

Our Community Plan

2004
- 2009



Southern Community Area

Alderbury, Britford, Clarendon Park, Coombe Bissett, Downton, Farley & Pitton, Grimstead, Landford, Laverstock, Odstock, Redlynch, West Dean, Whiteparish and Winterslow

We  South Wiltshire

Our community, Our vision

The South Wiltshire Strategic Alliance is a partnership of the public, private, voluntary and community sectors in Salisbury and South Wiltshire.

Its mission is to work together to create 'a safe and caring place, where it is easy to get about and where value-for-money services contribute to a high quality of life and environment, with equality of opportunity for all'.

Strategic Priorities

The Alliance has four strategic priorities for the district for 2004 to 2009. These priorities

were determined by matching the feedback from consultation (bottom-up priorities) with countywide priorities (top-down priorities).

Three of the strategic priorities are community-driven:

- Access to services (including rural transport)
- Affordable housing
- Crime and anti-social behaviour

A fourth priority arose out of work by the Wiltshire Strategic Board:

- Alliance partners as exemplary employers (healthy workforce, green organisations, basic skills for all employees)



Downton

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Which organisations form the South Wiltshire Strategic Alliance?

- Churches Together
- Council for Voluntary Service
- Environment Agency
- Government Office for the South West
- Salisbury College
- Salisbury District Council
- Salisbury Health Care NHS Trust
- South Wiltshire Action against Poverty
- South Wiltshire Agenda 21
- South Wiltshire and Kennet Learning Partnership
- South Wiltshire Economic Partnership
- South Wiltshire Primary Care Trust
- The Army
- Wiltshire Association of Local Councils
- Wiltshire Constabulary
- Wiltshire County Council
- Wiltshire Fire Brigade
- Wiltshire Racial Equality Council
- Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

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How this **plan** was put together

During the summer of 2003, the South Wiltshire Strategic Alliance distributed a community questionnaire to 49,000 households. Some 37% were returned, of which 3,534 were from the Southern community area.

The results from the questionnaire showed your priorities across the area and these were:

1. Looking after the Roads
2. Vandalism & Anti-Social Behaviour
3. Reducing Crime
4. Looking after the Environment
5. Cleanliness of Roads, Streets & Open Spaces
6. Housing Local People can afford

Many people also took the time to write comments about the specific issues under those headings that were causing concern.

We also have information from previous community planning workshops, which were held in 1999 and 2001, information from a panel of local residents known as the 'People's Voice' and from a panel of young people known as 'Tomorrow's Voice'. This information has been brought together to form your community plan.

Various community groups and organisations have also been asked for their views and opinions. We recognise that in every parish there are many

volunteers working on projects, giving up their time to make a difference in their community.

Some of the projects will need to be taken forward by you, the community.

The purpose of this plan is to publish the results of what local people want to see – but also, more importantly, the plan will influence partner organisations of the Alliance to address priorities in your area.

The plan will directly impact policy making and strategic planning, within inevitable budgetary constraints. It will also help community groups by showing what is being achieved and how the partner organisations can support this.

This plan is not the end of the consultation process. Work will continue around specific target groups, topics and geographical areas as necessary. In particular, we recognise that we have probably not fully addressed the needs of less accessible groups. Work to remedy this is on-going.

In addition to the work that has been carried out at community area level, local parish plans are currently being developed in a number of areas. These will influence the future development of local strategies and policies and help us better understand 'real' local community needs.

By the time this plan is reviewed in five years' time, we hope that many parishes will have a local parish plan.

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The Southern Community Area



Belonging in the Community

The Southern area of South Wiltshire is approximately the area covered by Salisbury District Council's Southern Area committee. However, the community area does not include Firsdown, which is in the Stonehenge community area, or Netherhampton which is in the Four Rivers community area.

The Area is sub-divided for purposes of administration and representation as follows:

WILTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DIVISIONS	No. County Cllrs
Downton & Ebble Valley SDC wards: Downton and Redlynch; Ebble	1
Alderbury SDC wards: Alderbury & Whiteparish; Winterslow	1
SDC ward of Laverstock is part of Bourne & Woodford Valley Division	1
TOTAL	3

SALISBURY DISTRICT COUNCIL WARDS	No. District Cllrs
Downton & Redlynch Parishes: Downton and Redlynch	3
Ebble Parishes: Britford, Coombe Bissett, (Netherhampton), Odstock	1
Alderbury & Whiteparish Parishes: Alderbury, Grimstead, Landford, Whiteparish, Nomansland (part of Redlynch parish)	3
Winterslow Parishes: (Firsdown), Pitton and Farley, West Dean, Winterslow	2
Laverstock Parishes: Laverstock and Clarendon Park	2
TOTAL	11

A community profile

Geography

The Southern Community Area sits in the south-east corner of Wiltshire where the chalk of Salisbury Plain dips down to form the Hampshire Basin, with its surface sands and gravels of the New Forest.

Ancient woodlands remain at Bentley Wood, one of 18 Sites of Special Scientific Interest. The river Avon flows south from Salisbury to Downton, providing fishing and a habitat for wildlife. The Longford Estate is by far the largest landowner in our area, extending over seven parishes.

Transport

With the A30, A36, A354 and A338 radiating from Salisbury, much of the Southern area looks to Salisbury for its services and facilities. The Hampshire towns of Fordingbridge, Ringwood and Romsey also service local rural

needs. There is an efficient train service to Waterloo and the West Country.

Education

The area has four secondary schools, one in Downton and three in Laverstock, which include children from the City catchment area and beyond. When the number of residents with post-school qualifications (levels 3, 4, and 5) is compared with the rest of Wiltshire, the Southern area falls in the top quarter (34.9% have these qualifications).

