

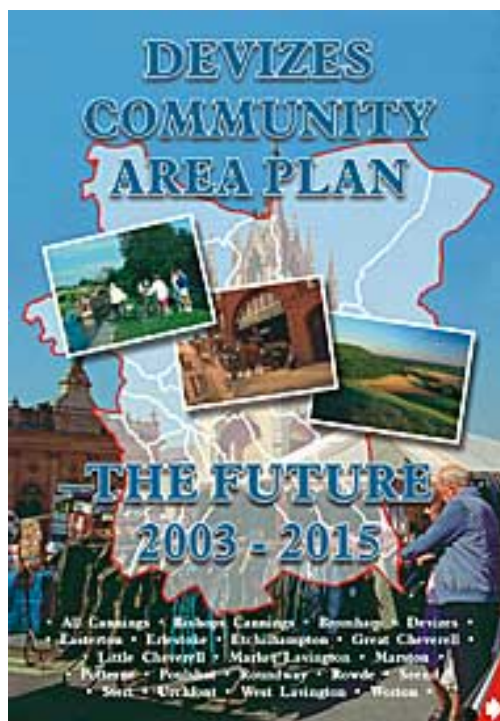
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DEVIZES COMMUNITY AREA PLAN

THE FUTURE 2003 - 2015



The plan covers the parishes of:

- All Cannings • Bishops Cannings • Bromham • Devizes • Easterton • Erlestoke •
- Etchilhampton • Great Cheverell • Little Cheverell • Market Lavington • Marston •
- Potterne • Poulshot • Roundway • Rowde • Seend • Stert • Urchfont •
- West Lavington • Worton •

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Our thanks go to the many people who have contributed to the Plan by attending consultations and meeting, giving their time to ensure that the Plan is inclusive of the whole Community Area.

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The Vision for Devizes Community Area. . . .

To form an integrated community of people and businesses, blending a living and working countryside with its service centre, the thriving market town of Devizes, and ensuring that all people have a good quality of life with access to the facilities they need.

What is the Community Plan?

The Community Plan is the result of wide consultation. Representatives from the voluntary and private sectors have been working with councillors from Kennet District Council, Wiltshire County Council and Devizes Town Council in putting together a plan that will improve the quality of life for the people who live, work or study in the Devizes Community Area.

The plan has taken into account views of the public through various means including research panels, People's Voice (18+) and Tomorrow's Voice (13-18) with 300 and 150 members respectively, and also through consultation forums. The largest of these being an event held in Devizes Corn Exchange, when approximately 100 people attended.

The Community Area Plan sets out the community's aspirations. Achieving these will rely on resources being available.

The Devizes Community Area Planning Partnership

A number of bodies are responsible for delivering the plan. The partnership itself is made up of agencies and organisations, including the voluntary sector which are making significant contribution to the delivery of the plan.

The partnership will generally meet every 2-3 months to ensure that the actions in the plan are put into place by the organisations responsible.



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The Strategy for Devizes Community Area. . . .

The community wants to respond to the many changes it faces, by taking action in ways which do not spoil what we have but rather protects and improves things for the future. We call this **sustainability**.

In that context, the aim for the Devizes Community Area is to create a more self-contained community. This means supporting the town of Devizes but also involves helping the larger villages, such as Market Lavington, in their roles as service centres. In addition, the plan is to improve transport, which will bring town and countryside closer together and help all the population to access events and services.

A needs assessment, from a wide range of sources, reveals the community should concentrate on: -

The economy, health and transport as key issues. More local jobs, better shopping opportunities, improved health care and integrated transport opportunities are actions at the heart of this strategy.

These actions will help to support local distinctiveness. The community will develop a greater sense of belonging and pride of place as people do more things on a local level.

The youth of the community will be encouraged to think more about their future locally and what they can do to improve things for themselves and others.

The rest of this document sets out how things might be improved by the community as a whole working together on their visions set out in this plan.



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Keeping our Plans Up to Date. . . .

This plan is a summary of a more detailed strategy and action plan, which will be updated regularly. The summary plan will be re-issued every 4 years.

The more detailed action plan will be available for public scrutiny and any significant changes or additions to this plan will be communicated to the public through the newspapers and other channels of communication.

