



Engagement and Partnerships report

The Southern Wiltshire Area Board in May 2022 reviewed available local data and evidence, and integrated this with local knowledge and community conversation to agree the following local priority themes:

- ❖ **Addressing environmental issues**
- ❖ **Youth engagement and rural youth outreach**
- ❖ **Support older people and vulnerable adults' health and wellbeing**



Each priority theme has a series of more specific local actions that the Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager and Area Board Delivery Officer will work with the Southern Wiltshire Area Board to positively address them. The full action plan can be found at the end of this document.

Two examples of support and change that the Area Board has influenced since last updating in November 2022 are:

Priority

Support older people and vulnerable adults' health and wellbeing

Encouraged Redlynch Parish Council and volunteers in Winterbourne Earls to host 2 silent disco events for older people in early 2023 – following the success of the last silent disco in Downton in October 2022.

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Youth engagement and rural youth outreach

Supported a new youth pop up event at Hampton Park Pavilion in Laverstock during the February 2023 half term holiday, and facilitated partnership discussions with the parish council, local faith leaders and youth facilitators from the Bridge Mentoring initiative to develop new youth support in the parish.

Southern Wiltshire Area Board work plan and local priorities

Priority	Action(s)	Target(s)	Lead	Status
Sustainable Environment	1. Support parish councils and village hall committees to install EV charging infrastructure		Cllr Andy Oliver	
	2. engage parish councils to apply for grants to install solar panels on village halls, etc		Cllr Andy Oliver	Red
	3. engage local schools - supporting them in existing and new projects		Cllr Andy Oliver	Red
	4. Continue to support the Laverstock Schools Travel Plan Working Group	Working group continuing to focus on what credible actions can improve the situation. Hope to see tangible benefits over coming 2-3 years as new year groups turn the tide to better sustainable travel habits	Cllr Ian McLennan	Green
	5. Support the Salisbury-Amesbury Cycle Route Project		Cllr Andy Oliver	Red
Health & Wellbeing (Older People & Vulnerable Adults)	1. Deliver Make a Friend Be A Friend Project in Downton and Redlynch	Increase numbers of isolated older people to feel better supported and integrated into village activities	Cllr Rich Rogers	Green
	2. Facilitate new/support ongoing activities, for older people, i.e. Silent Discos, Age UK Fitness & Friendship clubs	Help older people feel supported and better connected to local activities and support	Cllr Rich Rogers	Amber
	3. Silver Sunday Outreach - oversee and monitor	Increase numbers of isolated older people to feel better supported and integrated into village activities	Cllr Rich Rogers	Green

	4. Dementia support	Understand better where the area board can add value. Supporting existing and new initiatives, including Downton Downtime, Cedar Care Home Activities Outreach, and potential new ceramics art class and singing group for Landford and surrounding villages	Cllr Rich Rogers	
	5. Carer Support, particularly to facilitate more opportunities for respite		Cllr Rich Rogers	
	4. Respond to cost of living crisis	7 Warm Spaces have set up and the 17th November Area Board meeting offered more information, support and encouragement to others to set up warm spaces where there is a need	Cllr Rich Rogers	
	5. Celebrating Age Programme	<p>Wiltshire Music Centre is the lead partner for Celebrating Age Wiltshire (CAW), a county-wide project delivering culture and heritage events and activity in community settings to support the wellbeing of vulnerable older people.</p> <p>Participants include those who are socially isolated or vulnerable due to dementia, reduced mobility, ill health or caring responsibilities, and those who are particularly impacted through the current Covid-19 circumstances.</p> <p>CAW is currently working across 10 local areas across the county. In each area, CAW works with arts and community organisations to deliver accessible, high-quality arts and heritage activity through four core strands of activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Online concerts and performances (Monthly) - Outdoor concerts - On doorsteps and in front gardens - 1:1 Creative Conversations - For those who are isolated at home - Noticing Nature - An outdoor art & wellbeing project with local artist, James Aldridge 	Cllr Rich Rogers	

Youth Engagement & Rural Youth Outreach	1. Oversee implementation and monitor impact of PSPO to control catapulting in Downton and Redlynch		Cllr Zoe Clewer Cllr Ian McLennan	
	2. Support the proposed new Streetwatch Scheme in Downton and Redlynch		Cllr Zoe Clewer Cllr Ian McLennan	
	3. Oversee and support implementation of the Rural Youth Outreach Project Yr1 and 2		Cllr Zoe Clewer Cllr Ian McLennan	
	4. Deliver a youth employment fair		Cllr Zoe Clewer Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Rich Rogers	Amber
	5. Deliver a youth volunteering fair		Cllr Zoe Clewer Cllr Ian McLennan	Red

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