Community *

Statistically, our area is relatively affluent, and falls within the least deprived 25% of the country. Nevertheless, pockets of deprivation do exist, with 500 children living in income-deprived families.

The population of around 21,000 is ageing, with significantly more older people (22.5%) and fewer children (18.4%) than the national average (15.9% and 20.2% respectively). The percentage of lone elderly people is 5.6%.

Churches throughout the area are active in promoting youth activities and making a significant contribution in meeting the needs of the whole community.

Homes

The combination of relative affluence and an ageing population can explain the very high rate of home ownership, the second highest in the county for residents owning their property outright.

Ebble ward is the second most deprived ward in Wiltshire for access to housing and Alderbury is 11th (out of 137).



Economy

Employers provide nearly 7,000 jobs in the area. Many people, however, travel to work in Salisbury, or commute to London, Southampton, or Bournemouth.

** Demographic data relates to the 2001 census.*

Local **planning** progress in our **Southern Area villages**

Village Design Statements

are produced by local communities.

They identify the character of a village, and set down design principles based on that distinctive character.

The production of a statement fosters working with the local authority, requires understanding of the current Local Plan (soon to be the Local Development Framework) and offers a chance to influence future policies.

Downton has produced its **Village Design Statement** aimed at improving the quality of new buildings and retaining the character of the village. It has been adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

Parish Plans

Parish plans build on the work of Village Design Statements.

They set out a vision of what is important to the local community, including local services, facilities and environment. They provide a tool for seeking project funding, providing impetus for local community action and influencing the plans and policies of others.

Redlynch produced its parish plan in 2003.

Alderbury Parish Council is in the process of producing a parish plan with a Village Design Statement incorporated. This will have a vital part to play in feeding into the community planning process and the future Local Development Framework.

Other Parish Councils – **Laverstock, Winterslow, and Pitton & Farley** – are exploring the opportunities presented to produce a parish plan encompassing the aspirations of their residents and achieve practical solutions involving the entire community.

The following pages list community priorities and actions. Local residents and community groups have raised each priority and the actions provide details of existing or proposed projects to help resolve the priorities.

Transport

Here we consider transport in its widest sense to include footpaths and pedestrian safety, to public transport and road maintenance. 'Looking after the Roads' is the top priority of the area.

The main transport concerns are:

- Heavy goods vehicles using roads through village communities
- The upkeep of rural roads and maintenance of verges
- Road safety

With only 9.3% of households without a car, this community area has the highest rate of car ownership in Wiltshire.

West Dean station is on the Salisbury-Southampton rail route. Most settlements in the area have a bus service. Those on the two main roads have an hourly service while most of the others have a 2-hourly service. Some 51% of residents use the bus.

The Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2006-11 consultation in our Community Area was held in



2004. Further consultation will take place in 2005.

The specific concerns expressed related to:

- Drivers speeding at the Petersfinger bend on the Southampton Road.
- Heavy traffic in Downton, creating difficulties with parking and getting about.
- The Harnham Relief Road diverting traffic towards Downton, increasing traffic through the village.

ISSUES	PARISHES	WHAT IS HAPPENING ALREADY?	WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?
<p>PATHS</p> <p>Provision and maintenance of foot and cycle paths.</p> <p>Inadequate paths for access to Salisbury by Alderbury and Laverstock residents</p> <p>Local residents have expressed a wish to have a path between Whaddon and Grimstead.</p>	<p>Alderbury, Britford, Downton, Grimstead, Landford, Laverstock, Pitton & Farley, Redlynch, Winterslow, Whiteparish</p> <p>All parishes</p>	<p>Improved cycle and foot path links being negotiated as part of Downton Road and Duck Lane developments.</p> <p>Design work on cycle link from Harnham gyratory to Odstock Road.</p> <p>Lengthsmen visits.</p>	<p>Duck Lane - off site footpath improvements.</p> <p>Salisbury Joint Transportation Team (JTT) recognises the need for the following two schemes but there is currently no funding available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A cycle and footpath from the dual carriageway to Tesco roundabout, with a crossing at the Petersfinger junction (work to be carried out in conjunction with the Highways Agency). ● Improved walking and cycling link from Laverstock campus to Salisbury City.
<p>Deterioration of Bridleways and Ancient Tracks</p>	<p>West Dean, Winterslow</p>	<p>Overuse by four wheeled vehicles. Inadequate control.</p>	
<p>ROADS</p> <p>Speeding through residential areas; using local roads as 'rat runs' at peak times.</p>	<p>Alderbury, Britford, Coombe Bissett, Downton, Firsdow, Landford, Laverstock, Odstock, Pitton & Farley, Redlynch, West Dean Winterslow, Whiteparish</p>	<p>Traffic calming scheme for Alderbury implemented.</p> <p>Parish Council to work with Police and WCC to identify problem speeding areas.</p>	<p>Requests for traffic calming measures, including speed restrictions, to be put to WCC for consideration, who will assess and prioritise annually (usually based on accident records).</p>

