.
- 3.1.7 There will be no unfunded commitments arising from this project.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
3.2	Skilled for Health (SfH)	This partnership led SfH programme, between NHS Wiltshire, the MOD and other partners is seeking funding assistance to continue the programme in 2010/11. The programme integrates the goals of reducing health inequalities with those of improving the literacy, language and numeracy skills of adults in Tidworth, Bulford, Larkhill and Warminster. The aim is to support the families of service men and women (and now civilian families) through a series of short courses, i.e. healthy eating, how to stop smoking and responsible drinking.	£25,000

3.2.1 It is recommended that the Area Board supports this application which has also been put to the Tidworth and Warminster Area Boards for consideration. This is an innovative partnership led project which has a number of objectives, including that of military and civilian integration.

3.2.2 The total cost of this project for 2010/11 is £151,000. £100,000 of this is funded by NHS Wiltshire, £25,000 by Plain Action, and £1,000 (to be confirmed) by the Allington Trust. SfH are seeking the outstanding £25,000 from the Performance Reward Grant Scheme.

3.2.3 With an increase in knowledge of health issues, improved educational attainment through basic skills courses, and the integration of civilian and army families, the SfH project will be working towards building a resilient community, which is able to confidently take care of itself and all who live in it. Those who progress to either new employment, or obtain better paid work will contribute to the economic growth of the area. The practical sessions (including dealing with safety in the home, first aid and resuscitation) will provide learners with skills to keep their homes and community safe. The project also provides employment for local people as tutors, and as crèche workers.

3.2.4 The benefits of the project have been evaluated since 2008/09, helping the programme to secure funding from NHS Wiltshire in 2009/10 and 2010/11. Data to measure the success of the project is collected locally and as part of the national project (provided by the Tavistock Institute). This data demonstrates a good uptake of further education, employment and voluntary work, and a good response to making healthier lifestyle choices.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
3.3	Area Board's Team	To extend the Community Payback scheme in terms of the range of services offered and also the reach of the scheme into more rural parts of the county	£73,000

3.3.1 Community Payback enables offenders to repay their debt to society through the contribution of time and labour to help local communities tackle a wide range of issues from graffiti and chewing gum removal to litter picking, ground clearance and other environmental improvement projects. Offenders work in the community as part of a fully supervised team. In Wiltshire over 72,000 hours of community payback time are completed every year by offenders, this equates to £378,500 of free labour to local communities.

3.3.2 This scheme can be of major benefit to Area Boards - offering fast and effective responses to issues of concern to local people. A wide range of works can be undertaken including litter, gum and graffiti removal, footpath clearance and repair, river clearing, decorating and maintenance of community facilities. Ideas for projects will be sought from the public, councillors and parishes through the issues system. These will be prioritised by Area Boards and the Community Payback team will develop programmes of work in response.

3.3.3 An investment of £73,000 is now sought from the LPSA fund to extend the scheme in terms of the range of services offered and also the reach of the scheme into more rural parts of the County. This latter will be achieved through the provision of 3 utilities trailers allowing teams access to hot water, toilets and refreshments during the day - enabling teams to be more self sufficient and able to undertake work in isolated rural areas. Investment will be used to purchase of high pressure cleaners for removal of graffiti and gum and additional equipment. This investment will be of direct and immediate benefit to the Area Boards and the local communities they serve.

3.3.4 The objectives of the project are

- To increase resources directed at key street scene issues that affect community wellbeing such as vandalism, graffiti, gum and littering
- To involve the public, parishes and area boards more directly in the criminal justice system building public awareness and service responsiveness and linking the scheme with the Area Boards' Community Issues system
- To target resources at projects and priorities identified by local communities
- To extend the reach of Wiltshire Community Payback into rural communities

3.3.5 The scheme supports objectives in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire around building more resilient and safer communities, protecting the environment, improving the way in which organisations in Wiltshire work together and supporting elected members in their community leadership roles. There are additional benefits for offenders, particularly young offenders, including the development of work skills and experience which increases future employability and contributes to reducing re-offending.

