

# ***Partner Update***

<b>Update from</b>	<b>Warminster Town Council</b>
<b>Date of Area Board Meeting</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> December 2024

## **Headlines/Key Issues**

- Warminster Town Council has been awarded Quality Gold accreditation under the Local Council Award Scheme.
  - Cllr Liz Lee was coopted onto the council in September. A Becoming a Councillor event was held on 15/16 November to provide information to people about what being a councillor involves. A second event will be held in February 2025. Several people have already expressed an interest in standing as a town councillor in the May 2025 elections.
  - Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money has been awarded as follows:  
St Lawrence Chapel - £13,500 (to be match funded) – to repair the clock.
  - The new three phase meter has been installed in the Hub Building meaning that the solar panels can now be installed. They are likely to be installed over the Christmas break.
  - As part of the council's partnership working with the Warminster Business Network Warminster Town Centre, newsletters providing useful updates for local businesses are being produced and circulated.
  - The final event of the year in the Town Park, Pumpkins in the Park, was very successful, attracting hundreds of people and over 100 carved pumpkins.
  - The final market of the year was held on 30<sup>th</sup> November, coinciding with the Christmas Lights Switch On event. The markets attracted over 100 stalls in the High Street and Market Place and over 30 stalls inside in the Civic Centre. Local shops reported record levels of sales. The lights were switched on by the Marquess and Marchioness of Weymouth.
  - A Warminster Bicycle Survey is in progress to gauge opinion on bicycle parking and storage in the town. To date 72 completed responses have been received.
  - Two Christmas activities are currently in place: the Christmas Carol Hunt via the Explore Wiltshire App and the Christmas Window Competition via the Town Council's website.
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- The number of detached youth work sessions provided by youth outreach workers from Warminster and Westbury Youth Club has increased to four per week, reflecting increased demand.
  - Cranborne Chase StarFest will be held in the Civic Centre in March 2025, part of a big programme of events for 2025.
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