

# Just a Minute

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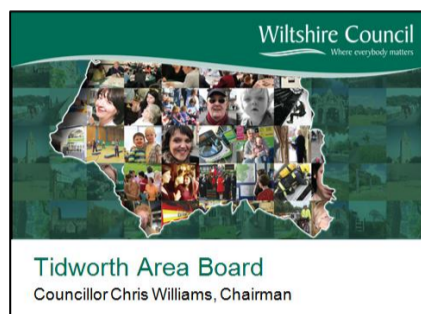
## News From Tidworth Area Board

Chute, Chute Forest, Collingbourne Ducis, Collingbourne Kingston, Enford, Everleigh, Fittleton, Ludgershall, Netheravon, Tidcombe & Fosbury and Tidworth

**This newsletter, sent to the Tidworth 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. With opportunities to have a say on important issues and to take part in local events and activities, **Tidworth CAN** will put you in the picture. If you have received this from a friend or colleague you can join **Tidworth CAN** by clicking on this link. [Sign Up!](#)

### Chairman's Foreword

**Welcome to the Tidworth Area Board Newsletter. The Board meets every two months, providing an opportunity for local people to hear presentations on current topics, updates from our partners, issues raised by the community and current consultations.**



Our last meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> May at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall. The meeting heard from Great Western Hospital which has been awarded the contract for delivery of Community Services, previously run by the PCT.

The meeting also heard from Wiltshire Council's Minerals and Waste Planning services about consultation on allocation of waste sites and from a local project called Skilled for Health that works with army and civilian families to develop skills for healthier lifestyles.

Youth Development Services also updated the meeting about forthcoming consultation on how their services are commissioned and delivered into the future, with increasing pressure on budgets.

**Councillor Chris Williams, Chairman**

### Community Area Grants

At the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> May, Tidworth Area Board awarded The Army Arts Society a Community Area Grant of just over £1,000 to provide arts packs to soldiers from Tidworth deploying to Afghanistan next year. This is a pilot project linked to the Best Serving War Artist Competition and will allow Tidworth soldiers the opportunity to enter. If the project is successful it will be rolled out to other garrisons across the UK.

Polly Gedney of the Army Arts Society spoke of the many benefits for soldiers participating in art activity including relieving stress, aiding relaxation and developing creativity. Another benefit of the project is the opportunity to link soldiers into local artists networks, thereby strengthening military/civilian integration locally.



Tidworth Area Board has around £50,000 available this financial year to support local community projects. 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.

All the information you need, including application forms is available on our website at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or contact your Community Area Manager, Mary Cullen on 01722 434260. The deadline for receipt of applications is normally six weeks before area board meetings.

The Charities Information Bureau can help you identify other suitable sources of funding for your projects. Go to <http://www.cibsouthandwest.org.uk>

### Join us at our next area board meeting

There will be an **Extraordinary meeting of Tidworth Area Board on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June at Ludgershall Memorial Hall starting at 7pm** (with tea and coffee from 6.30pm).

The meeting has been called by the Area Board to discuss the **proposal for the development of a Waste Transfer Site at Castledown Business Park**. Wiltshire Council Cabinet Member Toby Sturgis, portfolio holder for Waste, Property and Development Control Services will be in attendance.



During the day at the Memorial Hall, Hills Waste Solutions will run a public consultation exercise concerning the proposals. Please do go along between 2pm and 6.30 pm to view plans and find out more about the proposals and give your views. Andrea Pellegram from Hills Waste Solutions will also address the evening meeting.

The next scheduled meeting of Tidworth Area Board will be on 18<sup>th</sup> July at Enford Village Hall at 7pm. Items for the agenda are likely to include Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of Tidworth Area Board, election of representatives to outside bodies, Older People's Accommodation Strategy, Youth Development Commissioning Strategy, Queen Elizabeth Fields Challenge, and an update on the new waste and recycling collection service. There will also be the usual updates from all our partners including fire, police, health, TCAP, the MOD and town and parish councils, as well as grants and your local issues. Please do come along, everyone welcome!