3.3.6 The support of the Area Board is now sought for this bid.

Appendices:	2 grant application forms
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Performance Reward Grant Scheme

APPLICATION FORM

To be returned to: Karen Spence, Performance Manager, Performance Team

Email: wiltshirelaa@wiltshire.gov.uk

Area Board	Amesbury
Form submitted by (contact for all queries)	<p>Ms Mandy Hewes Great Wishford C.E. Primary School West Street Great Wishford SALISBURY Wiltshire SP2 0PQ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">admin@greatwishford.wilts.sch.uk Tel: 01722 790433</p>
Name of initiative	Great Wishford Outdoor Learning Initiative.
Brief Description of Initiative	<p>To promote Outdoor Learning for Reception & Year 1 children by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Providing a larger fenced area to explore a semi –wild environment (already provided by the school). The Friends have provided 8 x all in one suits. Total cost c£500. b. Using an all weather surface to allow greater use of the existing and heavily used grass area (to be funded by the school/Friends £2,2279). Due for completion Mar 09. c. Providing a covered area to provide shelter from the sun on hot days and wind and rain on cold ones. The covered area allows greater flexibility in class time e.g. a quiet area for reading or water and sand play. It also allows children to gather to talk at playtimes and would provide shelter for parents while waiting to collect their children at the end of the day. The shelter is the subject of this bid.
<p>Example structure</p> <p>Note. The shelter is waterproof and the bronzed polycarbonate roof reduces virtually all UV light while retaining good light transmission qualities.</p>	 <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">Rectangular Shelter with Polycarb Roof</p>

Please put a cross against the ambition(s) that this initiative will support	Building resilient communities	x
	Improving affordable housing	
	Lives not services	x
	Supporting economic growth	
	Safer communities	
	Protecting the environment	x
	Action for Wiltshire – combating the recession	
Amount sought	£4,456	
What will this money be spent on?	A 4mx 5m shelter attached to the classroom wall and covering an existing patio. It is all Capital outlay.	
<p>Please describe how your initiative will support the ambition(s) indicated above, and summarise the action that will be taken</p> <p><i>Early Years Foundation Stage Best Practice Notes are attached.</i></p>	<p>Building resilient communities. Help young people to succeed at school and take part in positive activities.</p> <p>Lives not services. Provide strong foundations for child development and enable people to improve their long term health and well being.</p> <p>Protecting the environment. Prepare Wilts for unavoidable Climate Change. Protect Wilts natural environment and biodiversity (through education). Make better use of land and space.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Outdoor Learning</p> <p>Outdoor learning needs to be encouraged as it stimulates children who now spend much more time indoors (on computers and watching TV). Because of parental concerns for their security, children do not roam as much as we did as children.</p> <p>Outdoor environments offer children freedom to explore, use their senses and be physically active and exuberant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being outdoors has a positive impact on children's sense of well-being and helps all aspects of children's development. This is particularly the case for boys (who are more boisterous and children with special educational needs (SEN)). • Being outdoors offers opportunities for doing things in different ways and on different scales than when indoors. With a large class this allows more “personal space”. • It gives children first-hand contact with weather, seasons and the natural world. However, in recent years the existing grassed area has been too wet and muddy to use for much of the time, while the patio is too exposed in bright sunshine or rain. <p>Two areas: “Outside but accessible without getting feet muddy” and “Sheltered”) reduce the time required to “hat, boot and suit” 24 x excited children. The “Wild” area allows for adventures in better weather or when groups can get suitably “dressed up” for the prevailing weather.</p> <p>The Reception Class has strong links with the Pre-School whose building now adjoins it and will be able share the facilities.</p>	

What makes this initiative a local priority	The school is a fundamental part of the village and has close ties with the church. The project is supported by the Friends of Wishford School, parents, the church and Parish Council. Reception and Year 1 is already identified as "Good" by OFSTED who also support this initiative.
How will you know you have been successful?	Better use of Outdoor Learning will be reflected in improvements to the childrens' enjoyment of learning. Experience of Outdoor Learning has already shown improvements in enthusiasm, behaviour and social skills.
How will you measure the impact?	The teacher has provided shelter in the past by rigging a canvas awning (very time consuming at the start and end of the day) and has also used a gazebo lashed to the railings. The gazebo was badly damaged in high winds last year and written off. Short term measures have not been sustainable and budget constraints mean that the school can not complete the planned programme without additional outside funding.
What is your improvement target and when do you expect to achieve this?	Our target is to improve the opportunities for Early Years Outdoor Learning. The improvements will be in 3 stages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The new fenced wild area is complete and took advantage of changes to the school grounds when the pre-school moved to improved accommodation in the school grounds. b. Contract has been placed for the all weather surface, which will be funded by the School and Friends. To be complete March 2010. c. The shelter is the remaining part of the Initiative.
How will you ensure that improvement continues after the end of the initiative?	The new shelter would become a fundamental part of the Early Years teaching area and will continue to be used as a valuable asset.
Who will benefit from this initiative?	24 to 26 children per year plus approximately 20 parents who collect their children daily. Pre-school siblings with their parents would also benefit from the protection offered by the shelter.
Confirm no unfunded commitments from this initiative	I confirm that there will be no unfunded financial commitments arising from this initiative.
What are the key risks to success and how will these be managed?	The main risk is damage to the shelter; it is managed by using a reputable and experienced contractor (Playforce of Melksham), who provide a 10 year guarantee.
Who will manage the initiative	Mandy Hewes, School Business Manager advised by Bonnie Gillingham, Class Teacher.