ISSUES	PARISHES	WHAT IS HAPPENING ALREADY?	WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?
Local speeding black spots	Alderbury, Coombe Bissett		Seek appropriate control measures through WCC
Heavy Goods Vehicles through village roads	B3080 Downton - Redlynch - Woodfalls, A27 Whiteparish, Alderbury	Freight Study and consultation undertaken by Mouchel Parkman in 2004 for both routes.	Parish agreement on freight transport controls with the aim of implementation by 2006 for both B3080 and A27. Weight restriction sought
Improve signage and street signs	Alderbury, Downton, Laverstock, Pitton & Farley		Set up a working group in the community
Street lighting	Pitton & Farley, Downton, Grimstead, Laverstock, Redlynch, Winterslow, Whiteparish		
Parking - in villages and park & ride	Britford, Downton, Laverstock, Odstock, Winterslow	<p>Britford Park and Ride open in 2005.</p> <p>London Road Park and Ride: plan to award contract by 2005 for completion by 2006.</p> <p>Petersfinger Park and Ride: planning permission to be sought in 2005.</p>	

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Traffic congestion at peak times into Salisbury	Downton, Charlton, Britford, Laverstock, Winterslow Alderbury All	Britford Park and Ride open in 2005. London Road Park and Ride. Plan to award contract by 2005 for completion by 2006. Traffic through village at peak times. Petersfinger Park and Ride - planning permission to be sought in 2005. WCC have launched Car Share Wiltshire, a service to match up people wanting to car share. See more on www.carsharewiltshire.com	JTT to introduce bus priority measures on A338 corridor into Salisbury Flexible bus services to meet local demand Review access to Salisbury on A36 More cycle/walking opportunities: Petersfinger route and Laverstock - Milford Hill route priorities through Salisbury Joint Transport Plan
PUBLIC TRANSPORT Safe transport to schools	Laverstock Downton	Laverstock Schools travel plan being produced. Travel Plan for 2005.	Flexible school bus service to meet changing school hours, to be negotiated by schools with bus companies and WCC. Reduction of school traffic by creating drop-off points at, eg, P&R sites.
Improve public transport (including out of hours services and concessionary fares)	Alderbury, Coombe Bissett, Downton, Grimstead, Landford, Laverstock, Redlynch, Winterslow, Whiteparish Chalke Valley Coombe Bissett, Downton, Landford, West Dean, Winterslow, Whiteparish	Additional funding for public transport at weekends and evenings is not available from WCC. Salisbury District Community transport provides a weekly service to Salisbury from Whiteparish, Redlynch, Downton and Charlton. Link Schemes are in place. Salisbury and District Council for Voluntary Service provides minibuss transport for the elderly, mobility impaired and disabled.	Parish Councils to join with others to facilitate private transport schemes - eg minibuss trips to and from Salisbury. Further publicity of existing schemes needed as well as more volunteer drivers.

Crime and community protection

Survey results show the second highest priority for the area is the need to reduce crime, vandalism and anti-social behaviour. Compared with other areas in the UK, our Community Area is relatively crime free. Nevertheless, crime, the fear of crime and the threat of anti-social behaviour are issues for community concern. A People's Voice survey in 2003 showed that 85% of residents wanted the police to tackle burglary as the most important crime. 59.1% felt that the amount of anti-social behaviour had increased in the previous year. 92.3% of respondents felt safe outside during the day (Wiltshire average is 88.1%) but only 55.1% of residents felt safe after dark (Wiltshire average is 52.5%).

Local Community Safety Partnerships have been shown to be an effective method of addressing crime in other areas.

ISSUES	PARISHES	WHAT IS HAPPENING ALREADY?	WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?
Vandalism and anti-social behaviour, including noisy neighbours, bonfires and alcohol-related disturbances	Alderbury, Downton, Laverstock, Winterslow Whiteparish	Targeted patrols following complaints of anti-social behaviour. Complaints often misdirected to Parish Council rather than Police. Community Bulletin from Alderbury Police. Neighbourhood Watch schemes. ASK's Parenting Wiltshire Service provides support for parents of children and young people aged 8-17 who are experiencing difficulties with their behaviour.	Alcohol Exclusion Zones to be considered by police where need is shown. Community to report all incidents, to achieve a complete local dossier on anti-social behaviour. More information on laws and by-laws relating to anti-social behaviour in police community bulletin.
Greater Police presence	Alderbury, Downton, Grimstead, Landford, Laverstock Redlynch	Police Station at Alderbury; targeted patrols. Partial coverage by Neighbourhood Watch. Mobile police unit. Use of Alderbury Police Bulletin to inform on crimes and increase awareness (distributed to 3000 households in 2004 through	Police to explore opportunities to open a police office in Downton as a Community facility. Police to target resources to focus on maximising visibility and reassurance. Beat officer to be clearly identified and known to the local community. By 2006 complete coverage by Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators to act as conduits between Police and community. This will also extend distribution of Bulletin. Community

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		Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators)	<p>planner to organise meetings in beat areas by June 2006.</p> <p>Increase number of visits from Mobile Police Unit where need is demonstrated.</p> <p>Wiltshire Fire Brigade to provide free advice on prevention of arson and deliberate fire setting.</p>
Making People Feel Safer	All	<p>Mobile Police Unit</p> <p>All new housing and business developments will be assessed with a view to design out opportunities for crime.</p>	<p>Community planner to explore the possibility of a Leisure Credit scheme for young people who help older residents.</p> <p>Police to communicate what is being achieved.</p> <p>Establish an active local Community Safety Partnership by 2007.</p> <p>Police to supply crime detail to parish newsletters to allay fears.</p>
Domestic Safety. The need for personal help and reassurance especially for the vulnerable, isolated and infirm	<p>All</p> <p>Coombe Bissett</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Watch contact with the elderly through coordinators and local beat officers.</p> <p>'Lifelines' available (now known as 'Care Connect').</p> <p>Wiltshire Fire Brigade free " Safe and Secure" advice, including home safety checks.</p> <p>Wiltshire Police Bobby Van scheme that looks at programme of improving locks and household safety measures.</p> <p>Free smoke alarms to be fitted to all homes by Fire Brigade as parish is outside the 20 minute response area.</p>	<p>South Wilts Community Safety Partnership to extend publicity of agencies able to help and offer expert advice and support.</p> <p>Introduce doorstep camera scheme where appropriate with support from Community Safety Partnership.</p> <p>Salisbury Domestic Violence Forum to raise awareness of domestic violence in rural areas as an important issue and hidden crime, while recognising the difficulties victims/survivors have in seeking help and receiving services.</p>

