

# Just a Minute

# **News from South West Wiltshire Area Board**

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This newsletter, sent to the **South West Wiltshire** *Community Area Network*, enables you to keep in touch with things that are happening locally. With regular news from the Area Board, Council, Police, NHS and many other local community groups and organisations, you can be the first to know what is happening. If you have received this from a friend or colleague you can join the **South West Wiltshire** *CAN* <u>by clicking here</u>. PLEASE PASS THIS EMAIL ON!

# Foreword from the Chairman – Cllr Bridget Wayman



The last couple of months have certainly been a busy time for the Area Board! Towards the end of March we held an extraordinary meeting where young people presented their application for funding from the allocated budget for South West Wiltshire. We had a fantastic response, and so far a total of 14 projects have received an overall £11,743.

The final Diamond Jubilee and Olympic Torch funding applications have also been received; out of the £41,000 ring-fenced for these applications a total of £26,894 was awarded, which means that £14,106 has been returned to the general funding pot.

As I'm sure many of you are aware, HM The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh visited Salisbury on 1<sup>st</sup> May as part of her Diamond Jubilee tour. South West Wiltshire Area Board was represented in one of the jousting tents on the day, and I must sincerely thank once again all of those who contributed and took part. It was a wonderful occasion and a very special day for all involved.

This will be my last forward as Chairman of the Area Board, as I have decided to step down from the role. It has been a great honour to hold this responsibility since the Area Board was formed as a result of the move to a Unitary authority, and I look forward to continuing to support the work of the board into the future.

### \*Next Area Board Meeting\* 13 June 2012 – Bishopstone Village Hall, 7pm



Future meetings - start 7pm 15 Aug 12 - Grove Buildings, Mere 17 Oct 12 – Nadder Hall, Tisbury Area Board meetings are a fantastic opportunity to engage in what is happening in your local community. At our next meeting we are due to look at the work being done to develop and support volunteering in Wiltshire, as well as an opportunity for people to have their say on the future provision of informal adult education. There will also be information from our partners, updates on the Community Area Transport Group and the Tisbury campus, and decisions made on funding applications. Come along from 6.30pm to make use of the refreshments on offer!

**DON'T FORGET;** if you wish to report a new issue in the area then please <u>click here</u>. You will be asked to fill in some basic information and you will then be able to track what happens next! You can use this process if you have any concerns about something happening in your local community.

#### **Contacting your local Wiltshire Councillor**



Councillors are elected by the local community to plan, run, monitor and develop council business; they are there to represent you. If you have any issue that you would like to raise with your local Wiltshire Councillor, then please find contact details below:

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## Community Grants - \*\*APPLY NOW\*\* \*\*CHANGES FOR 2012/13\*\*



There have been some changes to the Community Area Grants system for 2012/13; for the first time small grants of up to £350 are available to any group for projects that are aimed at building a stronger community. You don't have to be a formal group with a constitution, you just need to have an idea and the plan to deliver it! Find out more at http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm or contact Stephen Harris on 01722 434211 for further information.

Standard grants are still available as before; we are now in a new financial year so please encourage your local community groups and organisations to bring projects forward! Awards will be made at each area board meeting as funds allow. The maximum award is £5,000 for which projects would need to have match-funding in place; however, for smaller applications up to £1,000 there is no match funding requirement.



Please remember the application deadline is usually around 4 weeks before meetings.

We work closely with the Charities Information Bureau who can help you identify other suitable sources of funding for your projects. Go to <u>http://www.cibsouthandwest.org.uk</u>



To keep an eye on our progress check out our <u>South West Wiltshire Google Map</u> Please feel free to leave a comment or rate the map!

### **Community Planning Event**



You can now view the feedback from our recent Community Planning Event, held on 5 March 2012 at Dinton Village Hall:

Housing / Environment <u>Transport / Community Safety</u> <u>Arts, Culture and Leisure / Health and Well Being</u> <u>Economy, Jobs and Skills / Children and Young People</u>

The Area Board is currently in the process of analysing the feedback captured and will reporting back soon on how this will affect priorities in the year ahead.



Wiltshire council's Economy & Enterprise team have recently started to produce a funding bulletin for businesses; you can find the edition for May and more support on sources of funding by clicking <u>here</u>.

A new round of funding through the Village SOS scheme has also been announced. The grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 will be available to help communities develop plans for enterprising community projects that will answer a local need or improve services for local people, from community-run shops and pubs to energy or transport schemes, craft or food projects.