The work areas will always take account of the following criteria:-

Sustainability - the heart of sustainable development is looking for a better quality of life for people today and making sure that it can be handed on to their children and grandchildren. That means economic, social and environmental issues have to be considered together not separately.

Support of Partners - are all the organisations/ agencies who are vital to the success of a project included in discussing, implementing and resourcing it?

Impact - how will the work improve the quality of life for people in the Devizes Community Area whether on a social, environmental or agricultural basis? Will there be any negative effects?

Integration - ensuring that work carried out under the name of the Devizes Community Area Planning Partnership complements rather than contradicts the delivery of existing services.

Funding - will there be money available from within the partnership or from outside, not only to start the work but also to sustain it over a period of time?

Uniqueness - tailoring actions to the specific need of the Devizes Community Area.

Achievability - being able to deliver agreed projects on time and within budget.

Value for Money - will the project be successful enough to justify the money spent on it?

Equality and Diversity - this Strategy and Action Plan complies with one of the Government's objectives which is to promote equality of opportunity to access all services, working towards the elimination of all forms of discrimination.

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Objectives for Devizes Community Area . .

Devizes needs to maintain its role as the major service and shopping centre for the Community Area. The town offers the best prospect for maintaining local services, attracting more employment and introducing more sustainable modes of transport. A broad economic base in the rural areas can have a positive impact on the viability of a community. Shops, post offices, pubs, churches, schools halls, meeting rooms and even petrol stations with shops provide places for community interaction.

Below are the key objectives we will be working towards:

The Community Area will offer :

- healthy and vibrant villages for the rural population.
- a tourist destination, where all can enjoy the cultural, heritage and wildlife riches of the area.
- a place where leisure and sports are enjoyed by people of all ages.
- access for young people to high performing schools, high quality support services and a good range of social activities.
- a place where a full range of Health Services continues to be available.
- a place where new housing of all types is provided to meet local need and local quality jobs are on offer.
- support for an improvement of public transport between town and villages.

Devizes will be :

- a centre where increasing numbers of people come to shop, socialise and appreciate the town's unique historical and architectural value.
- a town that consults with its residents and those of the wider community area.
- a town that has an ever improving and well supported voluntary sector.
- a safe and well-policed town.
- a place to where businesses are encouraged to locate and operate.



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Present Position

STRENGTHS

- Cultural and architectural heritage;
- Core attractions such as the Kennet and Avon Canal, Wadworth's Brewery, Wiltshire Heritage Museum, Devizes market, beautiful countryside and picturesque villages;
- Good health and educational services;
- Development potential;
- Central location of Devizes in Wiltshire and close to other nearby tourist attractions;
- A town and area where people like living.

WEAKNESSES

- Difficulties in getting around and with getting into and out of town;
- Insufficient promotion of town's attractions to both tourists and local people;
- Shortage of certain types of community facilities such as affordable meeting places;
- Not enough attention paid to rural areas.

THREATS

- Increased traffic in and out of town;
- Difficulty in reconciling different points of view. This could hinder progress in town centre development, housing schemes, etc. potentially resulting in a weaker economy;
- Loss of character caused by too much new development;
- Continuing closure of village-based amenities e.g. pubs, shops, post offices;
- Young people continue to leave the town;
- Current trends suggest an increase in drug misuse and vandalism;
- Expansion of Devizes beyond its capacity (educational, health, police, etc.);
- Possible decrease in health services in Devizes.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Increasing economic activities and developing more locally-based industries to serve surrounding rural areas;
- Expanding the range of educational services currently available;
- Use external funding to improve and increase transport links and facilities;
- Improving the promotion and marketing of the area's attractions;
- Use the area's unique and historical culture in promoting economic development;
- Making the most of the unique wildlife rich area of Salisbury Plain;
- Improving sports, arts and leisure facilities;
- To utilise the skills and knowledge of local people further in developing and sustaining improvements to their community;
- Providing affordable housing;
- Increasing the range of and variety of hotels available to visitors.