Countryside and Land-based Issues

Our area has a rich and diverse landscape, largely unspoilt by mass development. In parts it is heavily forested, with plantations and ancient woodlands. Langley Wood is a National Nature Reserve. Cockey Down is one of many Sites of Special Scientific Interest in the area. The southern Wiltshire boundary with Hampshire embraces some of the New Forest, to become a National Park under its own Authority in April 2006, after a year of transition. The Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty forms part of the south-western corner of the Area.

“Looking after the Environment” was rated the fourth priority in the community questionnaire.

ISSUES	PARISHES	WHAT IS HAPPENING ALREADY?	WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?
Protecting Wildlife and the natural environment.	New Forest, Special Areas of Conservation, Nature Reserves and Sites of Special Scientific Interest	Planning controls and management by private/ public bodies.	Carry out one long-term wildlife project for development in the community with support from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.
Maintaining our countryside industries: farming, fishing, forestry.	All	Shortage of rural workers, eg on Longford Estate.	More affordable housing to attract labour in an area of low unemployment and high house prices.
Disposal of Ministry of Defence Dean Depot.	West Dean	Joint working party between local parishes, working with SDC and Test Valley Borough Council to determine future use.	To set up a nature reserve managed by Hants and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

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Health and traffic implications of extraction and landfill sites	Brickworth Quarry	Sand extraction; possible landfill (no licence to date).	Community monitoring of licence conditions to be granted by Environment Agency and the extraction operation within those conditions.
	Whiteparish Chalk Quarry	Landfill complete - resurfacing activity only	Complete restoration of site by end of 2006.
Flooding - continued support and maintenance	Downton- Avon valley	2003-4 Completion of £2.5m flood defence scheme, managed by Environment Agency	Environment Agency to monitor outcomes, especially efficiency of drains and pumps.
	Pitton - ground water	Agreed Flood Action Plan. Flood wardens appointed. Work by SDC in 2004	Flood wardens to monitor effects of work in place. Site for electric pump sought.
	Coombe Bissett	Flood wardens in place	
	Landford	Ditch maintenance is a private responsibility.	Agencies to investigate widespread drainage problems.
	All	Salisbury District Flood Steering Group set up for reporting problems	Climate change may make flooding worse. Free energy efficiency advice to be provided from 0800 512012.

Housing & the Built Environment

Our Community Area is about to see a significant rise in the new housing stock, with three developments at the Portway (Old Sarum), Duck Lane (Laverstock), and Wick Lane (Downton), identified in the current Local Plan. Consultation plays a major part in evaluating the impact on existing local communities and the provision of new facilities using 'planning gain'.

The availability of affordable housing is a widespread concern with the rise of house prices in the area. The South Wiltshire Strategic Alliance has made tackling this a policy priority. From 2005 up to 40% of housing units in new developments will be "affordable" (80% rented and 20% shared ownership).

Environmentally sensitive areas, especially close to the New Forest, impose severe limitations on developments. Nevertheless, land is sought in appropriate locations for small scale affordable housing projects to assist balance in the demographic and social structure of villages.

ISSUES	PARISHES	WHAT IS HAPPENING ALREADY?	WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?
Ensuring service provision is adequate to support communities where new developments are planned.	Laverstock	Old Sarum (630 houses planned - at design brief stage Jan 2005); Duck Lane (125 houses planned, 42 - ie 33% - affordable)	Provide shops, primary school, community centre, part time doctor's surgery and areas for youths and small children using planning gain at Old Sarum. Village Hall extension, Laverstock
	Downton	Wick Lane (50 houses planned - at design brief stage Jan 2005); Tannery (50 houses/flats, 6 flats shared ownership)	Offsite highway improvements and education provision in Laverstock, including classroom and core primary facilities + secondary provision.
		Downton library is an example of 'planning gain'.	
	All		Parish Plans to identify housing needs in all areas.

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<p>Affordable Housing – for local people, including the young, old and vulnerable</p>	<p>Downton, Grimstead, Landford, West Dean, Winterslow, Whiteparish, Alderbury, Pitton and Farley</p> <p>Laverstock</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>	<p>Affordable Housing currently forms up to 33% of large housing developments, to increase to 40%. Net loss of council housing through "Right to Buy".</p> <p>Affordable housing ratio to be 3:1 rental:shared ownership. All local people's housing needs to be met.</p> <p>SDC agreement with Asset Trust Housing to provide affordable housing.</p> <p>SDC spending £700,000 on Do it Yourself Shared Ownership schemes in 2005-06</p>	<p>SDC encourages communities to promote Rural Exception Housing reserved for local people.</p> <p>Laverstock Parish Council to be involved in allocation process.</p> <p>SDC to carry out district-wide Housing Needs Survey in 2005-06.</p>
<p>Waste, including community and kerbside recycling, reduction of litter and bins for dog waste</p>	<p>Coombe Bissett, Charlton, Downton, Firsdown, Grimstead, Landford, Laverstock, Pitton & Farley, Redlynch, Winterslow, Whiteparish</p>	<p>Mini - recycling centres in Downton, Redlynch and Whiteparish.</p> <p>Kerbside collections of newspapers/ cardboard exist across the area.</p> <p>Kerbside collections of glass, textiles, aluminium foil, metal cans and green waste in Laverstock from 2004.</p> <p>Waste audits carried out for new developments over 10 dwellings.</p> <p>Local consultation on the Wiltshire Waste Plan in 2004.</p>	<p>SDC to identify more potential sites for mini-recycling centres.</p> <p>Rural collection costs limit opportunities to expand the kerbside recycling service.</p> <p>The community to develop at least one waste minimisation project with the support of Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.</p>

Culture and Access to Services

Culture refers to all activities that contribute to the quality of life, from arts to leisure, countryside, wildlife, architecture and history.