Signed:

Chairman of Area Board

Dated:



Key messages

- The outdoor environment has unique characteristics and features.
- Outdoor learning has equal value to indoor learning.
- Outdoor learning has a positive impact on children's well-being and development.
- Children need the support of attentive and engaged adults who are enthusiastic about the outdoors and understand the importance of outdoor learning.
- Outdoor learning is enhanced by an environment that is richly resourced with play materials that can be adapted and used in different ways.
- An approach to outdoor learning that considers experiences rather than equipment places children at the centre of the provision being made.

Introduction

Past generations of children benefited from extended amounts of unsupervised time outdoors, and as adults they look back fondly at these early experiences. Indeed it is widely recognised that such experiences make a positive impact and as adults we are aware that it shaped many aspects of our own development and health. Although the developmental needs of children have not changed, the current fears among adults about increased levels of traffic and the perceived increase in the threat of child abduction have led to a shift in society's attitudes towards children's access to and use of the outdoors. A growing interest in media equipment, such as television, videos and computer games has also contributed to the creation of a society where many children live sedentary lives with few, if any, opportunities to access outdoor spaces or benefit from being outside.

Despite this cultural shift away from outdoor play and learning, it remains essential to children's health, development and well-being. Consequently, it is vital that early years settings maximise children's opportunities to be outdoors: for some it may be their only opportunity to play freely and safely outside.

Outdoor learning complements indoor learning and is equally important. Play and learning that flow seamlessly between indoors and outdoors enable children to make the most of the resources and materials available to them and develop their ideas without unnecessary interruption. Outdoor learning encompasses all that children do, see, hear or feel in their outdoor space. This includes the experiences that practitioners create and plan for, the spontaneous activities that children initiate, and the naturally occurring cyclical opportunities linked to the seasons, weather and nature.

Why Outdoor Learning is important

Outdoor learning in early years settings is important because it:

- supports the development of healthy and active lifestyles;
- offers children opportunities for physical activity, freedom and movement;

- promotes a sense of confidence and well-being;
- provides opportunities for developing harmonious relationships with others, through negotiation, taking turns and cooperation;
- supports those children who learn best through activity or movement;
- provides safe and supervised opportunities for children to experience new challenges, assess risk and develop the skills to manage difficult situations;
- supports children's developing creativity and problem-solving skills;
- provides rich opportunities for imagination, inventiveness and resourcefulness;
- gives children contact with the natural world and offers them unique experiences, such as direct contact with the weather and seasons.

Effective practice in relation to Outdoor Learning

Outdoor learning environments are as varied and diverse as each setting and the children and adults that make use of the space. Each space, whether large or small, shared or segregated, sunny or shaded, will have unique features that affect the way it can be developed and used. Therefore identifying and overcoming any barriers to making good use of the outdoors is a vital first step towards effective practice in supporting outdoor learning. However, whatever the variation in the size and design of outdoor spaces, there are some identifiable common elements that are recognised to have a positive impact on children's outdoor learning.

Physical features

- Outdoor learning will be more effectively supported if adults and children have good access to outdoors, and opportunities to move freely between the indoor and outdoor environment.
- Secure entrances, exits and boundaries are vital safety features and offer adults the peace of mind to let children roam and explore freely.
- Both adults and children need to have protection from extreme weather conditions through provision of shade and shelter.
- A supply of water outdoors enriches children's play and learning opportunities all year round and makes caring for plants easier during the hot weather.
- A variety of hard and soft surfaces and low-level slopes offer added interest, exciting new perspectives and often act as a catalyst for children's play ideas.