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Actions that are Already Underway

Projects identified at the Consultation Event in May 2001 included:-

- **Devizes Christmas Market November 2001 -
Successfully completed in November 2001 and repeated in
November 2002. It is hoped this will become an annual event.**
- **Gateway Signage for Devizes -
Successfully completed. Signs erected on all the main roads
into Devizes advertising the town, its twinned towns and
current events.**
- **Retail Revival Strategy -
Successfully completed and main recommendations fed
into this plan for future action.**
- **Community Plan for the Devizes Community Area -
Successfully completed with this document.**
- **Communications Strategy for the Devizes Community Area -
Successfully completed and recommendations will be put
to use in future consultation and information distribution.**
- **Youth Work in the Villages -
The Arts project in West Lavington has been completed
and a music project is currently being run.
A senior youth club has been started in Urchfont.**
- **Electronic information access point in Devizes Visitor Centre
and internet access point at Potterne for the community -
Successfully completed and in use by the public.**
- **Internet Access -
Free access is now available in Devizes library.**

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Broader Issues

A number of broader issues were identified at the public consultation event in May 2001. These can be applied across the range of themes and actions. They are:-

Communication

Getting information to people at the right time and in the right way, and enabling them to comment, discuss and put forward opinions on local services needs to be more effective. In the next few months we will be working with the local community in ensuring that all aspects of communication are improved whether this is by electronic (internet) or through more traditional means (newsletters, leaflets etc.).

Sustainability

Projects need to be adequately resourced, have significant local support and a sufficient life span within which to make a positive difference.

Timescales

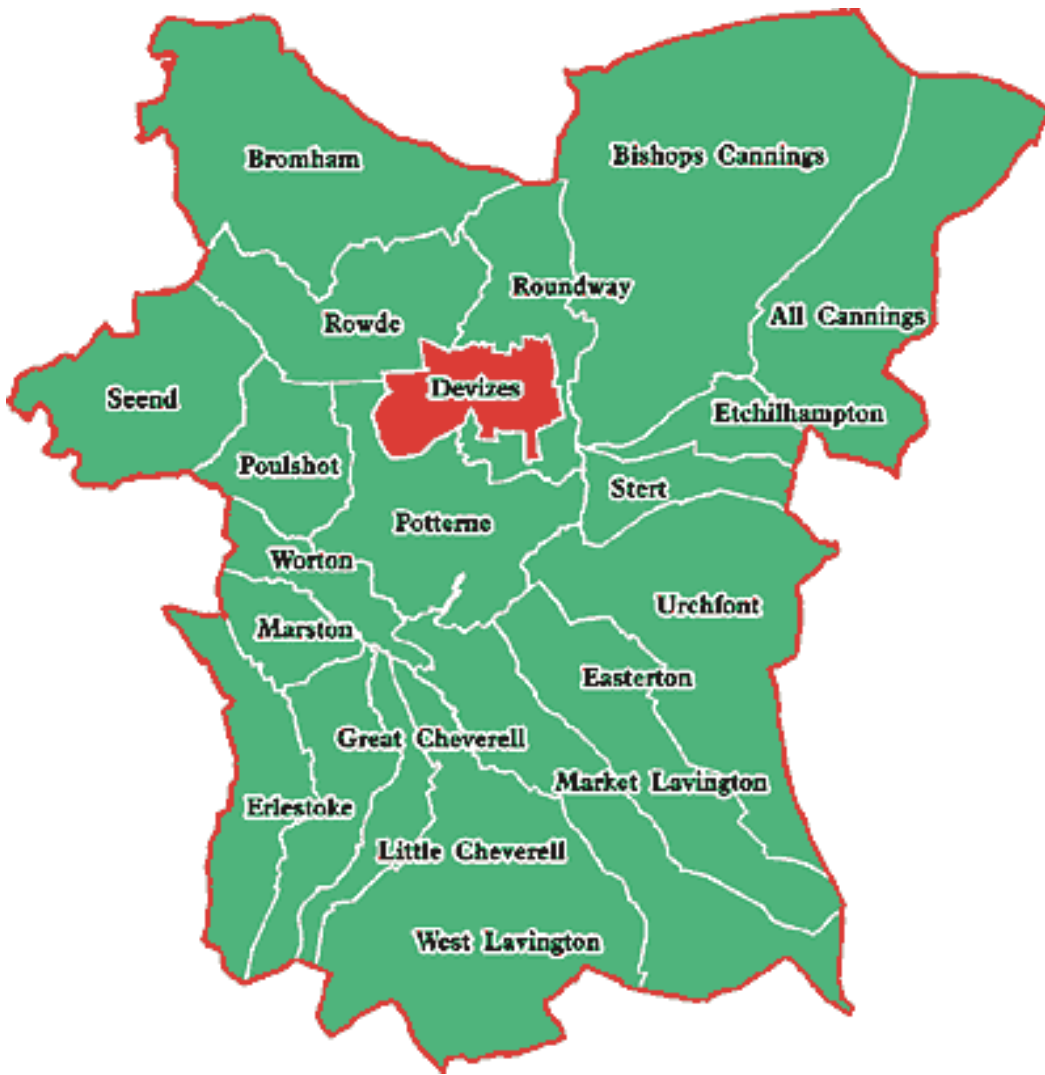
Projects and actions will be monitored to ensure that they are implemented in accordance with the time agreed. 'Ongoing' actions and projects will be looked at periodically to ensure that work is progressing according to plan.

