

# Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

## Community Safety Forum – Report to Area Board OCTOBER 2024

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### Overview

The Community Safety Forum was set up during the height of the Covid-19 Lockdown to bring together appointed representatives of the Towns and Parishes and the Area Board Members with the local Wiltshire Police Inspector and the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Station Manager (Swindon West & North East Wiltshire – Westlea, RWB & Cricklade).

The group continues to meet virtually on the second Friday of the month.

Police and Fire priorities and issues are discussed, along with any general concerns arising from the parishes.

There will generally also be a main topic of interest with a presentation and speaker.

Notes of the meetings are sent to those present to be shared as they wish within their own parishes/organisations.

*If anybody would like a copy of the notes or presentations, or to join the Forum, please contact [allison.bucknell@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:allison.bucknell@wiltshire.gov.uk)*

### Recent Meetings

#### **JULY 2024**

##### **Speaker –SARAH HOLDEN, Supervisor | Road Safety, Wiltshire Police**

Sarah took us through the work of the Road Safety unit at Wiltshire Police, focussing on Community Speedwatch, SIDs, and the Police Road Safety Unit.

#### **AUGUST 2024**

##### **Speaker - JUDE DEAMAN - . Connect Young People**

Jude gave us a fascinating insight into the work that is being done with young people who are involved in substance misuse, particularly drugs.

#### **SEPTEMBER 2024**

##### **Speaker - GRAHAM MEARNS, IAM Roadsmart**

Graham explained the excellent work carried out by IAM Roadsmart (Institute of Advanced Motorists) to improve the standard of driving on the roads of Wiltshire.

Report by

**Cllr Allison Bucknell, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024**