Organisation and management of outdoors

- The attitude and behaviour of adults outdoors has a profound impact on what happens there and on children's learning. It is therefore vital that children have the support of attentive and engaged adults who are enthusiastic about the outdoors and understand the importance of outdoor learning. Similarly, the outdoor environment will be fully effective as a place for high-quality learning experiences only if the adults involved in the organisation and the use and maintenance of the space recognise the importance of risk assessing to enable rather than restrict children's experiences.

- The organisation and design of the outdoors should include safe places where children can observe events without having to get involved unless they choose to, as well as active places where children can be boisterous and noisy.
- The availability of appropriate clothing and protection enables adults and children to go outside all year round, whatever the weather! In practice this means providing everyone with good protection against extreme heat and cold, and muddy, wet, windy or snowy weather conditions.
- Independent access to well-organised storage facilities enables children to select and return resources as and when they need them. Play and learning experiences outdoors are improved, and setting up and clearing away becomes a shared responsibility in which both adults and children can participate.

Children's play and learning

Children's outdoor learning is enhanced by an environment that is richly resourced with exciting play materials and open-ended flexible resources that can be adapted and used in different ways, according to the needs and interests of individual children.

Outdoor learning is more effective when adults focus on what children need to be able to do there rather than identifying what children need to have. An approach that considers experiences rather than equipment places children at the centre of the provision for outdoor learning and ensures that individual children's learning and developmental needs are taken account of and met effectively.

Effective practice outdoors involves providing opportunities for children in meaningful, engaging experiences that support their development in all areas of the curriculum. This will include opportunities for children to:

- be excited, energetic, adventurous, noisy, messy;
- talk, listen, interact, make friends;
- imagine, dream, invent, fantasise;
- create, invent, construct, deconstruct;
- investigate, explore, discover, experiment with their own ideas and theories;
- make sounds and music, express ideas and feelings;
- find patterns, make marks, explore different media and materials;
- investigate concepts and ideas;
- be active, run, climb, pedal, jump, throw;
- dig, grow, nurture, cultivate;
- hide, relax, find calm, reflect;
- have responsibility, be independent, collaborate with others.

How these experiences are offered to children will be influenced by space, budget, the age range of the children, or the needs of other users of the space. The priority given to specific types of experiences needs ongoing review and adaptation to reflect the changing interests and enthusiasms of the children currently using the outdoor space.

Provided sensible precautions are taken and appropriate risk assessments made, public spaces, such as parks, can be used to extend and support the learning environment for young children. Taking advantage of the local area in this way is useful for all settings, but especially those sited in tower blocks or built-up areas which do not have their own dedicated outdoor space.

Even the smallest parks will provide spaces in which children, who are well supervised, can explore freely. In addition, many will also provide a variety of trees and plants to look at, talk about and touch or smell, as well as opportunities to see at first hand new growth, or birds, squirrels and other life forms such as worms or insects, as well as ponds, or a pets corner. Some will also offer play areas with shock-absorbing surfaces containing small fixed play equipment such as slides, rockers and climbing frames.

It is important to help children to care for the environment by helping them to understand the need to take litter away with them, not to damage or remove plants or trees or wildlife and to respect other people's rights to enjoy the space as well. When children are encouraged to use the open spaces in the locality they can be helped to respect the environment and to feel a sense of ownership and pride in it.

In the absence of parks it may be necessary to visit spaces, such as a pedestrian area, or a green space in an urban setting for outdoor access. Walking to such an area will in itself provide much-needed exercise for children and, if safe and free from hazards, may hold possibilities for wider opportunities for exploration and investigation, given the usual risk assessments have been carried out satisfactorily.

How Outdoor Learning relates to children

Birth–11 months

The outdoors is full of rich stimulus and sources of learning for very young babies and even the very youngest will respond to the difference in the outdoor environment. The sights, smells and sounds of outdoors will interest and intrigue them. As their head and body control develops they will turn towards what they see or hear and reach out to whatever catches their attention. Being placed safely outside for sleep or rest periods gives babies and young children fresh air and an environment filled with new things to look at when they are awake.

