

Just a Minute

Bratton, Coulston, Dilton Marsh, Edington, Heywood and Westbury

Westbury Area Board

April/May 2011

Just a Minute is a summary of the official minutes for the Westbury Area Board. Formal minutes are available from Anna Thurman, Democratic Services Officer – anna.thurman@wiltshire.gov.uk or visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

Young people get helping hand with hi-tech community project

Plans to open a multi media centre at the Westbury youth centre got a boost when the area board agreed to back the project with a £3400 grant. Youngsters from the Community Area Young People's Issues Group (CAYPIG) helped explain project plans by showing their own DVD. The project, which will make use of a redundant space at the Eden Vale youth centre, will also be open for the community to use.

Future waste sites identified

Westbury could have as many as three sites for the treatment of waste, the area board heard. A consultation into countywide proposed sites starts on June 13 when everyone will be able to have their say. Possible sites for development in waste treatment are Northacre Park, West Wilts Trading estate and the former Lafarge site though people attending the area board heard that there were no plans to use the former cement works chimney. Come along to the June 16 area board to find out more or visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/

Partner updates

Representatives from a range of local organisations attended or updated the area board. They included local police, NHS, town and parish councils, the Community Area Partnership and CAYPIG.

Village orchard is venue for pupils' green lessons



Pupils from Bratton school helped plant new apple trees in the historic community orchard. The new trees had been funded through an area board grant. Find out about grants at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

Area board backs call for more protection of local landscape

Councillors on the area board have backed a call for the local landscape to become an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Charles Routh from Natural England and council landscape officer Maxine Russell explained the protection already in existence for the Wellhead Valley and answered questions from local people keen to see the landscape with the added protection of AONB status.

Paragon packed for area board

Almost 90 people turned up for a packed area board agenda in April at the Paragon Hall. Everyone got the opportunity to ask questions and join in the discussions about local issues. Why not join in and come along to our next meeting on June 16? Everyone is welcome.



Introducing Westbury's new police inspector

Police Inspector Lindsey Winter, who will oversee local police in Westbury and Warminster areas, was introduced at the area board.

Inspector Winter is taking over from Inspector Dave Minty. To contact her call 0845 408 7000, extension 726813, or email lindsey.winter@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

Area board action on highways

Traffic and highways issues were the subject of two recent area board meetings. The first was held at Edington village hall to discuss the B3098 and was attended by representatives from local parish councils. They were given weight and speed traffic data, a summary of work being done on speed control, and a commitment that the road will soon be reduced from its current 60mph limit to 50. At a meeting of the Community Area Transport Group, members got the chance to discuss local highways issues and agreed to a range of actions including looking at creating a painted pavement at Edington and widening the pavement at the entrance to Oldfield Park.

Latest highways news

You can now find a breakdown of the highway works carried out by Wiltshire Council in the Westbury area during 2010/11. The document also sets out the work proposed for 2011/12 and includes other information which will be of local interest. To access the document [click here](#)

Issues updates

Recent issues include:

- Speeding concerns on variety of Westbury roads resulting in metro count checks
- Concerns about vehicles driving to Wellhead woods resulting in new signage to be installed
- Concern about the double roundabout on Station Road, resulting in planned refreshing of road markings
- Concern about safety of pedestrians and riders using Newtown – resulting in police being alerted to possible speed issues.

How to find out more.....

To see the full minutes and reports, and to find out about grants and how to report and track your local concerns visit

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards or contact your local councillor or your community area manager Sally Hendry on 01373 864714 or at sally.hendry@wiltshire.gov.uk

Council services campus development for Westbury

Plans to house Wiltshire Council services in a campus style setting were discussed at the area board. Project officer Lucy Murray-Brown, who is leading the countywide project, said there had been no decision about whether the campus would be on one or two sites or what form it might take. But she stressed the views of local people would be taken into consideration when consultation on the project takes place next year. Local people expressed concern about any loss of facilities from the town centre and their commitment to keeping the town's historic pool.

Library gets high tech help

Head of Libraries Joan Davies told the area board that the recent countywide review of the library service has meant a small cutback in Westbury's opening hours. Five and a half hours have been lost, and the library is to get a self issue machine which not only allows people to issue and return their books but can also be used to pay for fines and reservations. All mobile library services in the area will be unchanged. For more details about opening hours contact Westbury library on 01373 822294.

Contacting your councillor

Four Wiltshire Council members represent you on the community area board and would be pleased to hear from you about local issues and concerns and to offer information and advice on grants.



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The next Westbury Area Board is at Heywood Village Hall on Thursday 16 June 6.30 for 7pm