Settlement size is an indicator of the hierarchy of services and communal facilities to be found in a village. An increase in population size, however, does not necessarily protect services. The demand for playing fields and community centres may remain high, but the threat to small businesses remains, especially retail outlets like shops, Post Offices and pubs.

ISSUES	PARISHES	WHAT IS HAPPENING ALREADY?	WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?
Preservation and enhancement of local heritage	Alderbury, Downton, Landford, Pitton and Farley, Laverstock, Winterslow, Whiteparish	Downton Village Design Statement has been adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance. Parish Plan adopted by Redlynch in 2003. Alderbury preparing a Parish Plan in 2004-05. Millennium Green Trust, Downton Moot Preservation Trust	More parishes to identify their character, needs and long-term objectives through parish planning process. More parishes to prepare Parish Plans. Community to support Downton Moot Preservation Trust and Millennium Green Trust.
Uncertainty of use of playing fields and sports grounds in the long term.	Laverstock, Alderbury, Odstock Laverstock Downton	Competing demands on playing field sites. An alternative cemetery site has been found to safeguard the existing Church owned sportsfield. Downton School working with Downton Leisure Centre to share facilities.	Local Development Framework to secure land for public use. Downton School to open its playing fields for community use. Create a multi-sports club offering a wide range of sporting opportunities.

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Establish or improve Children's Play Areas	<p>Charlton, Downton, Laverstock, Odstock, Redlynch</p> <p>Laverstock</p>	<p>Developer contributions collected by SDC for use by parishes to improve play facilities. Weekly inspections of existing facilities.</p> <p>Planning gain to be used to fund a playground for under-12s, an over-12s sports wall and a youth shelter.</p>	<p>Community planner to seek advice through Community First. Cooperation between parishes for best practice.</p>
Ensuring leisure facilities are available and affordable	Downton	SDC supports Downton Leisure facility.	Continued support for the expansion of Downton leisure facility. Continued promotion and support for Wise Card.
Arts provision	Downton School	Enhancement of main hall for theatre use.	Creation of a dance and drama studio by early 2006
Delivery of Youth Services Programme	<p>All</p> <p>West Dean</p>	<p>Downton Youth centre behind Memorial Hall – limited use</p> <p>ROMP (Rural Online Mobile project)</p> <p>Street youth workers</p> <p>Funding for skate park.</p>	<p>Boost participation rate - aim to involve 15% of 13 -19 year olds.</p> <p>Local schools and the Youth Service to improve youth provision within the area, and seek funding for a purpose-built youth centre for 2006.</p> <p>Use of Community buildings in Area with a network of trained volunteers Promote community project in rural areas through partnership working</p>

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Maintaining local facilities (including village halls)	Britford , Bodenham/Nunton, Coombe Bissett, Downton, Laverstock, Redlynch (including Morgans Vale and Landford), West Dean, Winterslow, Whiteparish.	Planning policies in place to prevent the loss of facilities. Diversity of use. Expansion in Laverstock from developer contributions at Duck Lane.	Consultation with parishes through Community First by 2006 on demands on village halls and local strategies to maintain facilities.
Improve provision of child care facilities	Alderbury, Coombe Bissett, Winterslow, Downton	Existing use of Village Halls. Downton School negotiating with national provider.	Downton School nursery facility from Sept 2006; after-school club from Sept 2005.



Downton Moot

Social Care and Health

The population of South Wiltshire enjoys relatively good health. Although “Better health” did not feature as one of the six top priorities in the 2003 Community questionnaire, issues have been raised by community groups. Many of the matters featuring in other parts of this Plan, such as improving transport and housing, and reducing anti-social behaviour, will have a positive impact on both physical and mental health. Community involvement in health care is assured through two Patient and Public Involvement Forums for South Wiltshire.

Local healthcare provision is limited, resulting in a strong dependency on Salisbury. The Southern Area includes Salisbury District Hospital at Odstock and Capio New Hall, the local private hospital at Bodenham. In many areas the Link scheme provides transport to the hospital.

All organisations involved in the Wiltshire Strategic Board have agreed to strive to make Wiltshire the healthiest county in England by 2014.

ISSUES	PARISHES	WHAT IS HAPPENING ALREADY?	WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?
Access to NHS dentists in the area. No dentist in Downton.	All	New dental surgery at Hampton Park.	South Wiltshire Primary Care Trust is taking over responsibility for dentistry from October 2005. As a high priority, it will seek to improve access to dental care in Downton.
No GP surgery in Laverstock	Laverstock	High dependency on Salisbury services. GP surgeries currently in Downton, Whiteparish and Hampton Park.	No funding available for this in next five years due to proximity to Salisbury. Part time GP facility could be provided at Old Sarum new development using planning gain.
Out of hours medical facilities are patchy throughout the Area	All	The introduction of the new out of hours service (October 2004) aims to improve access to medical staff.	Primary Care Trust to conduct satisfaction survey after appropriate period of time.