The top three themes that were identified through consultation period are:

- **Health and Social Care.**
- **Crime and Community Protection.**
- **Transport.**

The tables in the page set out a brief description of the subject areas and a range of community aspirations with potential outcomes.

Projects are generally prioritised according to whether they fit the vision for the Community Area and have priority community support or fit emerging opportunities.



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Health and Social Care *

Devizes has a range of health services. How these services are developed for the future is currently limited by the facilities available. New housing in the area increases the need for adequate, accessible health care. Developments in technology can be exploited to enable more health care services to be provided locally. A hospital development on the Green Lane site should address the use of the land identified as a “Significant Outstanding Planning Permission” for community use on a comprehensive basis. If less land is required for the healthcare facility, the surplus land should be developed to include affordable housing for key workers. Any permission should be conditioned to ensure that development of the healthcare facility proceeded prior to the release of any housing land.

Partnership Action	Who is Responsible	Timescale	Outputs / Outcomes
New Community Hospital in Devizes or retain an adequate range of hospital and healthcare services in Devizes.	Kennet and North Wiltshire Primary Care Trust (PCT) .	2002-07 .	Provision of sustainable health services in the Devizes Community Area.
Ensure adequate childcare provision to release parents and carers for employment or training.	PCT/ Wiltshire County Council (WCC).	Ongoing.	Adequate provision to meet demand.
Better facilities/access for the disabled.	WCC/ Accessibility Group.	Ongoing.	Improve access to public buildings and shops.
Ensure that the local community centres are used to the full by using innovative ways to develop them to house more community facilities for all age ranges.	Kennet District Council (KDC) Leisure Services.	Ongoing.	Implement provisions in the Social Plan and Cultural Strategy.
Supply enough supported housing for vulnerable people.	KDC.	2002-04.	Meeting targets within Housing Strategy.
Better services for older people to encourage independence.	Age Concern Wiltshire.	Ongoing.	More older people retaining independence.
Activities to encourage people with learning disabilities to enjoy independence.	PCT, WCC and voluntary sector.	Ongoing.	More people with learning disabilities able to enjoy independence.
Support and guidance of people recovering from mental illness back into the community.	Appropriate statutory and voluntary agencies.	Ongoing.	More people recovering from mental illness supported back into the community.
Supporting families through rurally-based services.	Voluntary Action Kennet.	Ongoing.	Continued support of families as needed.
Promotion of complimentary therapies locally (where appropriate).	PCT.	2002-05.	K & NW PCT to include in Health Improvement Modernisation Plan.

Transport *

The Devizes Community Area Transport Plan has been developed and aims to carry out physical improvements to enable public transport, cycling and walking to become more viable transport alternatives to the private motor car for people journeying within the Community Area. Reduction of road traffic will help to reduce poor air quality and traffic congestion. Improvements in transport will help to reduce social and rural exclusion, bringing together the town and countryside. The correct transport structure will support environmental and regeneration work being carried out in the Community Area.