You can register at <u>www.villagesos.org.uk</u> where you will find more information and advice about starting up community enterprises, including an online support network and details of the 2012 Village SOS roadshow – events across the UK that will offer hands on advice from experts.

Application forms for the funding are available on the VillageSOS website.

# Tackling Financial Exclusion – Wiltshire Community Bank



Wiltshire Community Bank is delivered by credit unions in Wiltshire to provide services such as savings, loans, and budgeting accounts to its members. Wiltshire Community Bank is supported by local partners including Wiltshire Council through the strategic financial inclusion partnership called Wiltshire Money. For more information about the work of Wiltshire Money <u>click here</u>. You can also find out more at our Area Board meeting on 15 August 2012, where there will be a display for you to view and a presentation.

You can also view a 7 minute video about the work of Wiltshire Community Bank here.

The next Community Areas Transport Group (CATG) meeting will be held at 2.00pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2012 in Dinton Village Hall. This meeting will review the progress of agreed projects so far and to discuss future minor highways works that could be

supported by the Area Board from their annual fund. At the meeting in March the group

# Community Areas Transport Group - \*\*\*NEW SCHEMES REQUIRED FOR 2012/13\*\*\*



proposed funding for: £1500 towards dropped kerbs in Charlton £3500 towards Tollard Royal roadside kerbing £3500 towards Tisbury Row footbridge

These schemes were then agreed by the Area Board. We would very much like to hear about new ideas to put on the list for 2012/13. Schemes could be new crossings, dropped curbs, cycle routes – the sort of things that, though small, will improve the local infrastructure. Remember, the more detailed the proposal (especially with regard to its justification) the better chance it will have. For more information please contact Stephen Harris, the Community Area Manager on 01722 434211 or email stephen.harris@wiltshire.gov.uk

# **Twitter link**



You can now follow the South West Wiltshire Area Board on Twitter! Go to <u>www.twitter.com</u> to sign up if you have not done so already, and follow @SW\_Wiltshire by clicking <u>here</u>. Any updates will be sent out as they happen, and if you would like to make others aware of what is happening in the community then this can also be forwarded on. If you would like further advice on how to access us on Twitter then please speak to Stephen Harris (details below).

For those not on Twitter please rest assured that this service does not replace other forms of communication already in use!

#### Jubilee Celebration Event in Salisbury on 1 May 2012





A fun-packed Diamond Jubilee celebration event took place at Salisbury's Cathedral Close on 1 May 2012. The medieval-themed event took place in Salisbury because of its links to the Magna Carta.

South West Wiltshire Area Board were represented with a tent including an AONB display, live story-telling, youth project work, bell-ringing, a hurdler and many exhibits from contributing parish councils. Despite a rainy start, the sun came out just in time to welcome the royal party as over 10,000 people came to view the tents and try to catch a glimpse of royalty!

The close also played host to a number of activities with performances from actors in period costume and displays of falconry. Maypole and morris dances took place, as well as Gambian drummers and a medieval combat re-enactment.

If you have any good photographs of the day please send them to Stephen Harris, Community Area Manager. We are in the process of putting these together and these can then be shared with the Community Area Network.

# Great British Walking Challenge



Take to your feet this May! Living Streets are urging people across the country to join in the <u>Great British Walking Challenge</u>. Join the country as it takes to its feet - how many steps can you clock up?

Did you know that Wiltshire Council offers free walking groups around the county? 'Get <u>Wiltshire Walking</u>' aims to give Wiltshire residents the opportunity to take part in health beneficial exercise, develop volunteer and training opportunities and create stronger communities through this sociable and localised activity. There are currently ten hugely successful health walks across the county, with three new walks having just started in Durrington, Marlborough and Malmesbury.

#### Wiltshire Wildlife Trust



The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust in partnership with the waste management team is currently recruiting waste prevention volunteers to work in communities to help people reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. No previous experience or knowledge needed, just enthusiasm about waste prevention and recycling. The next training course will take place in Calne on the 26 May. Lunch is provided. For more details please contact Emma Croft on 01380 725670 or e-mail: <u>emmac@wiltshirewildlife.org</u>

#### Anything to add?



If you are aware of anything happening in the South West Wiltshire area that you would like to be included in the next edition of *Just a Minute* please contact Stephen Harris; details are given below.

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