

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

WARMINSTER AREA BOARD

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Issue Update and Progress Report to Warminster Area Board

Change to officer support to the area board

The current Community Area Manager will be leaving Wiltshire Council on 14 January 2011. The post will be filled by another officer, who will hopefully be in attendance at the January meeting.

Warminster and Villages Community Partnership also have a new officer. Ginny Anderson is the new Community Development Officer and will be supporting the partnership to update and develop the community plan, support the themed pillar groups and encourage more partnership working.

We have come a long way over the past few months, so here are some of our achievements:

Warminster Voices

This pilot is developing into a flagship project, which has sparked interest from across the county. We have pioneered new ways of listening to what the wider community have to say. The project was the subject of a case study, commissioned to demonstrate how we are working with local people. The case study highlights the successes, challenges and plans for the future. It is available in the library and can be obtained from the community area manager.

Warminster Environmental Pride Team

This group has been meeting to find ways of tackling the problems of dog fouling and litter. Their aim has been to restore pride in Warminster and to encourage people to respect the local environment.

The group have come up with some innovative ideas, including developing a network of volunteers who would patrol their local area giving out leaflets,

dogs' excrement bags and advice about where to dispose of rubbish. There have been some set-backs, but the concept is an exciting example of the Big Society in action.

Performance Reward Grants

By working together, particularly with the town and parish councils and local community groups, we have achieved significant investment in the community area through the Performance Reward Grant Scheme.

Group	Project	Amount
Warminster Athenaeum Trust	Lift installation	£38,015
Friends of Warminster Park and the Community Area Young People's Issues Group	Teen shelter and boxing in skate park ramps	£12,000
Warminster Development Trust	Window displays in empty shops	£2,049
Warminster Community Radio	New studio equipment	£26,411
	TOTAL	£78,475

There has also been investment through county-wide grants for Community Speedwatch, Community Payback and Skilled 4 Health.

Community Area Grants

Here are a few highlights from the numerous projects that have received a community area grant.

Project	Amount awarded	Progress
Warminster Running Club	£329	Laptop purchased, enabling more efficient administration
Chapel of St Lawrence, tower restoration	£4,900	Work underway to make safe and maintain the tower
Warminster Town Council, War Memorial renovation	£5,000	The War Memorial and area surrounding it has been renovated and opened up, with new paths and seating. The area was well used during the Remembrance ceremonies.
Warminster Walkers, website	£400	Website available to view at www.warminstergov.co.uk/clubs/walkers/
Economy and Tourism Group, Christmas Buy	£400	Leaflet produced and in circulation

Local leaflet		
Community Area Young People's Issues Group, community arts project	£950	Artist identified and project developed. Awaiting planning permission.
Corsley Memorial Playing Field, facilities and access	£5,000	Work has commenced. The community area grant is part funding with a much larger bid to the Lottery.
Maiden Bradley Village Shop, freezer display	£1,923	Display unit ordered and awaiting payment of grant (signed paperwork only just received by WC).
Warminster Town Council, Christmas Grotto	£2,650	Grotto and Crib purchased. More information under Partner Updates.
Health and Social Care Group, weaning sessions	£510	Newly awarded grant, awaiting progress report.
Warminster Development Trust	£1,500	Newly awarded grant, awaiting progress report.
Blueznuz, transport to Christmas Party	£175	Transport supplied for the joint Christmas Party in Westbury.

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