Partnership Action	Who is Responsible	Timescale	Outputs / Outcomes
Support the development of a well co-ordinated accessible, high quality, public transport network for the Community Area through the Devizes Community Area Transport Plan (2002-05). This should be connected to the wider regional network, giving all people access to shops, entertainment, leisure and health facilities.	Wiltshire County Council (WCC).	Ongoing.	Maintenance of public transport services.
Ensure car parking in Devizes is considered as part of an integrated transport plan and fits with the Devizes Retail Revival Strategy.	Kennet District Council (KDC)/ WCC/South West RDA.	2002-05.	Sufficient public car parking to ensure the town remains a viable retail and business centre.
Promote walking and cycling for short journeys, increasing the provision of safe cycleways and footpaths where needed.	WCC/KDC.	2002-05.	To provide cycle parking spaces in Devizes town centre in accordance with the Community Area Transport Plan.
To reduce locally generated car journeys, especially commuter and school trips.	WCC.	2002-05.	To contribute to national targets by increasing the number of trips to Devizes secondary school by bus, cycling and walking from 77.5% in 1998 to a minimum of 85% by 2006.
Support community initiatives for controlling speeding etc. in local neighbourhoods.	WCC/Community Safety Partnership.	2002-05.	As per Community Area Transport Plan.
Work with transport authorities to set up a travel / mobility shop in Devizes to co-ordinate and promote different methods of transport.	KDC.	2002-05.	Establish travel/mobility shop.
Carry out a Feasibility Study into a by-pass for Devizes.	WCC/South West RDA.	2002-05.	Complete report to Devizes Community Area Planning Partnership (DCAPP).
Carry out a Feasibility Study on a railway station for Devizes.	WCC/South West RDA.	2002-05.	Complete report to DCAPP.

Crime and Community Protection *

Wiltshire is one of the safest places in the country and Kennet, in turn, has the lowest level of crime and disorder in the County. The Kennet Community Safety Partnership (a statutory partnership consisting of local authorities, the police, the Army and voluntary organisations) has been in place since 1999 working to maintain these low levels of crime and where possible to achieve a reduction.

The partnership's work also extends to the wider agenda of community safety linked to issues such as 'fear of crime', preventative measures, including tackling the social causes of crime, social inclusion, rural deprivation and the promotion of independence through community based work and consultation. Following a crime and disorder audit in 2001, the main concerns of the community were identified as domestic violence, youth issues, drug and alcohol misuse, burglary, vehicle and town centre crime, road safety, anti-social behaviour, and crimes against vulnerable people.

The Partnership has produced a 3-year strategy 2002 - 2005 for community safety in which crime reduction priorities have been set with regard to three inter-related elements of criminal activity - behaviour, people and places.


Partnership Action	Who is Responsible	Timescale	Outputs / Outcomes
Behaviour - Priorities include tackling vehicle crime, burglary, anti-social behaviour, hate-crime, domestic violence and carelessness, reckless or dangerous behaviour by road users.	Community Safety Partnership and Wiltshire Constabulary.	2002-05.	Reduce burglary from dwellings, vehicle related crime and violent crime by 2% per annum. Reduce those seriously injured or killed on Wiltshire roads from 373 to 288 by 2004.

<p>People - Priorities include young people, those who misuse drugs and alcohol, persistent offenders and those who feel vulnerable.</p>	<p>Community Safety Partnership and the Drug and Alcohol Team.</p>	<p>2002-05.</p>	<p>Increase number of drug users taking treatment from 118 to 607 over the next 3 years; provide information on substance misuse to all parents of schoolchildren by 2005. Increase involvement of young people with civic processes by 5% over 3 years and increase the number of 17-year-olds on the electoral register by 5% by 2004. Operate 10 Truancy Sweeps in each year in the district.</p>
<p>Places - Priorities include tackling problems in places where certain crimes are more prevalent ('warm' spots) and in isolated communities.</p> <p>- Empower local communities to consolidate improvements in reducing crime through community capacity building.</p>	<p>Wiltshire Constabulary and Community Safety Partnership.</p> <p>Housing Associations/ Kennet District Council.</p>	<p>2002-05.</p> <p>On-going.</p>	<p>Police to respond to "immediate response" category calls in 20 minutes in rural areas. Where invited, local police will attend parish or town council meetings.</p> <p>Reduction of crime through community action.</p>





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Culture and Leisure

A thriving leisure and cultural environment brings the community together. There is a need to improve leisure, sporting, arts and cultural facilities throughout the Community Area, making them accessible to all. Encourage community involvement and volunteering, particularly among young people. Ensure that community facilities and events are encouraged in the villages and rural areas.

