

# St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council

## Report #12.2

### Malmesbury Community Area Alliance

#### 1. Purpose of the report

1.1 To inform the Council about the initial meeting of the Malmesbury Community Area Alliance which was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November and will be held regularly during 2022.

#### 2. Background

2.1 The Chairman of the Malmesbury Area Board opened the meeting and explained its purpose was to bring together the parishes in the Community Area.

2.2 Road safety - John Derryman introduced himself and provided an update on his work with the PCC regarding road safety. He had met with Community Speed Watch (CSW) leads across the county to listen to the current issues they were having, including morale and concerns over CSW data not being followed up. The group would now meet quarterly and CSW coordinators would be aligned with policing teams. He updated that letters were now being sent out based on CSW information. Road Safety Week had also taken place and had been supported by tickets issued by Wiltshire Police. The merits of CSW and Auto Speed Watch (ASW) were discussed. Previously Wiltshire hadn't signed up to the national CSW online group – there is data on the website and John Derryman was happy to pick up discussion with Cllr Martin Smith. He provided his contact details: [jrderryman@gmail.com](mailto:jrderryman@gmail.com) and was happy to meet with representatives from Oaksey to discuss their issues directly.

2.3 Footpaths - Stephen Leonard spoke about his role as a Countryside Access officer with Wiltshire Council. He is one of six in the county who also deal with canals and cycleways. There are limited resources and so self-help from the parishes is really important. Brinkworth and Lea and Cleverton parishes were doing a lot of self-help on the network. He was working to link the communities together via gated routes. A footpaths group would be set up to meet with Stephen Leonard every 3 months (with the next meeting by early February – to include the Cotswold Volunteer Wardens and the Ramblers). Packages of funding for groups for their basic resource were discussed – groups can apply for community grants from the Area Board. The following responsibilities were discussed – the Highway Authority is responsible for the surface dressing of paths, the landowners the maintenance of the structure of a path (through the local authority they can claim 25% of costs for this). Stephen Leonard was liaising with the landowners to remove everything not needed for stock retention. Other items raised were: accessibility for older people, people using wheelchairs, issues with landowners locking rights of way can be reported via MyWilts App if local resolution wasn't possible.

2.4 Blue/Green Infrastructure - Malmesbury Climate Network had completed work on access to the countryside. Cllr Gavin Grant highlighted a group of parishes in and around Calne who were working together on this. Footpaths, signage for cyclists etc need joined up thinking and funding was available from several third parties.

2.5 Winter readiness - Winter Fuel payments can be donated if not needed. During winter, the Council teams share regular updates on both the weather and road conditions on Twitter, and people can follow [@WiltshireWinter](https://twitter.com/WiltshireWinter) and the main Council account [@WiltsCouncil](https://twitter.com/WiltsCouncil) to

keep updated. People can report any winter road or salt bin issues under the weather emergency section of the [MyWilts online reporting](#) or via the MyWilts App. HEALS are running a Christmas event for isolated and vulnerable people in the Malmesbury Town Hall.

Clerk

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