## Tidworth Voices



Tidworth Voices was launched on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May at the Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre in Tidworth. The project aims to work with army families to find out more about their experiences of living in the area and the key issues they face. This will help the area board and other partners to identify projects which can better support them and facilitate greater military/civilian integration.

Up to 40 individuals and agencies who work with army families attended the launch. The next step will involve talking to army families directly and making a short DVD to highlight the issues. The DVD will be shared with schools and other organisations to help increase understanding and break down barriers between the military and civilian communities.

## TCAP update



Tidworth Community Area Partnership organised a band concert for the over 60's at the Garrison Theatre in Tidworth on 13<sup>th</sup> April, with the kind permission of Col Paddy Tabor, Garrison Commander. The event was attended by over 250 older people from across the community area and beyond. The band of the Prince of Wales' Division, conducted by Captain Tony Williams played Music from the Shows.

At the last area board meeting, the partnership reported on progress with renewing the Community Plan for the Tidworth Community Area. To this end, TCAP hopes to produce a Community Survey for distribution in the Autumn.

To view the TCAP website go to [www.tidworthcommunityarea.info](http://www.tidworthcommunityarea.info)

## Update from Wiltshire Police



Inspector Martyn Sweett reported on 'Vision Wiltshire' which has been set up to deliver a new policing model, to meet the projected cuts in budgets over the next four years.

In terms of local news, he reported a slight increase in the theft of lead, complaints of noise in Ludgershall High Street and issues including anti-social behaviour and fly-tipping in the Tidworth area.

The Chairman had received some correspondence via the Community Area Manager, regarding vandalism to cars parked at Collingbourne Woods. The Inspector stated that this was the first such incident this year and that unfortunately beauty spots can be targets for theft and vandalism. If further incidents occur, then warning signs could be erected.

## Garrison update



Col Paddy Tabor, Garrison Commander, reported that soldiers would be moving into the rehabilitation and support facilities at Tedworth House from end June/early July. Events coming up include a long distance event on 5<sup>th</sup> June and a Polo event on 9<sup>th</sup> July.

The Garrison Commander noted the increase in deployments over the next two years which will have a significant impact on the local area.

## Digital Inclusion- still time to complete the survey!



Wiltshire Council recently launched a superfast broadband survey for home and business users, which runs from 26 April to 3 June. This will allow people to say what types of services they can currently access over internet and how well their service performs. The survey will also ask about their views for getting superfast broadband in their community the future. This information will allow the Council to better understand the demand for this service and where it will need to prioritise investment. The survey will be available on-line and also available as a printed document. Details are available from: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/digitalinclusion](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/digitalinclusion) Printed versions can be requested by calling 0300 456 0100 and asking for the digital inclusion survey from the start date of the survey. Results of the survey will be shared on the Council web site in July.

## Highways Information



Remember, you can get information on all highways works carried out last year and a forecast of work proposed for 2011/12 on our website under *Highways information*. Find out about roads, tree and path maintenance, road conditions, bridge repairs, statistics, analysis. It's all there.

The Community Area Transport Group of TCAP, chaired by Cllr Mark Connolly and involving all your Wiltshire Councillors, has been working hard to ensure that your priorities are reflected in the plans.

Cllr Mark Connolly updated the board on the work of the Transport Group. There is just over £5,000 to be carried forward from last year and priority projects include an informal crossing at Wylve Road in Tidworth and a footpath in Perham Down leading to the academy.

## Queen Elizabeth Fields Challenge



The Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire, on behalf of HRH Prince William, has asked Wiltshire Council to assist in supporting the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge. The aim of the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge is to protect 2,012 playing fields in communities all across Britain by 2012, thereby securing recreational spaces for community events, sport, exercise, and play; all vital elements impacting on issues such as health, crime and social wellbeing.

The council is requesting that each area board submits two nominations, in line with the project criteria by the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2011. Town and parish councils will be asked to make their own nominations. For further information on the scheme, please contact your Community Area Manager on the number below.

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