8–20 months

The outdoors is a place where babies and toddlers can begin to find out about the world around them, the things that happen in that world and the opportunities for them to get involved. As they become more mobile babies and toddlers want to thoroughly explore everything they see outdoors. They will express their interests outdoors through their emerging language and communication skills and will rapidly absorb new words, signs and concepts relating to outdoor experiences. Outdoor learning provides a different perspective on the indoor world and extends their interests to its distinctive features such as leaves, trees, butterflies, birds and natural objects such as stones, rocks and logs.

16–26 months

Curious toddlers can make sense of their world and explore how one experience links to another while they are outdoors. They will delight in opportunities to experiment and combine materials, such as sand or soil and water. They are often enthusiastic transporters, endlessly carrying objects from one place to another, for example, using small wheelbarrows to move conkers or leaves. The expanded space offers opportunities for greater physical challenges such as clambering up or rolling down a small hummock, using wheeled toys, digging in soil or collecting leaves.

22–36 months

Children can learn to make decisions, solve problems and grow in confidence in their own abilities outdoors and they need plenty of time to investigate their outdoor environment purposefully. They will make predictions about what may happen based on their previous play experiences and test out these ideas and theories. Two-year-olds are exploratory by nature and are testing their skills and keen to find out about everything they encounter, including grass, stones, different levels of ground, sand, soil, twigs and leaves. They are also interested in finding out through observing sounds or movement in the landscape and love to dig and move matter such as leaves by sweeping, lifting with a spade or kicking them along. All these activities help them to discover the properties of materials and what they will do.

30–50 months

Children can discover new experiences and revisit favourite ones outdoors. Their mobility and enjoyment of the company of others means investigations include using less obvious areas to play, such as a path running behind a low line of plants. Children need opportunities for sustained outdoor play with familiar materials as well as with less familiar resources such as a parachute, which can be used in collaboration with other children and adults. Enhanced communication skills support social and cooperative play and collaborative endeavours such as this. Mounting and dismounting from fixed and mobile equipment forms an interest in itself as children try out ways of travelling across a low bench on a safe surface or crawling along a suitably safe makeshift 'assault course'.

40–60+ months

The outdoors is a place where children can continue to learn by doing. They carry on building on the knowledge, skills and understanding that they have already acquired to make sense of the world around them. They are active learners, seeking information and continuing to question and explore. Being outdoors provides a focus for different types of experiences which support young children's growing sense of confidence and autonomy. This is enhanced by the enjoyment of new challenges, such as seeking and finding treasure on a treasure hunt. Their enthusiasm to participate in outdoor experiences is expanded as their social and communication skills develop and they seek out and enjoy the company of adults and other children.

How Outdoor Learning relates to specific areas of Learning and Development

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The outdoors is a place that children of all ages can get pleasure from being in and can act on their strong impulse to investigate. They can be curious, inventive, and interested. They can concentrate and persevere at activities they have chosen. This in turn supports the development of positive attitudes towards new opportunities, challenges and responsibilities. The unique and special nature of the outdoors brings opportunities to experience beauty, joy, wonder and exuberance into children's everyday lives.

Gardening, in containers or other spaces, and growing activities outdoors, as well as seasonal maintenance tasks, such as weeding or sweeping leaves, provide valuable ways for children to develop care and concern for living things and their immediate environment. Outdoors can provide a safe supervised place for children to explore new challenges, learn to manage risk and to cope with change and adversity. Social relationships can be developed in a space that offers scope for communication through action, movement and language. Shared enterprises can be undertaken and emerging problems can be discussed and resolved. Negotiating for equipment or turns offers children situations where they can learn to consider the needs of others. Outdoors supports children's confidence, self-esteem and developing independence as they make choices and select resources. It also offers meaningful opportunities for personal independence as children learn to manage themselves in a different environment and in the putting on and taking off of outdoor clothes.

Communication, Language and Literacy

Outdoors, children can hear and respond to a different range of sounds, beginning to recognise and distinguish between noises in the outdoor environment. They can use action and movement alongside words and sounds to convey their ideas and meanings. The outdoors is a place where stories, songs and poems can be shared and enacted. Mark-making opportunities outdoors can every bit as valuable as those that are planned indoors; babies and toddlers will enjoy making handprints in damp sand, while older children can set a trail of sticks round the outdoor area leading to their den. The outdoors offers children exciting opportunities for developing upper body and limb strength through physical activity and movement. These experiences will have a positive impact on the development of control and coordination of small muscles needed later for successful handwriting.

Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

Babies and toddlers can enjoy number rhymes and act out number games outdoors. Their awareness of counting and the significance of numbers can be demonstrated there too, as they count how many beans have grown on the beanstalk and work out whether there are enough for everyone to try one. Natural materials that are found outdoors, such as twigs, conkers, chestnuts and pebbles can be sorted and graded according to size or shape. Imaginative games offer meaningful opportunities for children to learn to correspond objects, for example, giving each teddy a leaf plate and conker cake for an outdoor picnic. The outdoors is a place where children are able to explore and develop understanding of mathematical language and concepts in real life situations, for example, deciding how many more umbrellas or Wellington boots are needed if another two children want to go out on a rainy day. Perceptions and theories about shape, space and measure can be tried and tested as babies crawl between bushes, toddlers fill buckets with stones, or older children create patterns with fir cones.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

The outdoors is a place where children of all ages can explore and investigate a wide range of materials that cannot be found indoors. Babies and toddlers can have first-hand experience of nature through touching plants, smelling flowers, crawling on earth, and watching the movements of insects, spiders or beetles. Older children can note and record patterns in the natural and made environment, for example, through photographing leaves, or brickwork. The impact of wind, weather and seasons can be experienced directly and the effect on the environment noted. The cycle of plant growth and the seasonal changes outdoors give children context and meaning to the concept of time. Outdoors, all children can satisfy their curiosity in how things work through practical investigations, for example, what happens when a tower of logs falls down, or why balls only roll downhill. They can work out how materials can be joined to achieve a pre-planned purpose, for example, creating a structure on which they can balance. The outdoors offers a meaningful context for using simple ICT, for example a walkie talkie to contact a friend hidden in the den, or a camera to photograph a spider's web, or a pattern of stones and leaves. Use of the outdoors widens children's sense of place as they move between indoors and outdoors, watch passing people or cars, and note the features of their immediate and wider environment. The outdoors is a place for developing children's awareness of themselves and the important people in their lives, and for affirming and reflecting the events and traditions that contribute to children's growing awareness of their culture and society.

Physical Development

Outdoors children can be physically active on a scale that is less possible indoors. This offers babies and toddlers exciting opportunities for purposeful movement over large areas, exploration of different levels, negotiation along pathways and around objects, and changes in direction and speed. As children progress in their own learning journey the introduction of further challenges will ensure their existing skills can be expanded. Outdoors is a place where children can experience the effect of physical activity on their bodies, as their hearts beat faster and they breathe more deeply after vigorous movement such as running, speeding along on a wheeled vehicle or pushing themselves along the floor.

They can experience the reverse effect as they lie quietly on a rug outdoors. The outdoors supports children's developing awareness of personal health and safety. They can begin to understand how to maintain personal health and safety, for example through 'sun safe' routines in hot weather, and hygiene routines after handling earth. The outdoors is a place where children can develop control and dexterity with tools and small equipment, for example, through digging and gardening, or using bats and balls, hammers and nails, and sand play equipment.

Creative Development

The outdoors is full of creative opportunities and is rich with sensory stimuli. Children can explore and respond in a variety of ways to what they see, hear, feel, touch and smell. Through language and music, dance and movement, art and role-play props they can express and communicate their ideas and feelings. Outdoors, children can experiment with materials and repeat patterns of play. They can apply existing knowledge to new situations and become questioning and inventive thinkers. They can explore different materials in two and three dimensions, and begin to make connections and see the relationships between events and objects. Provision of resources such as pans, ladles and colanders strung safely on a line and spoons to bang against them offer opportunities for creating sounds and rhythms while a box containing role-play materials allows opportunities for making a traditional story such as 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' come to life. Netting fixed to a fence can become a weaving frame bigger than the child, encouraging weaving and threading movements.