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<p>Services for the elderly, including housing and care</p>	<p>Alderbury, Coombe Bissett, Downton, Laverstock, Pitton & Farley, Winterslow</p>	<p>Suspected shortage of long term beds in Care Homes. Expansion of care homes hindered by lack of affordable accommodation for nursing staff.</p> <p>The introduction of new procedures to help health and social care professionals work together more efficiently will improve services for the elderly.</p> <p>Direct payments will increase the housing and care choices for older people.</p> <p>Good Neighbour support for those in need.</p>	<p>Conduct a "Needs" survey, through the Primary Care Trust, of care provision to establish how far local facilities available for the community.</p> <p>Community First to promote scheme</p>
<p>Help for Long term Patients</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>The Expert Patient programme, designed to empower patients to manage their own healthcare. Classes can be set up locally where there is sufficient demand.</p>	<p>The Primary Care Trust will work with others, through the General Medical Services contract and initiation of a project in 2005, to develop services which support people with long-term conditions.</p>

ISSUES	PARISHES	WHAT IS HAPPENING ALREADY?	WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?
Length of Hospital Waiting Lists	All	<p>The Hospital Alternatives Team (HAT), working with District Nurses, seeks alternatives to hospital admission in order to avoid inappropriate use of acute hospital beds, a prolonged and unnecessary stay in hospital or an inappropriate admission to long term residential or nursing care.</p> <p>The Government has undertaken for all hospital treatment to be delivered within 18 weeks of a GP referral by 2008, with a patient choice of any provider.</p>	By the end of 2005 a patient will have the right to choose from at least 4-5 different providers. The NHS will pay.
Realising the SWSA's vision of equality of opportunity for all	All		South Wiltshire Action Against Poverty to identify social exclusion and poverty in our community and put in place measures to address them.
Shaping health care provision: better decisions; better health	All	Patient and Public Involvement Forums. Regular public meetings.	Assist patients in monitoring healthcare provision in the area through Primary Care Trust.



West Dean

Education, Skills and Learning

Most of our villages have their own primary school, although pupils are increasingly travelling to the school of their parents' choice outside their home village. The effect is to significantly increase the rolls of some primary schools, to the detriment of others. The role of the village school as a community asset is recognised, and is to be strengthened through the Extended Schools Scheme being pursued by Downton Secondary school.

Grammar School and Further Education is provided in Salisbury or Hampshire, resulting in considerable demands on transport. Four schools (including St Andrew's Primary school) are concentrated on the Laverstock campus, with 2000 pupils on roll in September 2004. The benefits of specialist educational facilities (Wyvern College for Technology and St Edmund's for Sports) have widened the catchment area and resulted in a growing school population.

The school facilities can be made available for use by the community outside school hours through the Extended Schools programme. This will enable more vocational training and recreational activity to take place. The widening availability of Broadband can provide greater opportunity for open learning courses accessed through IT facilities.

ISSUES	PARISHES	WHAT IS HAPPENING ALREADY?	WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?
Limited community facilities in villages for learning opportunities	All Downton School catchment area Laverstock	High dependence on Village Halls for lectures, etc. Adoption of the Extended Schools scheme at Downton School	Facilities to be made available through the Extended Schools scheme would include - meeting rooms - playing fields - assembly hall - specialist rooms, eg computer facilities, dance and drama
Local community has a limited number of courses on offer	Coombe Bissett, Alderbury, West Grimstead, and Woodfalls	Salisbury College use of Downton Library for computer courses, and village halls for recreational courses	Salisbury College to promote more widely a further range of options for vocational and interest groups. Delivery through Adult Education and Youth activities.

Economy

Many of the themes already covered are linked to economy, from affordable housing to education, skills and training.

Local businesses support nearly 7000 jobs, with a higher than Wiltshire average in traditional rural industries, while employment in manufacturing (9.2%) is only two thirds of the County average. The unemployment rate of 1.9% is the lowest of all community areas in the County.

The community area falls in the Wiltshire Market Towns initiative and will shortly be able to apply for up to £5,000 that the Wiltshire Market Towns Partnership is securing from the European Social Fund for capacity-building.

As a market town, Downton has its highly successful annual Cuckoo Fair with an estimated 15,000 visitors in Spring 2004. There is a market at Downton's Memorial Hall every Friday morning.

The change in status of the New Forest to administration by a National Park Authority in April 2006 will have implications for planning in those areas currently within the Southern Area of Salisbury District Council. Policies will emerge that impact on employment in industries associated with tourism and land use.



Middle Winterslow

ISSUES	PARISHES	WHAT IS HAPPENING ALREADY?	WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?
Maintain and enhance, where possible, retail units and services within villages	Whiteparish, Alderbury, Downton, Winterslow, Laverstock	The community area as a whole has one bank, five cash points, 14 Post Offices, 27 pubs and 18 convenience stores	<p>Post Office Ltd required to maintain rural network as far as commercially viable, and seek alternative solutions. Monitoring by Postwatch.</p> <p>Parish Council involvement.</p> <p>Business rate relief (up to 100%) available from SDC subject to certain conditions.</p>
Link between local businesses and education	Downton	<p>Negotiations between local businesses and Downton School for mutual benefit.</p> <p>Modern and well equipped classrooms with computer facilities</p>	Blue Skies Club to provide business networking, enhanced staff training and business awareness for students.
Employment sites and environmental concerns - eg net loss of biodiversity	<p>Alderbury</p> <p>Downton</p>	<p>Possible extension to Whaddon Business Park</p> <p>Rapid expansion of Downton Industrial Estate</p>	<p>Parish to review plans when submitted.</p> <p>Conditions on activities imposed by SDC on planning applications.</p>
Access to broadband	All		All exchanges in the area upgraded to enable access to broadband by April 2005.