Partnership Action	Who is Responsible	Timescale	Outputs / Outcomes
Ensure the distinctive features of the Devizes Community Area form part of the Kennet Cultural Strategy.	Kennet District Council (KDC).	2002-03.	Adoption of Kennet Cultural Strategy.
Retain the theatre and cinema in Devizes and improve entertainment provision in the town.	DDP (Trading) Limited.	Ongoing.	Broader provision of entertainment.
Ensure appropriate access and best use of Devizes Community Area's distinctive cultural features e.g. Wiltshire Heritage Museum, the Kennet and Avon Canal and Roundway battle site.	Wiltshire Heritage Museum and Kennet and Avon Canal.	Ongoing.	Increased visitor numbers.
Support such events as Devizes and village carnivals, Devizes Festival, Devizes Christmas lights, speciality markets and fairs e.g. the Christmas and Continental Markets.	DDP (Trading) Limited.	Ongoing.	Greater sense of belonging, improvement of civic pride and increased involvement in public affairs.
Encourage the work and continuation of youth organisations and groups including those run on a voluntary basis.	Youth organisations and groups.	Ongoing.	Vibrant youth organisations and groups, available to all.
Retain existing and promote new/better sports and arts facilities in the town and villages.	KDC/Devizes Town Council/ Parish Councils.	Ongoing.	Improve facilities for all.

Housing and the Built Environment

The County Council's Structure Plan requires an additional 7,000 houses to be built in the Kennet District between 1991 and 2011. About 4,400 of these have already been built or are currently committed. In the Devizes Community Area over 2,000 houses are already built or committed and a further 500 are allocated for future development in the Replacement Kennet Local Plan.

It is important to ensure that the form and type of new housing reflects local housing needs and the Community Area's local historic character. Services and facilities to support new residents should be available as new houses are built. Local people will be involved in the preparation of planning briefs for significant new developments and their views sought when preparing future plans for the provision of schools, community facilities, recreation space, public transport and recycling facilities.

Partnership Action	Who is Responsible	Timescale	Outputs / Outcomes
The statutory authorities may decide to release land at less than market value to achieve the aims of the Community Area Plan. The legal mechanism to achieve this is under review.	Statutory authorities i.e. local authorities, police, PCT, etc.	Ongoing.	Land released for development.

Provision of more low cost, affordable housing in a mix of styles to rent or buy, as part of 'mixed' communities.	Kennet District Council (KDC).	Ongoing.	Provision in accordance with local and community plans.
Improve the quality of the appearance of housing areas in need of regeneration.	Housing Associations/ KDC.	Ongoing.	Restoring pride in their community to people who live in the neighbourhood and reduction of fear of crime.
Improve energy efficiency of new and existing buildings, particularly for those on low incomes or in poor health.	KDC.	Ongoing.	Support for Warm Hearted Homes Scheme.
Energy efficiency advice surgeries & promotion.	KDC.	Ongoing.	Support for Warm Hearted Homes Scheme.
Ensure local distinctiveness is maintained and that important local buildings are repaired and brought back into use e.g. the Assize courts.	KDC/South West RDA/ English Heritage.	Ongoing.	No properties on English Heritage 'At risk' register.
Ensure that there are multi use community centres/meeting places in the town and villages and support village halls where these exist.	Community First.	Ongoing.	Maintaining viability of existing facilities.
Deliver town centre improvements by: Encouraging shop-front improvements and other enhancements to make the town of Devizes a more attractive place to shop. Maintaining standard of floral displays.	Devizes Town Council/DDP (Trading) Limited.	Ongoing.	Minimum of 2 shops per annum improved.

Countryside and Land Based

Maintain the locally distinctive environment, which is central to the quality of life, and ensure easy access to it. Acknowledge the contribution of the farming community. Support the development of local products, tourism and marketing of the area. This includes the Kennet and Avon Canal, the historic market town of Devizes and parts of Salisbury Plain internationally recognised for both richness of wildlife and archaeology.

The community, working together, can build on the strengths, tackle the deterioration and celebrate the area's 'wealth'. Sustainability can be improved through reducing waste and increasing energy conservation.

Brownfield sites can be restored and used wherever possible for rebuilding instead of greenfield sites.

Partnership Action	Who is Responsible	Timescale	Outputs / Outcomes
Improve and promote waste recycling and waste minimisation, providing new facilities where needed.	Kennet District Council.	On-going.	Meeting agreed targets.
More community nature reserves. Manage some public open spaces for wildlife and improve access to them. Encourage community involvement, particularly of young people.	Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.	On-going.	Greater public participation.
Improve access to parks and open spaces.	Devizes Town Council and Parish Councils.	On-going.	Greater access.
Maintain the character of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and promote non-intrusive access to the countryside.	Countryside Agency.	On-going.	Local plan objective.