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Performance Reward Grant Scheme

APPLICATION FORM

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Area Board	<i>Tidworth, Amesbury and Warminster</i>	
Name of initiative,	Skilled for Health	
Brief Description of Initiative	<p>The SfH programme integrates the goals of reducing inequalities in health with those of improving the literacy, language and numeracy skills of adults.</p> <p>In a collaboration between NHS Wiltshire, Army Primary Healthcare and other partners, the programme works with, and supports the families of, service men and women through a series of short courses to improve confidence and self esteem, encourage learners to access further education to improve their skills/take employment. This encourages the development of a strong and healthy community. These courses include sessions on healthy eating, how to stop smoking, responsible drinking and fitness.</p> <p>Learners in the Tidworth, Bulford, Larkhill and Warminster areas have, since attending, taken up further learning opportunities such as Basic Level Maths and English courses, and/or employment. Some learners have taken unpaid voluntary posts locally. (We have data to substantiate the above information). Civilian families have now been invited to join.</p>	
Please put a cross against the ambition(s) that this initiative will support	Building resilient communities	x
	Improving affordable housing	
	Lives not services	
	Supporting economic growth	x
	Safer communities	x
	Protecting the environment	
	Action for Wiltshire – combating the recession	
Amount of funding sought	£25,000	

<p>What will this money be spent on? (please show split between capital and revenue. For capital expenditure guidance – see Appendix 1 in the Bid Pack)</p>	<p>Project Costs for 1st April 2010 – 31st March 2011 Project Manager £52,000 ** Project Assistant £24,000 ** Total £151,000 Creche Facilities £45,000 Tutors £25,000 Marketing etc £ 5,000 ** This figure includes agency charges – PCT has been approached to employ Manager and Assistant to reduce costs but they are unable to recruit at present. Project Income for same period: Primary Care Trust £100,000 Confirmed Plain Action £ 25,000 Confirmed Annington Trust £ 1,000 Pending Total income: £126,000 Shortfall £ 25,000</p>
<p>Please describe how your initiative will support the ambition(s) indicated above, and summarise the action that will be taken</p>	<p>With an increase in knowledge of health issues, improved educational attainment through basic skills courses, and the integration of civilian and army families, we will be working towards building a resilient community, able to confidently take care of themselves and each other. Those who progress to either new employment, or obtain better paid work will contribute to the economic growth of the area. The practical sessions (including dealing with safety in the home, first aid and resuscitation) will provide learners with skills to keep their homes and community safer. We provide employment for local people as tutors and as crèche workers attached to a mobile crèche company.</p>
<p>What makes this initiative a local priority (eg evidence from research and local support)</p>	<p>Evidence proven that 50% of all new recruits to the Army have basic skills level 1 (age 8). Army currently embarking on health promotion programme for Army personnel to tackle issues of obesity, substance abuse, healthy eating etc. Holistic approach needed to provide information to army dependents, therefore improving health of whole family.</p>
<p>How will you know you have been successful?</p>	<p>The SfH Army Project was part of the second phase of the Department of Health Skilled for Health initiative which has been running throughout the country since 2003. It ran from Sept 08-July 09 and obtained funding from the PCT to run for a further year from 1 Apr 2009 to 31 Mar 2010. This was to ensure there was sufficient data to make a measured decision on whether this initiative would work in this area. Data from both our own local initiative and the national project (provided by the Tavistock Institute in London) has shown successes to date. We continue to collect data from our learners, and from anecdotal information from outside bodies and our learners. We analyse findings on a regular basis, making any adjustments to the programme as necessary.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will you measure the impact? (may have more than one measure) 	<p>Will continue with questionnaires completed by learners at both beginning and end of their sessions. A quiz to ascertain assimilation of information, and learner satisfaction form. Data collected and analysed from data programme. Anecdotal evidence from learners, tutors, partners involved in referring etc.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is your improvement target (s), and when do you expect to achieve this/these? 	<p>The learners come to small groups of no more than 8 on each course. They run in term times only as our learners need to care for their children during the holidays. We expect 60% of all those signed up for SfH to attend the sessions with approximately 70% going on to do a further six sessions combining health and skills subjects. From current data we would expect 85% of those to take up further education through other courses (approximately 45% to take and pass basic skills subjects), and a further 10% to take up some form of employment/voluntary work. Each learner will make some improvement to their lifestyle (healthy eating, exercise etc) the degree is dependent on the current state of their current lifestyle. Data to date is very promising.</p> <p>We aim to have 192 learners on new courses and 96 attending continuation sessions each term.</p> <p>If we receive funding from April 2010, we would expect to achieve these figures by the end of March 2011.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will you ensure that the improvement continues after the end of the initiative? 	<p>Follow up Questionnaires will be sent out to learners 6 and 12 months after they have completed courses to track ongoing improvements. Working in collaboration with other agencies, signpost learners to other learning/employment opportunities. On going support where possible. We are working in collaboration with the Primary Care Trust to train some SfH learners to be community Health Trainers. These learners will work locally, on a one to one basis, with people who wish to improve their lifestyle through improved health initiatives such as reducing smoking and taking more exercise.</p>
<p>Who will benefit from this initiative?</p>	<p>Of the number of communities in Wiltshire requiring special approaches to meeting their needs for health and wellbeing, Military personnel constitute around 3% of Wiltshire's population. Many of them live with their families in Wiltshire. SfH is expected to reach approximately 192 learners a year, over 4 venues (Tidworth, Bulford, Warminster and Larkhill). Approximately 384 children under age 5 years old will benefit from the crèche and improved health and wellbeing of their parents. We do not have figures for the number of children over the age of 5. 192 partners will also benefit from learners attendance, along with their wider family and friends in the community. SfH will help to build a healthier, resilient community, working towards the integration of both the civilian and army population. It will assist learners to improve their earning potential and employability through increased skills levels which will impact on the economy in the local area.</p>

