

Community Facilities, Health & Wellbeing Panel

Safe Places

The Amesbury Area Board has initiated discussions with partners to look into the initial implementation of the Safe Places scheme in Amesbury.

Safe Places is a scheme to which local businesses sign up to provide a place where a vulnerable person, or someone having a crisis whilst out and about, can go and know that they will be welcomed and kept safe until adequate support can be organised. The scheme is already successfully operating in a number of towns across Wiltshire. All Wiltshire Council premises are Safe Places.

A meeting was held on Monday 11th November to discuss the scheme, attended by representatives from the Stonehenge Chamber of Trade, Wiltshire Police, Amesbury Town Council, the Link scheme and Amesbury Area Board.

Diane Jenkins (Wiltshire Council), gave an overview of the aims of the scheme and how it might be implemented in Amesbury. A mapping exercise needs to take place to identify where businesses that meet certain criteria are located. Care needs to be taken to identify a range of Safe Place locations that will be suitable for a range of people including both the young and old. Safe Places forms part of developing dementia friendly communities.

There is no cost to set up the scheme, up to 50 registration packs, ICE cards and wallets will be provided, which will get the scheme up and running. A Tool Kit is provided with all set up/training details.

A follow up meeting will take place in December for the next phase of the implementation process. Once participants have been registered and trained there will be a formal launch of the scheme in Amesbury.