Useful contacts

GENERAL INFORMATION

Wiltshire County Council (WCC)

County Hall, Trowbridge
Wiltshire BA14 8JJ

Responsible for: compulsory education, youth services, social services, libraries, transport, highways, pavements

Tel: 01225 713000 www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Salisbury District Council (SDC)

Council House, Bourne Hill,
Salisbury, Wiltshire. SP1 3UZ

Responsible for: refuse collection, environmental health, housing, planning

Tel: 01722 336272 www.salisbury.gov.uk

Downton Library

Church Leat, Downton, Salisbury SP5 3PD

Opening times:

Monday and Thursday: 2pm-7pm

Tuesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm

Friday: 2pm - 5pm

Saturday: 9am - 1pm

Tel: 01725 511003 www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries

Salisbury Library

Market Place, Salisbury
SP1 1BL

Tel: 01722 324145

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries

WEBSITES

Wiltshire and Swindon Intelligence Network

For local data publications, including census data, local statistics, research reports

www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk

South Wiltshire Community Web

Information on local activities, societies and events in South Wiltshire, including parishes

www.southwilts.co.uk

This is Wiltshire

Information on organisations including charities throughout Wiltshire, local activities and parish meetings

www.communigate.co.uk

Wiltshire Community History

Historical information for parishes within Wiltshire

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

Wiltshire villages	www.villages.co.uk
Alderbury and Whaddon	www.sp5.org.uk/alderbury
Britford Parish	No website
Coombe Bissett Parish	www.coombebissett.com
Downton Village Parish	www.downton.org.uk
Downton Cuckoo Fair	www.cuckoofair.co.uk
Landford	www.landford.net
Laverstock	www.laverstock.org
Odstock, Bodenham, Nunton	www.southwiltshire.net/odstock
West Dean	www.sp5.org.uk/westdean
Grimstead	www.sp5.org.uk/grimstead
Winterslow	www.sp5.org.uk/winterslow
Whiteparish	www.whiteparish.co.uk

Contact details for District Councillors and Parish Chairpersons and Clerks can be obtained from Salisbury District Council, Democratic Services. Telephone 01722 434236

RECYCLING SITES IN THE SOUTHERN COMMUNITY AREA

Alderbury –	Village Hall
Britford –	Old Council Depot
Downton –	Co-op Car Park
Farley –	Hook & Glove
Laverstock –	Swichgag House, Church Road
Nunton –	Radnor Arms
Salisbury District Hospital –	Car Park
Redlynch –	Village Hall
West Dean –	Village Hall
West Grimstead –	Village Hall
Whiteparish –	Village Hall
Winterslow –	Recreation Ground

TRANSPORT

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Wilts and Dorset Bus Company.

01722 336855

www.wdbus.co.uk

HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

Clarence

Customer Lighting And Roads Enquiry Centre.

If you spot a fault on the roads, pavements, street lighting, traffic lights or drains, call Clarence. **Clarence@wiltshire.gov.uk** or **0800 232323**

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/clarence

Salisbury Joint Transportation Team.

The team is responsible for traffic measures in and around Salisbury.

01722 434325

www.salisbury.gov.uk/transport

Wiltshire Highways Department

WCC is responsible for public and school transport.

01225 713322

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/transport

Highway network group

Responsible for highways and paths

01225 713412

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/transport

Highways Agency

Looking after England's motorways and trunk roads

08457 504030 **www.highways.gov.uk**

Ringway Parkman

Contractors for WCC roadworks

01335 756600

WCC Rights of Way

01225 713875

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Wiltshire Rural Transport Partnership.

Wyndhams, St Joseph Place, Devizes SN10 1DD.

Delivers transport for those unable to access conventional public transport services for a variety of reasons including mobility difficulties and lack of public transport.

01380 722475

www.wiltshirecommunitytransport.org.uk

Link Schemes

Link schemes are community-based initiatives that aim to help disadvantaged, elderly or infirm people. Volunteers use their own cars to provide a free and confidential support service to enable those without transport to access services and facilities.

www.communityfirst.org.uk/link.htm

Chalke Valley Link – 01722 718780

Coombe Bissett, Britford, Bodenham, Nunton, Odstock

Downton Link – 01725 513807

Downton, Redlynch, Woodfalls, Hale, Morgans Vale, Charlton All Saints

Winterslow Link – 01980 863287

Winterslows, Firsdown

Whiteparish and Landford Link – 01794 884390

Salisbury District Community Transport

Door-to-door rural community bus service to Salisbury

Whiteparish - Mondays, fortnightly
Redlynch, Downton, Charlton -
Tuesdays, weekly

01722 410123

Salisbury and District Council for Voluntary Service

Minibus transport for elderly, mobility impaired, and disabled to day centres, and for leisure, recreation, and excursions.

01722 416363

www.salisbury.cvs.org.uk

Open Spaces Society

01491 573535

www.oss.org.uk

CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

POLICE

Wiltshire Constabulary
01380 735735
www.wiltshire.police.uk

Salisbury Police Divisional HQ
01722 411444

Alderbury Police Station
Grimstead Road, Alderbury
SP5 3EX
01722 710208

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Community Safety Partnership
www.communitysafety.info/_southwilts

Community Safety Inspector – Police
01722 411444

Community Safety Projects Manager – SDC
01722 434680

ASK (Parenting Wiltshire)

Support for parents of children aged 8-17 who are experiencing difficulties with their behaviour.