<p>Confirm no unfunded commitments from this initiative</p>	<p>Please delete the statement that does not apply: I confirm that there will be no unfunded financial commitments arising from this initiative. **Both the Project Manager and Assistant are on agency contracts, which can cease at any time. The tutors are working as on self-employed contractors supplying their services to the project and their letter of engagement states that due to the nature of the work the project may cease, together with their work for SfH at any time.</p>
<p>What are the key risks to success and how will these be managed?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Without funding the programme will not be sustainable, although it is envisaged that this programme will continue beyond 2011. Continuing to look for further and future funding, via DoH, PCTs, outside charities and trusts. Have applied to the National Lottery and Salisbury Diocese. Providing data to senior Army personnel to enable SfH to be integrated within Army health promotion programme which will ensure majority of funding. We realise that this is a one off grant, and would not be seeking further funding in the future. 2. Loss of key personnel, in particular tutors. Building up bank of workers.
<p>Who will manage the initiative</p>	<p>Lydia Baos, Project Manager. Has successfully ran the project to date. Will be supervised by Col Bates, Regional Clinical Director of Army Primary Healthcare, and Sarah Walker, Ops Manager</p>

Signed:

Chairman of Area Board

Dated:

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 Attending	Location	Area Board Agenda Items	Other events (provisional)
1 July 2010	Cllr Lionel Grundy (Children's Services)	Figheidean Village Hall, Pollen Lane Figheidean SP4 8JR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointments to Associated Groups • Feedback from Health Fair and Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) • Presentation from English Heritage on the Stonehenge Visitor Centre • LTP Scheme Funding Allocation • Highway Maintenance Programme • Review of Library Service <p>Standard items including Partner Updates, Parish/Town Council Updates and Community Area Grants.</p>	<p>Consultation on Waste and Recycling</p> <p>Results of Flooding Consultation</p> <p>Draft Parking Strategy</p>
2 Sept 2010	Cllr Dick Tonge (Highways and Transport)	Avon Valley College Recreation Road Durrington SP4 6HH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update report on progress of Steeple Langford and Hanging Langford Allotments project • Presentation from Extended Services <p>Standard items including Partner Updates, Parish/Town Council Updates and Community Area Grants.</p>	<p>2011 Councillor Census</p> <p>Consultation on Waste Sites</p> <p>Local Transport Plan Strategy</p>

21 October 2010	Cllr Stuart Wheeler (Leisure, Sport and Culture)	The Bowman Centre Shears Drive Archers Gate Amesbury SP4 7XT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on A344 Junction Improvements, including the implications for surrounding villages Housing Tenants <p>Standard items including Partner Updates, Parish/Town Council Updates and Community Area Grants.</p>	Standards Committee presentation Draft Local Transport Implementation Plan Gypsy and Traveller Consultation Leisure Review
2 December 2010	Cllr Jane Scott (Leader of the Council)	<i>To be confirmed</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Standard items including Partner Updates, Parish/Town Council Updates and Community Area Grants.</p>	Consultation on Budget 2011/12
17 February 2011	Cllr Keith Humphries (Health and Wellbeing)	<i>To be confirmed</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Standard items including Partner Updates, Parish/Town Council Updates and Community Area Grants.</p>	

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