



Community Engagement Report – Devizes Sep 23

The Devizes Area Board in June 23 agreed local priority themes for the year, each of which has one or more specific local actions associated with it. Some of the recent progress made includes:

Addressing Climate change and protecting the environment

- The consultation on the Devizes Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) which is part of the Local Transport Plan has now finished and the responses being considered.
- The launch of the new Demand Responsive Bus services in the Pewsey Vale took place on 3rd August and there has so far been a very good take-up. More information about it and how to book can be found at www.wiltshireconnect.co.uk or tel: 01225712900
- We are working with Sustainable Devizes to establish a plan to reduce private car use and increase use of public transport, walking and cycling

Improve opportunities for children and young people

- Initial contact made with Devizes school to look at young people's mental health.
- Supporting local village youth clubs

Valuing and supporting our vulnerable and older people

- Work is underway to establish a neighbourhood collaborative. A model which develops areas of work to address local health and wellbeing challenges to reduce health and wellbeing inequality gaps by working together.

Increasing the safety of our communities

- Work has continued to combat crime and ASB in Devizes. The Safer Street project is coming to an end and has provided a range of activities such as additional CCTV, education, mentoring, diversionary activities and detached youth work. The
- The Devizes Roots and Shoots initiative with the Football Association and police was relaunched in the spring

Strengthening our local economy

- Youth unemployment linked with education, access to work and subsequently poor mental health and ASB has been identified through the data as an area to address. An area board task group will be requested to be set up to take this forward
- Following discussions with Devizes Town Council, it has been agreed to see if we can help shape the developments within the town and maximise any opportunities. This is especially important along the canal which now includes the Wadworths site and the old hospital site.

