

South West Wiltshire Area Board Community Planning Event - Next Steps

ACTION LOG

Area prioritised by Area Board	Issue identified	Action identified	Latest update (2 July 2013)
1 - Economy, jobs and skills	Assisting existing small / medium sized businesses and encouraging new businesses	Support required for managing role (business mentor)	Wiltshire Business Support Service is now available through Wiltshire Council partnership with Wessex Chambers. More information available at http://www.wessexchambers.org.uk/business-support/introduction.php .
		Favourable business rates for new businesses	Tisbury campus site will benefit from successful European funding bid for business incubation units.
		Supporting the needs of local businesses	Area Board project approved on 6.2.12, to support work of local businesses through the local business chambers/association for a series of projects that will be delivered over 2 year period. Will include close working with the AONB, particularly in connection with their sustainable rural tourism pilot programme.
	Cost of heating oil	Bulk buying schemes	Bulk buying scheme now in place through Community First; more information available at http://www.communityfirst.org.uk/index.php/cf-bulk-oil-buying . Service has been promoted through blogsite and newsletters.
Broadband / mobile phone reception	Increase in downloading speeds, filling in 'not spots.'	£35.6 million project announced - Wiltshire Council, in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council, has agreed a deal with BT which should enable 91 per cent of homes and businesses in the Wiltshire authority area to have access to world class broadband speeds by the end of March, 2016. The remaining premises within the project area will see a significant improvement in their speeds with the vast majority receiving greater than 2Mbps. Following the contract signing, there will be a period of planning and surveying. Don't have detailed or parish/town level information at this contract award stage but Wiltshire Online team will work with Area Board to ensure we have the most up to date information and fully understand how we will receive area specific updates in the future as they are made available. More information available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wiltshireonline . Grant funding awarded to East Knoyle Village Website on 17.10.12 to complement infrastructure work. Volunteer co-ordinators recruited in area as part of Wiltshire Online Digital Literacy programme. Ron McKinlay in Mere, Mike Lennard in Tisbury and Wilton.	

	Promoting tourism / training opportunities	More awareness of events happening across the community areas	Community blogsite launched in September 2012. This aims to offer various opportunities to share what is happening in the community areas, with local people taking ownership of the site. Weekly mailshot sent to Community Area Network. Area Board currently exploring opportunities to run another professional cycle tour race in Wilton in 2013/14, highlighted as an example which the Area Board will look to promote for local businesses. 2012 Legacy discussed at AB meeting on 17.10.12; AB open to consider grant funding applications for events in 2013. Area Board agreed on 6.2.13 to fund expenses for an intern to work alongside AONB on their sustainable rural tourism pilot programme; intern now recruited. Community Area Manager continuing to work closely with AONB on this project; will be promoting new walking/cycling/horse trekking routes in coming months.
	Youth unemployment	Transportation required - cost of car insurance and fuel means car ownership not viable	Plans to provide educational training at Tisbury Community Campus are part of proposal agreed by Cabinet.
		Young people need to be able to access local, relevant training opportunities	Plans to provide educational training at Tisbury Community Campus are part of proposal agreed by Cabinet. Wiltshire apprenticeship campaign launched in Salisbury on Tuesday 9th October 2012 http://bit.ly/Orh1rh
		Volunteering a way into work	Volunteering item brought to Area Board in June 2012 to raise awareness. Further promotion / links with local groups is an essential part of the new community blogsite.
2- Health and the Environment	Water supply / demand	Represent interests of South West Wiltshire community areas to ensure future water supply is secured	Wessex Water grid project in progress, aiming to improve supply and deal with water quality issues. Planned reduction of some abstraction licenses. Wessex Water is working with the Mere Rivers Group to undertake a trial to show the effect of water abstraction on the river; in June 2013 gauges were put in place on the Ashfield Water and on the Shreen and the trial got underway.
	Sustainable living	Promote toilet hippos / water butts and other forms of sustainable living	Opportunities to promote issues through the new community blogsite - information provided in March 2013 about free water saving devices being offered by Wessex Water (on blogsite and in newsletter).
	Highest rate of asthma per ... in Wilton out of all 20 Community Areas	Establish reasons and suggest possible actions	WilCAP members were working on a report but this has now been stopped due to the dissolution of WilCAP.
	Wildlife	Create wildlife corridors and link all wildlife areas rather than isolated pockets, encourage biodiversity	Burcombe PC received grant for community orchard and wildlife area in August 2012. The Area Board would encourage funding applications from other parishes that meet this aim.

	Health issues relating to aging population		WC considering a strategy which aims to prevent older people from falling and breaking bones; consultation closed on 13 September 2012. Area Board granted funding for Nadder Close Gardening Club on 17.10.12 to launch group, enabling people to socialise and remain fit/healthy. Link established with Health Community Network and Community Health Awareness Team for future closer working.
3 - Housing	Affordable housing	Get empty homes back in use	Info sent out to Community Area Network re. Empty Homes Officer on 18.6.12. On 3rd October there were 109 properties identified as long term empty properties (more than 6 months), 5.91% of total number of empty properties, 1.08% of total number of households in area.
		Change social housing criteria	Area Board consulted on 17.10.12 on a future review of Wiltshire's Housing Allocations System. This led to an extraordinary meeting being held on 12.12.12 to explore issues around housing in more detail. Attendees were invited to vote and a majority voted that a priority for social housing should be given to those with a local connection to the area. This feedback from South West Wiltshire Area Board will form part of the full, future Housing Allocations review. Further details on this are available - please email stephen.harris@wiltshire.gov.uk .
		Local houses for local people	
		Key worker housing	