01380 871200
www.askwiltshire.org

Neighbourhood Watch
01722 435213
www.nhw-wilts.org.uk

Wiltshire Bobby Van Scheme
01380 734055

Wiltshire Fire Brigade (Salisbury)
01722 439300
www.wiltshirefirebrigade.com

COUNTRYSIDE & LAND-BASED ISSUES

SDC Environment Services
Kerbside collections, recycling, flood issues
01722 434319/320
www.salisbury.gov.uk

SDC Forward Planning
61 Wyndham Road,
Salisbury SP1 3AH
01722 434362
www.salisbury.gov.uk

WCC Environment Services
Waste management
01225 713411
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/waste

Environment Agency
The Southern Area lies within the South West region of the Agency, except part of Landford parish.
08459 713411
www.environment-agency.gov.uk

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

Promotes and works towards a sustainable future for wildlife and people.

01380 725670
www.wiltshirewildlife.org

English Nature / Natural England

Government agency that champions the conservation of wildlife and geology throughout England.

01733 455190
www.english-nature.org.uk

Longford Estate Office
01722 411616

Energy Efficiency Advice Line
0800 512012
www.wiltshirewildlife.org

Countryside Agency / Commission for Rural Communities
01242 533222
www.countryside.gov.uk

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-countryside

Campaign for the Protection of Rural England
www.cpre.org.uk

HOUSING & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

SDC Forward Planning (see p33)
Local Plan and Local Development
Framework

Salisbury Housing Services
01722 434386
www.salisbury.gov.uk

Aldbourn Consultancy
Tenant advisors
0800 243994

Salisbury Civic Society
01722 329311
www.salisburycivicsociety.org.uk

EDUCATION & SKILLS

WCC Education
01225 713000
www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Salisbury College
Southampton Road SP1 2LW
01722 344344
www.salisbury.ac.uk

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Downton Secondary School
01725 510610
www.downton.wilts.sch.uk

Laverstock
– Church Road SP1 1RD
– St Edmunds CE
01722 328565
www.st-edmundsgirls.wilts.sch.uk
– Wyvern College
01722 500700
www.wyverncollege.wilts.sch.uk
– St Josephs RC
01722 335380

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Alderbury / West Grimstead:
01722 710464

Britford CE: 01722 327292

Coombe Bissett CE: 01722 718380

Downton CE: 01725 510556

Farley All Saints: 01722 712313

Greentrees: 01722 340596

Morgan's Vale / Woodfalls: 01725 510740

Nomansland and Hamptworth:
01794 390380

Odstock: 01722 329701

Pitton CE: 01722 712322

Redlynch CE VA: 01725 510455

St Andrews, Laverstock: 01722 503590

Winterslow CE Aided: 01980 862446

Whiteparish All Saints: 01794 884420

PRE-SCHOOL NURSERIES

Alderbury Playgroup
Alderbury School
01722 711226

Downton Community
Gravel Close, Downton
01725 511178

Pepperbox Pre-school
All Saints Primary school
07870 919824

Whiteparish Teddy Bear Club
Whiteparish Village Hall
01794 884644

YOUTH

Salisbury Youth Development Centre (WCC)
01722 410963
www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Youth Development co-ordinator
Parish room, rear of Downton Memorial
Hall, The Borough, Downton.
07919 881176

WCC Learning Services
Library: 01225 757517
Adult: 01225 713000
Salisbury Playgroups / Childminders:
01722 333552

SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH

South Wiltshire Primary Care Trust

Community Offices Avon Approach

Salisbury SP1 3SL

01722 329404

www.southwiltshirepct.nhs.uk

Salisbury Healthcare NHS Trust

Salisbury District Hospital

Odstock Road, Salisbury

01722 336262

www.salisburyhealthcare.org

Avon and Wiltshire – Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust

Providing specialist mental health services to people across Avon and Wiltshire

01225 731731

www.wiltshire.nhs.uk

WCC – Department of Adult and Community Services

County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 8JJ

01225 713000

Out-of-hours Emergency Duty Service

0845 6070888

www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Downton Surgery

Moot Lane, SP5 2JP

01725 512154

Whiteparish Surgery

Common Road SP5 2SU

01794 884269

Bishopdown Dental Surgery

28 St Clements Way SP1 3FF

01722 412290

Alderbury – Gibbs

White House, Southampton Road

Whaddon SP5 3EA

01722 711025

Downton Pharmacy

3 High Street Downton

01725 510388

Capio New Hall

Bodenham, Salisbury SP5 4EY

01722 422333

www.capio.co.uk/Hospitals/NewHall.htm

NHS Direct

24-hour nurse-led telephone service providing information on the diagnosis and treatment of common conditions

08 45 46 47

www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

ECONOMY

Chamber of Trade and Commerce

01722 322708

www.salisburychamber.org.uk

Federation of Small Business

01458 241613

South Wiltshire Economic Partnership

01722 434329

www.southwiltshire.com

Aspire (South Wiltshire Credit Union)

Locally based, non-profit making financial co-operative

01722 421881

www.communityfirst.org.uk

For further information on the community plan or to discuss your involvement in potential projects please contact your:

Southern Area Community Planner

c/o The Partnership Team Manager
South Wiltshire Strategic Alliance
The Council House
Bourne Hill
Salisbury SP1 3UZ

Email: swsa@salisbury.gov.uk

Tel: 01722 434641

or look at the SWSA
website at:

www.southwilts.com/site/swsa

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