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The Economy

Devizes is the economic, retail and cultural centre for the Community Area. Whilst remaining an unspoilt market town, there is a need in Devizes for more and better retail shopping, new employment opportunities, and promotion of the town and its Community Area as a centre for tourism. All these opportunities should be embodied in the Master Plan to regenerate Devizes linking it to a living and working countryside and villages.

Partnership Action	Who is Responsible	Timescale	Outputs / Outcomes
Carry out Master Plan for Devizes Town Centre.	Kennet District Council (KDC)/ South West RDA.	2003-04.	Production of one Master Plan for Devizes. Implementation of proposals and recommendations contained in the plan.
Attract more shops to the retail centre, including nationwide High Street names, whilst retaining individual high quality shops, more particularly defined in a retail and marketing strategy. *DDP (Trading) Limited is the trading arm of Devizes Development Partnership, which is composed of representatives from the business and retail sector, to carry out improvements in the town and surrounding area.	KDC/*DDP (Trading) Limited via the Retail Revival Strategy project team.	Ongoing.	Raised profile of the town amongst shoppers. Monitor how the retail community is faring by checking level of spend year on year annually compared with similar towns, and using data from the marketing strategy as a benchmark.
Appoint a Town Centre Manager for Devizes with funding secured from sources including national and independent retailers.	DDP (Trading) Limited.	2002-03.	Appointment of Town Centre Manager with sustainable funding.
Provide jobs and facilities through development of brownfield sites, including the Wharf, the Northgate and the West Central area.	KDC.	Ongoing.	Encourage relevant developments in line with the local plan.
Provision of starter units and other work places to create employment opportunities for all.	Devizes Community Area Planning Partnership.	Ongoing.	Work places, including starter units, provided for all ages of employees.
Retain village shops & post offices wherever possible and resist pub closures. Find innovative ways of using non-retail outlets to house these facilities where they are under threat of closing.	Individual appropriate parish councils.	Ongoing.	No reduction of floorspace in retail shops in villages.
Support and promote local food producers and encourage the development of links between local suppliers/ producers and local consumers.	DDP (Trading) Limited.	Ongoing.	Maintenance of farmers markets, Wiltshire Foodlinks and Wiltshire Harvest.
Support moves to offer Broadband throughout the Community Area to encourage business relocation and operation.	Statutory organisations, and business support agencies.	Ongoing.	Availability of Broadband to businesses and organisations in the Devizes Community Area.
Create a Tourism Strategy and promote tourism to boost the local economy.	KDC.	Ongoing.	Increased economic contribution from tourism.


Education and Life Long Learning

Ensure that the local community has the opportunities to learn skills and access training to enable them to take a full part in the community. Assess the skills shortage within the Area and match this to training programmes, working with existing educational providers. Improve access to training facilities for people living in social or rural isolation or housebound or disabled.

Partnership Action	Who is Responsible	Timescale	Outputs / Outcomes
New college for Devizes.	Wiltshire College.	2002-07.	Improve college facilities on existing site.
Devizes library will have free public access computers, with internet connections and trained staff, able to assist the public. It will also continue running regular educational activities for both adults and young people.	Devizes Library.	Ongoing.	Improved opportunities.
Improve facilities for further education and distance learning.	Learning + Skills Council.	Ongoing.	Improved opportunities and access. Greater accessibility to information.
Improve participation by young people in community life by:- Continuation of Youth Forum; Setting up of School Council/Forum; Ensuring representation within community planning process.	Wiltshire County Council (WCC) Youth Service.	2002-04.	Increasing numbers taking part in elections. Greater involvement in local community.
Work with the primary and secondary schools in helping young people develop their full potential and support the meeting of national targets at Key Stage 2.	WCC.	Ongoing.	Increase results in English from 74.1% achieving level 4 or above to 84% by end of 2003. Increase results in Mathematics from 72.6% achieving level 4 or above to 79% by end of 2003.
Explore ways that schools can be used more as a community resource.	WCC.	Ongoing.	Greater accessibility of facilities to local communities, if appropriate.
Promote Information Technology skills with the community.	Kennet District Council/ South West RDA/WCC.	Ongoing.	Increased access to information and services.

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